

community and has also served on the Governor's Commission on Life and the Law and has been an influential member of the Latino Chamber of Commerce. However, it is not these appointments and honors that I wish to recognize, but rather his unceasing commitment to public service. Coloradans know Gilbert not only as President of the Spanish Peaks Mental Health Center, but also as a committed volunteer for children's mental health. For his efforts, Gilbert has received the Robert Hawkins Award for excellence in Mental Health Leadership given by the Mental Health Association of Pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this man who has made such a significant difference in the lives of children. His dedication to the children of this nation deserves our recognition and our admiration. It is a great honor to recognize Gilbert Sanchez before this body of Congress and our nation today.

HONORING DENIS J. McELLIGOTT

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Denis J. McElligott, who will be honored by the Smithtown Democratic Committee tonight.

Denis has been committed to politics since his early years on the campaign trail with his father. He went on to intern for my predecessor, Congressman Tom Downey in Washington. During his service on the Smithtown Committee from 1992 to 1999, Denis worked tirelessly to preserve the true spirit of the committee.

In 1999, Denis was tapped by New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer to run the Attorney General's Suffolk Regional Office. Since then, he has successfully represented the State of New York in various types of litigation.

In addition to his work in politics, Denis is also an active member of the legal community. He is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and has served as chairman of the Plaintiff's Negligence Committee.

I commend Denis on his commitment to the Democratic Party and his service to New York and Long Island.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAY WYLEY

**HON. SCOTT McINNS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

Mr. McINNS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Kay Wyley of Creede, Colorado and congratulate her upon her retirement from the Creede Repertory Theater. While retirement often means an opportunity for well-deserved rest and relaxation, Kay instead has chosen to continue her service to the citizens of Colorado as a respected advisor to the Colorado Council on the Arts. I admire Kay's dedication and it is my distinct honor to recognize her before Congress and the nation.

There are few in Colorado who have done more to preserve our heritage and to promote

the arts than Kay, who presided over the largest expansion in the history of the Creede Repertory Theater, as well as the restoration of the historic Rio Grande Hotel. Kay's years of dedicated service have touched the lives of countless artists, art patrons, and Coloradans. A lifelong native of Creede, Kay has truly given back to her home state.

Mr. Speaker, Kay has inspired many, and continues to do so each day. Her dedication to her work serves as an example to all Americans, and has made Colorado proud. It is a great honor to represent such a fine person who has worked to make my state a more beautiful and enjoyable place to live. Congratulations on your retirement Kay, and I wish you all the best in the future.

HONORING NEW YORK'S ANTHONY FISHER

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on April 4, 2003, the country and the city of New York suffered a tremendous loss when a plane carrying real estate developer Anthony Fisher and his wife, Anne, crashed 35 miles northwest of Boston.

He was one of this city's greatest jewels, a dear friend who dedicated his many talents to both the financial and cultural future of our fine metropolis.

Mr. Fisher was a founder and partner at the equity firm of FdG Associates, as well as a senior partner at the prestigious real estate firm of Fisher Brothers Inc. His development efforts, including the Alliance Capital Building in Midtown, Park Avenue Plaza, and Third Avenue, proudly continued his family's tradition of redefining the city's physical and commercial landscape.

However, the city has lost not only a successful businessman, but also a social entrepreneur whose energy and philanthropy were as magnificent as any of one of his buildings. As chairman and chief executive officer of the Intrepid Sea-Air Foundation, I will fondly remember how he often put his money where his heart was, ensuring that both our city and our country did not forget the tireless efforts of its military veterans. Although he never formally served, he understood the debt that we owe to those that put on the uniform and the duty we all share in ensuring that those who are fortunate to return are well-cared for and appreciated.

Above all else, my sincerest condolences go out to Tony's five children, who have lost two loving parents. My heart goes out especially to his niece Tora, the sole survivor of this horrible crash. I join his family and friends in wishing her a speedy and successful recovery.

Words, no matter how true or eloquent, can rarely ease the pain of such a terrible tragedy. However, we can all draw strength and comfort in knowing that much of who Tony was still remains for the world to enjoy and marvel. His legacy and love will endure forever, in the buildings he erected, the charities to which he contributed and the hearts that he touched.

A RESOLUTION HONORING RYAN SHANNON, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF GRAND LEDGE, MI

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Ryan Shannon, winner of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Ryan is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Ryan is an exceptional student at Grand Ledge High School, and possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. Ryan has received numerous awards for his excellence in writing, math, and music, as well as his volunteer activities with the Grand Ledge High School National Honor Society. Ryan is a winner of the Candy Hyland Award for Mathematics and numerous awards for his participation in band.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ryan Shannon for his selection as winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

LAKE ALLATOONA AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 2003*

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Lake Allatoona Awareness Week as proclaimed by Governor Sonny Perdue of Georgia.

Lake Allatoona is located in the foothills of north Georgia. The lake provides drinking water for over 500,000 Georgians and recreation activities for millions, and its watershed provides habitat for a number of endangered species, including the American Bald Eagle.

The counties of Cobb, Bartow, and Cherokee that surround the lake are some of the fastest growing in the country—making the preservation and restoration of this vital resource extremely important. In 1999, the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority was formed to provide stewardship and education to the surrounding communities about the Lake Allatoona Watershed.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize this week of May 12, 2003, as Lake Allatoona Awareness Week to acknowledge the ongoing