

teacher at St. Ursula's Church and co-founded a program called "R.A.M", Registering Adults and Minorities Program, which seeks to increase voting registration and participation.

Mr. Speaker, Tiffany is truly one of the best and brightest students in New York City. In high school, she was a member of Amnesty International, was a columnist for her newspaper, wrote for Preston's literary magazine, was a member of the African American club, the orchestra, a captain of the Defense Team, and a participant in the Science and Technology entry program at Fordham University. Tiffany was a well-rounded student and successful student, gaining notice as one of the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Tiffany's commitment to community service and her giving back so much to make the Bronx and the Co-Op City neighborhood where she lives in a better place. Mr. Speaker, academic and community success though is not achieved with the work of one person alone. It is a team effort. Tiffany comes from a strong and caring family, including her aunt who is also my Co-Op City office director Teckla Halls. Her family along with her teachers, mentors and adults in the community are all part of the success that makes Tiffany the wonderful young woman she is today.

Mr. Speaker, Tiffany is an exceptional student, one who has a bright and prosperous future ahead. I wish her and her family all the best.

HONORING BILL KILLGORE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant from my district, Bill Killgore of Grand Junction, Colorado. An active member of the Grand Junction Lions Club, Bill was recently honored as "Lion of the Year." I would like to join with his fellow Lions in honoring Bill's commitment and recognizing this distinct honor.

A longtime resident of Grand Junction, Bill is widely known for his dedication to community service. Bill has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as the Redlands Water Board, the Avalon Theatre Restoration Committee, and serving as chairman of the Highway Cleanup Committee. While Bill has worked vigorously for the community, his heart has always been with his beloved Lions Club. Bill's work with the Lions is well known; from their commitment to community service to the many fundraising events they hold in support of local causes and organizations, Bill is always at the forefront of the club's service projects, eager to help out his community.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Grand Junction, former "Lion of the Year" Dan Griffin passed on that distinctive title in recognition of Bill's commitment to both the community and the club. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Bill's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Bill and his fellow Lions for the work that they do in my community is long

overdue, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of this House today. Congratulations and thanks again, Bill, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Grand Junction and the Lions. May you have many more to come!

IN HONOR OF DR. WAYNE D. LETT,
SUPERINTENDENT OF NEWPORT
NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Representative JO ANN DAVIS and myself to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. Wayne Lett. Following 34 years of educational service, Dr. Lett will be retiring from his post as Superintendent of Newport News Public Schools on July 1, 2003.

Dr. Lett's career has been devoted to education and his efforts have been important to the lives of countless young people in Newport News. His achievements have been recognized by both local and national organizations. In 2001, Dr. Lett was named Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. He has provided leadership in many urban school organizations and has served as President and Vice President of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools.

Dr. Lett's illustrious career in education began in 1969, following his graduation from East Carolina University with an A.B. in history and political science. He first served as a teacher, assistant principal, and personnel director in York County Public Schools. It was during this time that Dr. Lett earned his M.A. in history from Old Dominion University in 1972, a C.A.S. in education administration from the College of William and Mary in 1975, and an Ed.D in education administration from the same institution in 1984.

Dr. Lett's tenure in Newport News Public Schools began in 1984. After serving in a number of different administrative positions for the school district, Dr. Lett was named Superintendent in 1996.

Under Dr. Lett's leadership, Newport News Public Schools has made significant progress in the academic performance of its students. The number of fully accredited schools has risen from one to nineteen, access to rigorous coursework has been made a priority, tutoring and mentoring programs have been expanded, and the dropout rate has been reduced by more than 50 percent. During this time Newport News Public Schools has received more U.S. Department of Education "Blue Ribbon" designations than any other school division in Virginia. These are only a few of the many achievements that are the direct result of Dr. Lett's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, Representative JO ANN DAVIS and I would like to congratulate Dr. Lett on his distinguished service and thank him for his great commitment to the education of our youth.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLORADO
MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an exceptional educational institution in my district. Colorado Mountain College was established in 1967 and currently provides over 25,000 students with a quality education. The school will soon be opening a new campus to better serve the Vail/Eagle Valley area. I am proud to stand here today and recognize the 36 years of service that Colorado Mountain College has given to my state and congratulate them on their expansion.

The new campus in Edwards, Colorado will provide students with state of the art facilities that will help enrich their college experience. The campus will have 16 classrooms, several labs, science and EMT facilities, and a fire science center. CMC is already the largest rural community college in the U.S. and this campus will further the services they provide to underserved areas throughout the state.

Colorado Mountain College provides students with the opportunity to take classes in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. Sitting high in the Rocky Mountains, CMC maintains a unique curriculum, offering classes in subject areas not found elsewhere. Students are able to study ski business and resort management, seeing first hand how some of the world's premier ski resorts are run. CMC also offers classes in forestry and fire sciences, important subjects on the Western Slope, which faces some of the worst fire danger in the country.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado Mountain College does more for its students than provide an education, it gives them the opportunity to succeed. The college is a vital part of the Colorado Community, and I am truly honored to recognize such an exceptional institution and its outstanding team of dedicated employees here today. Congratulations on the expansion, and good luck with all of your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF BILL RUMBLE

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a friend and educator, Mr. Bill Rumble, who will retire this Friday, June 27th, after 28 exceptional years of teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Born November 5, 1946 in Long Beach, California, to Everett and Marion Rumble, Bill graduated from Millikan High School in 1964 and then attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Following college, Bill served in the United State Navy from June 1968 to July 1970. First commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he

was quickly called up to active duty and served as Combat Information Center Officer on the Naval destroyers USS *DuPont* and USS *Albert David*. During his two-year Naval tenure, he earned the National Defense Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and he attained the rank of Lieutenant.

Bill's service to his country did not end when he left the military, but instead evolved into a lifetime of service in the classroom. After completing his California Teaching Credential from California State University, Long Beach, in June 1974, Bill went to work for the Los Angeles Unified School District where he taught English as a Second Language, English, history, and Chicano Studies from 1974 to 1996. From 1996 to the present, he has served as the Bilingual Program Coordinator at Wilson High School, which is attended by many students who reside in my district. Though he has spent his career as a teacher, Bill somehow found the time to be a student earning his Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles in 1988.

Bill Rumble has never pursued but has certainly earned recognition as a dedicated public servant, committed educator, and fighter for human dignity. But what sets him apart from many others, at least for me, is his devotion to and appreciation of his role as husband and father.

Bill had the good sense to marry Carol Jacques in August of 1981. Together they have three children: Lawrence, Mateo, and Maya. In her own right, Carol is a tireless and beloved advocate in our community. Together they have mastered the art of advocacy, and together they have shared in the fruits of their progressive work. Together, they are a powerful team.

Bill's 28 years with the schools of Los Angeles have been flush with positions of leadership, including Social Studies Department Chair during 1995–96, member of the Accreditations Committee during 1996–97, member of the Professional Development Committee during 2000–03, and member of the Academic Leadership Team during 2001–03. Furthermore, Bill played an active role with our local teachers union, the United Teachers of Los Angeles, in which he assumed several positions of leadership. Ultimately, however, Bill's first priority as a teacher was his genuine concern for the education, enrichment and well being of his students.

As a tireless volunteer, Bill has supported many local community-based organizations, including Art in the Park, the Northeast branch of the Los Angeles YMCA, the Mount Washington Residents Association, and the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council.

Bill's retirement marks the final chapter in a distinguished teaching career. But, if I know Bill, he's just getting started. I look forward to his continued service and devotion to our community. Just as his students needed him yesterday, we who believe in social activism and a commitment to social justice need him today.

Mr. Speaker, as family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate Bill's many accomplishments, it is with great admiration and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this exceptional man and brother to many. America certainly got the best end of the bargain when it opened the

doors of education and public service to Bill Rumble.

TRIBUTE TO RICK LUPE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a true American hero. Rick Lupe recently passed away from injuries sustained while battling a prescribed burn on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation near Whiteriver, Arizona. I am saddened by his death and would like to take a moment to reflect on the courage and leadership of this honorable and distinguished individual.

Rick previously made headlines during another fire that took place last summer. When the Rodeo-Chediski fire scorched much of Arizona, Rick engineered a fire line at the last minute, using a back burn and bulldozers that helped save the town of Show Low. Such acts of courage are no surprise to those who knew him. In nearly two decades of service to the Fort Apache Hotshot crew, Rick developed a reputation as a strong but quiet leader, a loyal colleague, and trusted friend.

Rick possessed courage and toughness to spare. While checking on a hot spot recently, the wind picked up and blew the flames around him. When the shelter he tried to deploy blew away, Rick dropped to the ground to allow the fire to pass over him. Even though the flames and heat scorched him, leaving 3rd degree burns over 40 percent of his body, he summoned the strength to walk a half-mile to get help. Even then, Rick held on for five weeks before leaving us. He will be especially missed by his beloved wife Evelyn and his children Brent, Sean, and Daniel. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to them during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rick Lupe today. His immediate family will remember Rick for the loving husband and father that he was. The town of Show Low, the Fort Apache Hotshots, and this nation will remember Rick as the hero that he was. Rick dedicated his life to serving his nation and his fellow citizens. We will always be grateful.

TRIBUTE TO JOEL WILLARD

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a member of my Washington, D.C., staff for his years of faithful service to me and to the good people of Oregon's Second Congressional District. Joel Willard has been my Executive Assistant for over 2 years, performing a myriad of responsibilities in a hectic environment with dedication and poise. It's a tough job, and he excelled at it. Joel will leave my office this week to continue his education as a law student at the University of California at Berkeley, where I have every confidence that he will dem-

onstrate the same talents that have made him such an invaluable member of my staff.

Mr. Speaker, Joel is a lifelong Oregonian and the son of a highly respected southern Oregon family. His father, Dave, is a long-time servant of the Oregon public school system and has worked for ten years as the Superintendent of the Phoenix-Talent School District. Joel's mother, Jana, is a homemaker who has returned to graduate school after raising her children. Like Joel, his brothers Chad and Gabe are fine young Oregonians with bright, promising futures. I am proud to call them my friends.

One of Joel's defining characteristics is his dedication to the people of his native state. Since his days in the Oregon State Legislature working for State Representative Rob Patridge, Joel has pursued his passion for public policy and public service from Salem to Washington, D.C. He came to the Nation's capital on a weekend's notice and brought with him both his love of Oregon and his reverence for the American system of government. I have no doubt that he will return to the West Coast with the same idealism that first inspired him to serve his fellow citizens.

Perhaps Joel's most impressive trait is his deep religious faith and personal commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Prior to his marriage, Joel lived in a home for Christian men on Capitol Hill called Jonathan House, where he enjoyed the company of young professionals who shared his moral convictions and dedication to the Christian church. Joel's unwavering devotion to his beliefs, in an age when so many young people lack a guiding moral compass, has deeply impressed me and those with whom he has worked.

Mr. Speaker, in July of last year, I had the honor of attending Joel's wedding to his lovely bride, the former Elizabeth Horton, who has been at Joel's side since their early teens. Elizabeth, also a lifelong Oregonian, has made her love of children a career as an elementary school teacher, a calling for which she is particularly well suited. Joel and Elizabeth are the sort of people that parents want their children to grow up to be, and it gives me great pleasure to know that they will share their lives together.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that Joel will be difficult to replace. If you were to poll my staff, they would be unanimous in their regret at his departure, as he has been a reliable coworker and caring friend. While we are sorry to see him depart the office, we are happy to watch him enter a new phase in his life that I know will bring both great challenges and great rewards. I have no doubt that he will do as well pursuing a legal career as he has done in his work on behalf of the people of the Second District. Joel, thank you for a job well done, and know that you are leaving my office with my deepest gratitude and that of the people you have so ably helped me to represent. We're counting on you to keep in close touch.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is an outrage that we are today considering a military