EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JEWELENE SPENCER: A DIAMOND IN THE CLASSROOM

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Jewelene M. Spencer, as she prepares to retire after 40 years as an educator, the past 32 of which were spent with Oscoda Area Schools. Jewel's dedication and demand for excellence has made her an invaluable part of the school system and the entire community for many years. Her influence in the classroom will be sorely missed.

Jewel has always set high standards for herself, her colleagues and her students. Her faithful adherence to those standards has certainly been a key to her own teaching success. More importantly, however, she has provided the launching pad for many of her former students to soar to great heights. Her storied tenure has left its mark on all those who have had the privilege and opportunity to experience her teaching, whether as a student or as a fellow educator.

Over the years, Jewel has earned many awards and honors for her achievements, including recognition in ''Who's Who Among America's Teachers,'' an ''Excellence in Education'' certificate from the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education and a nomination as ''Educator of the Year'' for the Oscoda Area Schools. In addition, her deep sense of obligation to the future of young people has led her to serve as National Honor Society advisor and on various committees.

Jewel also eagerly embraced her responsibility as a caretaker for the teaching profession. Jewel has always sought to find better methods to pass on the lessons she has learned in her career. She also has been a strong advocate for the teaching profession by serving in several leadership roles in the National Education Association, the Michigan Education Association and at the local level. Her husband, Howard; their son, Tyrone; and, their daughter, Sabrina; also deserve our gratitude for the sacrifices they surely made so that Jewel could reach out to others.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to praise Jewel for giving so much of her time and enormous talent to ensuring our young people reach for the stars. Her former students undoubtedly will remember and point to Jewel their inspiration. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Jewelene Spencer for giving our children the gift of education and for teaching them the value of hard work. I am confident she will continue to inspire and teach all those around her.

IN HONOR OF COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important and continuing contributions that Colorado Preservation, Inc. has made to historic and archeological preservation in Colorado.

Too often our communities can lose their history in pieces, not realizing until it is gone just what they have lost. Colorado Preservation, Inc. works to keep that from happening in our state. And it is very appropriate to recognize their many contributions in May, because that is officially Colorado Archeology and Historic Preservation Month.

Colorado has become a world-class destination for people around the country and around the world who come here to visit and often to make our state their new home. With them they bring many diverse cultural heritages. We welcome this diversity with open arms—and, at the same time, we recognize the importance of preserving the things that have shaped our history and that are uniquely Coloradan. It becomes ever more critical that we take care to ensure the survival of our historic buildings and archaeological sites. We have to honor the cultures of people who no longer live among us, the buildings of our heritage even if they have outlived their original purpose, and landmarks of our history even if they are painful.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. has worked tirelessly to ensure these important cornerstones of our history remain available for generations to come. Here are some examples:

At Camp Apache in Granada thousands of Japanese Americans were exiled during WWII for fear of espionage. This site should be preserved as an important reminder of our nation's tragic internment history. The Shield Rock Art Site in Rio Blanco County dates back to 1200 AD. This site contains some of the oldest Native American pictographs and petroglyphs in Colorado. The Bradford Perley House in Jefferson County is one of the more impressive historic buildings in our state. The sandstone mansion was once a Civil War recruiting station. Colorado Preservation, Inc. hopes to use the site to educate young people about its unique place in Colorado history and is working to raise funds for an archeological study and master plan to preserve the site for the most optimal future use.

As Colorado Preservation, Inc. often says, ''it is vital that we remember the future by preserving the past.'' Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking Colorado Preservation, Inc. for all of the good and important work they do for Colorado.

ADM. JAMES M. LOY'S RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special patriot who has committed his entire career to the mission of defending America. Admiral James M. Loy, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, is retiring from duty at the end of May and will bring to a close his remarkable 38-year career.

Admiral Loy, a 1964 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, spent much of his career on the water. He served aboard a number of Coast Guard cutters and commanded a patrol boat during combat in Vietnam. His experience comes from duty on the front lines, teaming the Coast Guard's traditions and missions from those who served before him, carrying on a tradition that stretches back to 1790. For his service, Admiral Loy has been awarded a number of decorations including two Department of Transportation Distinguished Service Medals, four Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star with Combat ''V,'' the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Combat Service Ribbon as well as other unit and campaign awards. This recognition denotes a fine service career in and of itself, but James Loy still had much to give the Coast Guard and America.

While a very experienced sea-going officer, Admiral Loy has also distinguished himself on land as well, earning two masters degrees and winning recognition for himself and for the service through his duty as Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, the Chief of Personnel and Training, Commander of the Atlantic Area and as Coast Guard Chief of Staff before becoming Commandant in 1998.

His leadership has helped transform the Coast Guard and improve the service's readiness to serve effectively well into the 21st '' Century. He has been a vocal and effective advocate for the Coast Guard and for America's need to keep our shores, ports and waterways safe for the maritime industry and for the millions of Americans who enjoy boating and fishing on our waters. He has also been able to look ahead at the new challenges facing America today. Because of Admiral Loy's leadership and foresight, the Coast Guard was able, during the terrible days of September 2001, to coordinate and carry out the evacuation of I million people from Lower Manhattan and to immediately send recovery teams to New York and Washington while putting in place a security cordon around our nation's port cities. His leadership and the efforts of the Coast Guard from September 11th up until today demonstrate a living example of the Coast Guard's motto Semper Paratus—Always Ready.