

end of their lives prematurely. But by employing a "current interrupt" technique, which includes turning the charging current on for a few seconds then off for a few seconds, the degradation of the battery plates is reduced. The current interrupt technique also allows the battery to cool between charges. Batteries charged this way last up to four times longer than batteries charged conventionally. Ford Motor Co. is testing the innovation in a prototype electric vehicle.

In 1997, Keyser wrapped a catalytic converter with a vacuum insulator to keep it warm longer. The warmer converter reduced toxic tailpipe emissions 80 percent by eliminating the "cold start" problem of waiting for the catalytic converter to heat up. Auto parts supplier Benteler Industries is developing the device.

Keyser said his selection for participation in the event with so many other innovators was a tremendous learning experience. "It was a huge honor to be compared with people like Shawn Fanning, the creator of Napster, and Bill Nguyen, who sold his company, One Box, for \$850 million because it wasn't successful enough for him," Keyser said. "Speaking with the other people there sparked a lot of ideas and interest in new fields."

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Robert Langdon of Lexington, Missouri, who recently was named state Volunteer of the Year by the Missouri Economic Development Council. He has distinguished himself, the Lexington community and the State of Missouri with dedicated service.

Bob Langdon was nominated for this prestigious award for his work restoring and redeveloping Lexington's downtown. He helped bring a theater to the Franklin Avenue site and helped start the Lexington Pride Organization, which assists new businesses in opening in the downtown area. He has also served as president of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce and he and his wife, Margie, are active proponents of the proposed 4 Life Center.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Langdon has been dedicated to making the City of Lexington and the State of Missouri a better place to live. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF RICHARD L. GLOTFELTY OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today to recognize Richard L. Glotfelty, the Associate Executive Director for Veterans Benefits of the Paralyzed Vet-

erans of America (PVA) on his retirement this month after 23 years of distinguished service for this national veterans service organization.

Mr. Glotfelty was born and raised in Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania. He began service with PVA in 1978 as a National Service Officer in the Pittsburgh PVA Service Office. He also served in chapter level positions at the Pittsburgh-based Tri-State PVA Chapter.

Following his move to PVA's National Office in Washington, D.C. he served in a variety of senior management positions. In 1990, he was selected to direct PVA's entire veterans benefits operation, the organization's largest department. In this capacity, Mr. Glotfelty oversaw PVA's National Service Officer Program designed to provide local and regional support and assistance to PVA members and all veterans through 141 full-time staff located in 54 field offices nationwide.

He was also responsible for the development of extensive training programs for PVA's professional corps of service representatives in both veterans benefits and medical services. These programs allow PVA representatives to provide VA benefits/claims assistance and to monitor the quality and quantity of health care services in VA's Spinal Cord Injury Centers across the country.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Glotfelty served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1969. A crew chief on an Air Force C-130 aircraft, he sustained a spinal cord injury in the line of duty while conducting air support operations in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

During the last 23 years, through Mr. Glotfelty's service and leadership, PVA's veterans service representatives have assisted hundreds of thousand of veterans, their dependents and survivors in applying for and receiving the benefits and medical services they have earned and deserve. He and Paralyzed Veterans of America can be rightly proud of this record of achievement in service to those who have served in defense of the United States of America.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ETHEL JACKSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to pay tribute to the public service career of Ethel Jackson of Delta, Colorado as she concludes forty years of service to her fellow Coloradans as a member of the Delta City Council's planning commission. Ethel's devotion to her neighbors and her love for Delta serve as a shining example of the selfless nature that marks this true 'public servant'.

Ethel, who is affectionately known as 'Lale' to her friends, was appointed to the Delta Planning Commission forty years ago, replacing one of the original members of that body upon his resignation. While many things have changed in the intervening decades—not least of which is the acquisition of a more peaceful commission meeting location—Ethel has proved a constant leader in the issues of growth and planning which have challenged the Delta area.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a woman

whose love for her community, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service, is an inspiration to those who have called Delta, Colorado "home." As a public servant, Ethel Jackson's time as a member of the Planning Commission has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office—her commitment and longevity are simply astonishing. It is with gratitude for her time of service to Delta that I recognize Ethel's ongoing devotion to the people and community she loves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, On Monday, June 17th, I was unable, due to Congressional duties in New York, to vote on Roll call Number's 230, 231, and 232. If I had been present I would have voted "aye" on all three Roll call votes. I ask unanimous consent to have my statement placed in the RECORD at the appropriate point.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2002"

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of a bi-partisan coalition, I have introduced the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002."

Partial-birth abortion is the termination of the life of a living baby just seconds before it takes its first breath outside the womb. The procedure is violent. It is gruesome. It is infanticide.

The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" would ban this dangerous procedure in which a physician delivers an unborn child's body until only the head remains inside the womb, punctures the back of the child's skull with a sharp instrument, and sucks the child's brains out before completing delivery of the dead infant. The great majority of these abortions are performed on unborn infants from the 20th to the 26th week of pregnancy and more often than not on the healthy babies of healthy mothers. The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban of 2002" is similar to the previous bans on partial-birth abortion approved by the House in that an abortionist who violates the ban will be subject to fines or a maximum of two years imprisonment, or both; a civil cause of action is established for damages against an abortionist who violates the ban; and a doctor cannot be prosecuted under the ban if the abortion was necessary to save the life of a mother.

A moral, medical, and ethical consensus exists that the practice of performing a partial-birth abortion is a gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited. Rather than being an abortion procedure that is embraced by the medical community, particularly among physicians who routinely perform other abortion