

State College, and working his way up the ranks of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. After obtaining his certification from the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, Riecke began working for the Sheriff's Office in 1971 as a Patrol Deputy. In 1974, Riecke was promoted to Sergeant and then to Investigator in 1976. After eight years in that position, Riecke was tapped to become the Lieutenant in charge of Investigations. Then, in 1990, he was elected to Sheriff and began his twelve distinctive years in that post. With over 30 years of service to the residents of Mesa County, Sheriff Claussen's positive impact on the Grand Valley is immeasurable.

Riecke has always been highly active in the community and state, and with the help of his wife, Nancy, has raised their daughter Lisa in the Grand Valley. He has also contributed to several professional organizations and serves as a board member of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board, the Colorado Attorney General's Victim Assistance Project Board, and the County Sheriff's of Colorado Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sheriff Riecke Claussen before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding leadership and impeccable character. The citizens of Mesa County have certainly been honored by the service of Sheriff Claussen and, as he moves into retirement, I look forward to seeing Riecke continue as an important asset to Colorado and the communities of the Western Slope.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. BUCKLEY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of this year, we rise to thank Mr. Michael J. Buckley for his outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives over the past 26 years.

Over the years, Mike has made significant improvements to the financial management of the U.S. House of Representatives. He began his career with the House on January 18, 1977, and served this great institution in numerous capacities, most notably in financial positions within the offices of the Clerk of the House and the Chief Administrative Officer. During the past six years, Mike has served as the Budget Director for the Office of Finance. In this position, he has provided financial guidance to every entity of the House, assisting with such critical functions as projecting annual budgetary requirements and monitoring House expenditures to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. Mike's financial expertise has enabled House entities to maximize the availability of funds to support critical House operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Mike for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the financial management of the House. We wish Mike and his wife Robin many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO "DESTINATION DETROIT" MAGAZINE, EDITED BY DIANE EDGEComb

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the Fall 2002 issue of "Destination Detroit," which is edited by a friend with much wisdom, Diane Edgecomb. Diane was the editor in chief of this issue, which focuses on water quality and water availability and the challenges that we will face in coming decades.

One of the themes of this publication that I'd like to touch on briefly is the idea that we need to work worldwide, if we are to help ensure that everyone has access to a sustainable supply of fresh water. The importance that water has in our lives and the complications that arise when there are shortages dictates that we find a solution that transcends borders. I believe that if there is additional action that we as Americans can take to help educate and make this goal a reality it will better serve us in the long run.

Also included in the magazine is an interesting article about how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have improved our ability to manage water resources. GIS is a comprehensive mapping tool that allows us, among other things, to assess the volume of a region's water supply and locate the source(s) of that water. Using this tool we can anticipate problems and develop innovative solutions before there is a crisis.

I would encourage every member of Congress to take the time to review the Fall 2002 issue of "Destination Detroit" for themselves. I have sent copies to the relevant committees and there are copies available in both the Republican and Democratic Cloakrooms.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BRENT LANER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Brent Laner has exemplified leadership for the Ohio Highway Patrol as a state trooper for 25 years, serving with distinction at the New Philadelphia post for 15 years; and

Whereas, Brent Laner was chosen five times by his fellow officers to receive their post Trooper of the Year award and is to be commended for his hard work, devotion to duty, and willingness to serve our community; and

Whereas, Brent Laner has been an enthusiastic and loyal public servant in the Ohio Highway Patrol for Ohio's citizens;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Brent Laner on his retirement after 25 years of public service to the Ohio community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DURANGO/LA PLATA COUNTY AIRPORT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the men and women of Durango/La Plata County Airport for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the men and women of the Durango/La Plata County Airport played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Durango/La Plata County Airport to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Durango/La Plata County Airport aided firefighters with slurry bombings to help contain fires that were too severe to contain from the ground. They also provided valuable medical supplies to fire fighters who had been injured during the event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the men and women of Durango/La Plata County Airport before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend everyone at the Durango/La Plata Airport for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the men and women of the Durango/La Plata Airport and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the last summer's fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

GREAT LAKES AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, included in Title III of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1070 is an authorization of \$1 million for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a center for Brownfields Excellence.

The purpose of this center is to demonstrate opportunities for public-private partnerships and regional cooperation to facilitate the redevelopment of closed Federal facilities, the