

VA Medical Center in Albany, New York. Ms. Duncan received her degree as a Nurse Practitioner, from Albany Medical College/Russell Sage College in 1973 and has been a Registered Nurse since 1960. Although a Nurse Practitioner, her activities within the Hospital have extended far beyond the realm of patient care.

Always considering patient care to be very important, Ms. Duncan has permeated many different facets of the Stratton VA Medical Center. By taking on positions in the Public Relations department and becoming the Enrollment Director between 1998–2000, she has aided the Stratton VA Medical Center in many different manners in order to improve patient care. Ms. Duncan has also held many other prestigious positions; she has worked in Internal Medicine and was also the Associate Chief of General Internal Medicine. In addition, she has worked in the Emergency Room at both the Stratton VA Medical Center and at St. Peter's Hospital.

Rosemary Duncan has received many major awards. Most recently, she received the Homeless Veterans Stand Down Appreciation Award of 2002. Some of her past awards include, the National DAV Award in 1999 and the New York State American Legion Award in 1997. With her strong dedication to Veterans affairs and her caring nature, Rosemary has volunteered to be a board member for the Military Heritage Institute as well as Vet Care in 1996. She also participated in the Freihofer's Run for Women in 1994.

Instilled with a strong sense of compassion, Rosemary Duncan has dedicated her life to the well-being of veterans. She serves her country in an admirable capacity through her selfless acts. She is a friend of all people who are in need of care and is an important asset to the Stratton VA Medical Center.

TRIBUTE TO EMMITT SMITH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and the new National Football League's All-Time leading rusher, Emmitt Smith.

On Sunday, October 27, 2002, Emmitt Smith took a handoff and crashed through the line for an 11-yard gain, giving him 16,728 career rushing yards, breaking the 15-year mark set by the former Chicago Bears great, Walter Payton, and establishing him as the most complete running back in NFL history.

At Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith posted some of the state's highest career rushing and scoring titles with 8,804 yards, 106 touchdowns and two state titles. As a senior, Emmitt Smith was an All-American running back and prep Player of the Year by Parade magazine and USA Today. He was also selected as the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign's prep football players representative at the White House.

Being one of the nation's top high school recruits, Emmitt Smith decided to stay at home in the Sunshine State and attend the University of Florida. In his seventh game as a Gator, he passed the 1,000-yard mark faster than any other runner in college football his-

tory and led the Southeastern Conference in rushing as a freshman with 1,341 yards.

Following his college career, Emmitt was the 17th pick by the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990 NFL draft. Considered too small and too slow by critics, he made an impression few other players can equal. Throughout his 12-year career, he has established himself as one of the games all-time greats. He has won three Super Bowl titles, four NFL rushing titles and a league and Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award.

This same man who is impossible to tackle on the football field has trounced his biggest adversaries not in the football stadiums across the country, but on the streets and neighborhoods of our communities. Emmitt Smith is active in the communities of Northwest Florida, dedicating his time to aiding youth and children. He hosts the annual Feed the Children food drive and is a national spokesman for the "Take a Player to School Program" and is one of the many supporters of Big Brother/Big Sisters and Boys Club of Pensacola.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Emmitt Smith, number 22, on his great achievement and offer my sincere thanks for his example to the communities of Northwest Florida.

TRIBUTE TO NEWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INC.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. Founded in 1977 by a group of concerned Newark citizens, the organization sought to help residents who had suffered job loss and displacement after the civil uprisings of the 1960's. Opening its doors in 1979 as the "Emergency Service Network", the organization has grown immensely in both breadth and depth.

Since its beginnings, the Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has gone from seeing 1,257 Newarkers annually in 1984, to over 50,000 Essex County citizens annually. Programs now not only include basic emergency services but also long-term programs designed to promote stabilization and self-sufficiency.

The Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has become a vital organization not only in Newark, but also in the Essex County community as a whole. The organization, started by citizens themselves, has reached out to help neighbors in need, thus enriching the lives of many and strengthening our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the House of Representatives join with me today in recognizing the vital contributions of the Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. on their anniversary of 25 years of service to the Newark community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACKIE ELAINE MEADOWS WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take this opportunity to recognize Jackie Wallace for her many years of service in Colorado. Jackie, a resident of Mancos, Colorado, is an outstanding example of the hard work and dedication that citizens throughout rural America devote to their communities. It is with great pride that I pay tribute to her today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Jackie grew up around the agricultural and ranching communities of Colorado where she learned firsthand of the joys and hardships that come with life on the range. Born to Jack and Lucille Meadows on a snowy night in 1932, Jackie was raised on a ranch in McElmo Canyon. The fourth daughter of five, she attended the local Battlerock School until the girls moved to Cortez where they could attend high school.

On Christmas Day 1951, Jackie married Dwight Wallace. When Dwight was drafted to serve two years in the Army, Jackie and Dwight's mother Mary ran the family ranch themselves, with the generous help of Doreen and Jimmy Fitzgerald. But Jackie hasn't restricted herself to just the ranch. As a charter member of the Southwestern Cowbelles, Jackie co-chaired their napkin committee, sold the most brand-quilt tickets, and even presided as their president from 1964 to 1965. For all her efforts with the organization, the Southwestern Cowbelles recently honored Jackie with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the dedication of Jackie Wallace. Jackie is an outstanding example of rural American values and it is my honor to extend to her my congratulations before this body of Congress and our Nation. Keep up the good work, Jackie!

OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS BEING ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, in Punjab, there are elections coming up for the SGPC, the organization that is in charge of all the Gurdwaras, or Sikh temples, in India. According to the Times of India, members of the Shiromani Akali Dal, which used to run the state government until it lost the state elections to the Congress Party earlier this year, are being arrested in connection with these elections. Many members of the party are going into hiding.

The Akali government under the leadership of Parkash Badal was the most corrupt government in Punjab's history. They came up with a new term for bribery. They called it "fee for service." You didn't get the service unless you paid the fee. And they did nothing to get Sikh political prisoners released or to bring police officers who committed murder and other