

time she has worked as Associate Program Manager for Requirements in Washington, DC, an Air Traffic Manager in Dayton, OH and most recently served as a Branch Manager for FAA in Washington, DC. Before joining the FAA Daphne was the assistant to the Vice President at a small minority owned bank and also was responsible for managing the student loan profile.

Daphne was born in Chicago, IL, but grew up in Jacksonville, FL and thinks of Florida as her home. She recently received her Masters in Public Administration in the Key Executive Program from the American University, and was awarded her Bachelor of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Miami, FL.

While working in my office Daphne has been primarily responsible for covering transportation, federal employment, and banking and housing issues. Her analysis of issues is always thorough and professional. Daphne's years of experience at the FAA have provided invaluable insight regarding the real-world effect of transportation legislation. Her understanding of transportation has been especially important and helpful this year, as the Congress and Administration have been working to make air transportation more secure in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

From her first day, Daphne exhibited a friendly demeanor and professional attitude. In her short time in my office she has made an inestimable contribution to the Udall team. She is appreciated and respected by the entire office as a highly professional and dependable colleague and friend. Daphne has been a great asset to my office and I am sorry to see her move on. However, I am confident that she will continue to contribute immensely to our nation as she continues her career.

TRIBUTE TO AIDA ROSA

HON. JOS[Eacute] E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great educational activist and humanitarian. Ms. Aida Rosa, an innovative educator and leader is retiring as principal of Public School 30 in the South Bronx after many years of leadership and service.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Ms. Rosa came to New York in 1949 as a young child. She attended New York City public schools and went on to earn advanced degrees from New York City universities. She is a dissertation away from earning a PhD from the esteemed Fordham University. Ms. Rosa began her career as an advocate for education and young people early in life and has never taken a break. Her tenacity and passion have not ebbed in all these years and many would argue that they have only grown more intense.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rosa strongly believes in community coalitions, in which various actors in the community pool their resources so that endeavors are multilateral and more effective. She has always emphasized the importance of parents, educators, the community, and the students themselves working together to ensure that young people receive quality education and attain their goals.

As the principal of P.S. 30, Ms. Rosa secured numerous services to assist her stu-

dents, their families, and the nearby community. She accessed national and local organizations to address the needs of her students and staff. As an innovator, Ms. Rosa understands the need for smaller learning communities and restructured P.S. 30 into a number of small academies within one school. These smaller communities allow for individual attention to students as well as time for teachers to develop and implement more effective teaching methods. Teachers from P.S. 30 describe Ms. Rosa as a nurturing and strong leader. Her faith in her teachers allows them to perform at their highest capacity and to grow as educators.

Mr. Speaker, beyond running a huge public elementary school at a high-performing level and serving on a number of community planning boards, Ms. Rosa was a loving wife for many years and a mother and grandmother. She has also been a devoted friend to many.

It is rare to encounter people with as much genuine compassion and leadership acumen as Ms. Aida Rosa, and I am grateful to have had her as a school leader in my district and as a comrade for so many years. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her rest and relaxation upon her retirement from an exceptional career.

RECOGNIZING DAVE L. McDONALD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dave McDonald upon his receipt of Central Valley Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Humanitarian of the Year" award in Fresno, California on November 7, 2002. Mr. McDonald is being recognized for his leadership, humanitarian efforts, and dedication to the community.

Mr. McDonald is the President and CEO of PELCO, the world's largest producer of video security systems, as well as Central California's largest manufacturing employer. PELCO produces 3,500 different products which are sold through 5,000 authorized dealers in the United States and abroad. Since its beginning, the company has grown thirty-fold under Mr. McDonald's supervision.

Following the disastrous events of September 11, 2001, Mr. McDonald and PELCO assisted the NYPD in its recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site by donating specialized camera equipment and personnel. Additionally, the company's warehouse in Orangeburg, New York was converted into a distribution center for relief supplies. In November of 2001, PELCO created the California Memorial in Clovis as a permanent tribute to the victims and fallen heroes from September 11. The memorial contains hundreds of items donated by the city of New York in remembrance of the events of September 11.

In March of 2002, Mr. McDonald was honored by the New York City Fire Department as the Grand Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In May of 2002, Mr. McDonald also received the Excellence in Business Award for the Fresno Hall of Fame in recognition of his dedication to local businesses and his community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dave McDonald for his contributions to the many

people in need, not only locally but nationally as well. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave McDonald many more years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. FELLABAUM ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Eddie and Betty Fellabaum were united in marriage November 16, 1952, and are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Eddie and Betty Fellabaum as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE CLASS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere enthusiasm that I recognize the ninth grade class of Centennial Junior High School in Montrose, Colorado. The ninth grade class is currently producing a documentary video to help educate homeowners on ways to protect their homes from forest fires. Today, I would like to recognize the ninth grade class for the outstanding service they are providing to the State of Colorado and all those in danger of forest fires.

In June of last year, Colorado was devastated by some of the worst forest fires in our state's history. The Missionary Ridge and Hayman fires not only destroyed several of Colorado's wilderness areas but also valuable private property. Today, the ninth grade class from Centennial Junior High School, with the help of their film crew, representatives from Bureau of Land Management and Montrose County firefighters, are making a movie to demonstrate steps that citizens can take to protect their homes from forest fires.

Along with producing the documentary, the ninth grade class is also learning valuable lessons in fire ecology and resource management. The students are being taught about forest fuel reduction of the many different types of fire resistant building materials that can help protect homes in the event of a forest fire. By taking what they have learned in their classes and using it to educate others throughout the country, the ninth graders at Centennial Junior High School are making an incredible difference in the effort to reduce the destructiveness of forest fires. —

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Centennial Junior High School ninth grade class before this body of Congress and this nation for their outstanding service to the State of Colorado and this country. The documentary video they are producing will be distributed nationwide, providing indispensable guidance to a countless number of Americans. There is no telling how many homes and lives their efforts will save in the years ahead. I thank them for their dedication to their community and our environment.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to another achievement of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, based in Golden, Colorado. It is appropriate that on its 25th anniversary, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has garnered yet another award recognizing its contributions to the development of clean energy technologies.

In its December issue, *Scientific American* magazine has named NREL one of the *Scientific American* 50—the magazine's first list recognizing annual contributions to science and technology that provide a vision of a better future.

NREL, along with Spectrolab Inc., was selected by the magazine for its work in increasing the efficiency of photovoltaic solar cells. NREL's research into multi-junction solar cells for more than a decade has led the way to ever more efficient cells, offering the potential of cheaper electricity from the sun.

The magazine noted that all the recipients of the *Scientific American* 50 have "demonstrated clear, progressive views of what our technological future could be, as well as the leadership, knowledge and expertise essential to realizing those visions."

I continue to be proud of the tremendous contributions that the National Renewable Energy Laboratory has made—to Colorado, our country, and our world. Congratulations to all at NREL on this important award.

IN HONOR OF THE JOINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR OLDER ADULTS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1977, JPAC has been committed to ensuring a voice for older New Yorkers in community change and the policy-making processes that affect their lives. I have been proud to stand with JPAC many times through the years, and it is my great pleasure to congratulate JPAC on this occasion and to join their celebration.

For 25 years, JPAC's citizen leaders have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all

New Yorkers by empowering older adults to advocate on their own behalf. JPAC educates older adults on legislative and consumer issues, in addition to providing them with important information on benefits and entitlements for which they may be eligible. JPAC has enabled a growing number of older people to participate in efforts to influence public policy while leading senior centers around the city to incorporate education and advocacy into its programs in innovative ways. Over the years, JPAC has come to play a significant role in promoting cooperation within the aging community around issues of shared concern.

Among the programs I find most valuable is JPAC's ten-week intensive leadership training program, known as the Institute for Senior Action. For eight years, the Institute for Senior Action has given seniors the skills necessary to become more effective advocates in our community. Having had the opportunity to join JPAC at several of the Institute's graduation ceremonies, I have seen firsthand the pride, enthusiasm, and commitment to the community that JPAC's programs instill in participants.

From consumer protection, to community safety, to health care and coverage, JPAC has contributed to the quality of life of all New Yorkers. I congratulate JPAC's staff, leadership and volunteers on a quarter century of success, and I wish them the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LURA POWELL

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, two years ago, Battelle selected a new leader for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in my home community of the Tri-Cities, Washington. She came to our Washington from a distinguished government career in the "other" Washington, the Nation's Capitol, as director of the Department of Commerce's Advanced Technology Program. Her tenure there, and her training as an analytical chemist, brought unique talent to serve this laboratory. She is also the first woman selected to serve as director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. I am, of course, speaking about Dr. Lura Powell. Dr. Powell announced recently that she will step down as director at the end of this year, and I want to thank her for her commitment and leadership in the community.

Among her accomplishments, Lura will be remembered for her commitment to leverage the capabilities of the Laboratory to develop academic partnerships in the region. While Director, she signed Memorandums of Understanding with the University of Washington for the Institute for Nanoscience, the Joint Institute for Cell Signaling, and the Center for Global Security; a Northwest Bioproducts Research Institute with Washington State University, University of Idaho, and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; and The Collaborative Research and Education program with Oregon State Universities and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Dr. Powell's commitment to the Tri-Cities community and the state of Washington is evi-

denced by her many activities and board memberships. At home, she has been a tireless promoter of economic growth and science education. She helped create and advocate a vision for the Tri-Cities that calls on everyone to stretch the limits of what is possible. She serves on the board of directors of the Kadlec Medical Center, the United Way of the Benton-Franklin Counties, the Tri-City Industrial Development Council and the Three Rivers Community Roundtable and the Junior Achievement of the Greater Tri-Cities. For the State of Washington, she is a member of the Washington Roundtable and serves on the Washington Technology Alliance Board.

I want to thank Lura for her leadership these past two and a half years and to wish her, her husband, Art, and her daughters much happiness and good health. I hope they will make their home in the Tri-Cities so that we may all continue to benefit from their involvement.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5712

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to introduce today H.R. 5712, a bill to improve roadway safety for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and workers in proximity to vehicular traffic.

In this Congress we have spent, and likely for years to come will spend, a great amount of time trying to secure our homeland from terrorist threats. But, we will never be truly secure, if our families and communities continue to face daily the risk of disabling or life threatening motor vehicle crashes—today's leading killer of American young people. Motor vehicle crashes kill more than 42,000 people and injure more than 3 million people every year. These crashes cost our economy more than \$230.6 billion a year or an average of \$820 for every person living in the United States.

We have learned a great deal about making our roadways safer for the traveling public, since we began the national Interstate construction program nearly fifty years ago. Among the most successful federal safety programs is the Section 130 Railway-Highway Grade Crossings program. The U. S. Secretary of Transportation's "1996 Annual Report to Congress" found that this single program prevented 8,500 fatalities and 38,900 non-fatal injuries since 1974. This Report also stated that fatal, nonfatal-injury, and combined fatal-plus-nonfatal-injury accident rates have been reduced by 87, 64 and 68 percent, respectively. The Department of Transportation no longer compiles this data, but the program continues to save lives everyday.

We have much work ahead of us to improve further roadway safety in America. This bill that I am introducing today will expedite the use of proven solutions to reduce the likelihood of crashes, injuries, and fatalities and I urge its rapid adoption.

Since their inception, the Section 130 program and the Section 152 Hazard Elimination program have made available to States significant funding to reduce risks on dangerous roadways. Increasing State flexibility and reallocating, funding; clarifying and expanding project eligibility, and improving data collection, analysis, and reporting will further enhance their effectiveness.