

a home at 117 South Hervey Street. This home stands as a marker of his heritage.

The Clinton Birthplace Foundation was formed several years ago, and has successfully renovated the home, turning it into a museum and visitors center. Today, the home is a tourist attraction on a local scale, and the Clinton Birthplace foundation is looking to have the home placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Landmark. In order for this to happen, a feasibility study must be completed. This study is only the first step in a lengthy process. H.R. 3815 will set this process in motion by authorizing the feasibility study.

The eventual designation as a National Historic Site will open the doors of economic opportunity by way of added tourism to Southwest Arkansas. Thirty-one of my fellow colleagues are cosponsoring this legislation with me, including the complete Arkansas delegation. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, a Republican, is also supportive of this study. Arkansans view this home as part of our state history. This is not about politics, but instead about the rich history of Arkansas and our Nation. This site will help to celebrate that history and educate thousands of visitors, and perhaps most importantly, it will bring jobs, opportunities, and economic development to a part of our district that greatly needs it.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PAUL J.
RICHTER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, On 31 July 2002, Colonel Paul J. Richter retired as the Support Group Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse, New York. He assumed this position in January 1994, and was responsible for over 100 full-time and 300 traditional guardsmen.

He was previously assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources from 1987–1994, during which time he was activated in December 1990 to Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm, until the base deactivated in July 1991.

Colonel Richter was born on 28 November 1948 in St Louis, Missouri. He graduated St. Mary's High School in 1967, and attended St. Louis University on an AFROTC scholarship earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. His professional military education includes Squadron Officers School, 1984; Air Command and Staff School, 1986; and Air War College, Oct 1995.

Col Richter began his military career in 1971, gaining his commission in the Air Force through AFROTC. He was assigned to the 4789th Air Base Group, Hancock Field in Syracuse, New York. He served there for four years and was assigned to various staff positions in the Civil Engineering Squadron.

Col Richter entered the New York Air National Guard 174th Tactical Fighter Group's Civil Engineering Flight in 1975 as the full time Base Civil Engineer and traditional Engineering Staff Officer. He held numerous positions in the flight until assuming command in 1983. Subsequently, in 1987 he was assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources. Upon acti-

vation for Operation Desert Storm, he was assigned as Assistant Deputy Commander for Resources at Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia. After the end of hostilities, he was given the job of Deputy Commander for Resources until the base deactivated in July of 1991. In December of 1998, he was selected for the Georgetown Capitol Hill Government Affairs Fellowship in Washington, D.C. from January until December 1999. During this fellowship, he was assigned to my staff where he worked closely on Military Construction and VA–HUD sub-committee assignments, as well as the FY00 Defense Appropriations Bill. More recently, Col Richter was assigned as the First Commander for the Air Component for the military response to the World Trade Center attacks.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 devices and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. His state awards include the New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, Operation Desert Storm Medal, and the Conspicuous Service Cross. Col Richter was promoted to his present rank and federally recognized on 3 Mar 99.

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA MCQUERN—
PUBLISHER, EDITOR, PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF THE PRESS-ENTER-
PRISE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, CA, are exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Marcia McQuern is one of these individuals. On October 1, 2002, Marcia will be retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the community as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise, the dominant news source for the Inland Empire. Her outstanding work in communicating with the public, in addition to her personal involvement in the community, will be celebrated at a luncheon her honor on October 8, 2002.

Marcia obtained her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and served as the editor of the student newspaper. She later obtained her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

In her 30 years of exemplary employment with The Press Enterprise, Marcia has worked as the executive editor, managing editor/News, deputy managing editor/News, and city editor as well as holding numerous reporting positions. In 1992 she was named president of The Press Enterprise and in 1994 she was named publisher and editor. Under her excellent leadership the newspaper's daily circulation increased from 116,000 to more than 185,000.

Marcia has also been an actively involved in the community and industry, currently serving as a member and former president of the board of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Marcia also serves on the board of the Riverside Community College Foundations; the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Foundation; the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation; the Inland Empire Economic Partnership; and the Community Foundation for the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology. She is also a member of the Monday Morning Group, the Murrieta-Temecula Group and on the board of visitors for the UCR's College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Marcia has also served as a member of the boards of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; California Society of Newspaper Editors; the California Press Association; the University of California, Santa Barbara, Alumni Association; the editorial board of California Lawyer Magazine; and as a Pulitzer Prize juror.

In recognition of her outstanding work in the community, Marcia has been honored by the University of California, Santa Barbara as its Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2001; was inducted into the UCR Women's Hall of Fame in 1998; recognized as the California Press Association's Newspaper Executive of the Year in 2000; and honored as the Riverside YWCA Woman of Achievement in 1994.

Marcia's tireless work as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise has contributed unmeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. Her involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents of Riverside County are grateful for her service and salute her as she departs The Press Enterprise. I look forward to working with her in the future for the good of our community.

HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO:
HAROLD "BUTCH" HOLDEN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold "Butch" Holden upon his retirement after 34 years as a Boys & Girls Clubs of America professional. After working his way through college in various positions with the San Diego and El Cajon Clubs, Butch launched a Boys & Girls Club career marked by great success and accomplishment. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is losing a great man.

Over the years, Butch ran Clubs in Lewiston, Idaho; Anchorage, Alaska; Portland, Oregon; and, Santa Barbara County, California. He then was named Pacific Regional Vice President for Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national office, where he was responsible for the development and oversight of hundreds of local Clubs, serving hundreds of thousands of young people. From 1996 to present day, he closed out his career by building an organization consisting of nine Clubs now known as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon. All along the way, Butch has guided and looked after the young people in his Clubs as if they were his own children.