

Spradlin of Steamboat Springs, Colorado has demonstrated the kind of personal dedication to overcoming adversity that is truly honorable. I stand before you to recognize her today.

At the age of 16, a drunk driver collided with her family's van on the interstate and Jodie lost her leg from injuries sustained in the accident. Jodie's acceptance of her loss did not come easy. She was very self-conscious for a period of time after the amputation. However, in time, she was able to overcome her anxieties and begin living a more normal life.

Jodie now assists others by donating her old prosthetic legs to victims of land mines. A new prosthetic leg costs around \$15,000 and her contributions are the only hope for many less fortunate amputees. Her charitable actions provide others with an opportunity to conquer their own personal challenges, just as Jodie was able to do.

Today, Jodie and her husband have three children and are living happily in the mountains of Colorado. Her story serves as an inspiration to others by illustrating the significance of focusing on the important aspects of life, such as children and family, and overcoming those things that hold us back.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand here today and honor Jodie Spradlin and her achievements before this body of Congress. Her spirit, self-determination and altruistic sense of community service are truly worthy of praise. Jodie's charitable actions demonstrate how much one person can improve the lives of others. I wish her all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY GREEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to Jeffrey Green, who is retiring this month after 20 years of service to the people of my home County, Mariposa. Jeff became County Counsel in October, 1983, and for twenty years has served with distinction in that capacity. He has served the elected officials, the staff and the citizens of the county well for those two decades.

During Jeff's tenure, he has had the distinction of serving many different members of the Board of Supervisors—so many that I confess I lost count after 15 or so—of which I am proud to say I was one. Working with Jeff was a learning experience for me. He provided sound legal advice, and was the steady hand that ensured that there would be few crises. Jeff also wrote and monitored ordinances, contracts and other legal documents, and was a source of information, opinions and assistance whenever asked. He always addressed Board concerns and concerns of individual Board members in a timely and professional manner.

In addition to his legal and administrative skills, Jeff is an expert fly-fisherman. I am sure that after his successful 20 year career in Mariposa County, he is looking forward to trying out the latest flies and catching all the fish he missed while the Board was in session.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor my friend Jeffrey Green upon his retirement as County Counsel for Mariposa County, California. He will be missed by all but the fish.

TRIBUTE TO CODY BRICKELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Cody Brickell, a resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Just 18 years old, Cody was a recent high school graduate with plans for attending college in the fall and dreams of studying medicine. Cody was a young leader in his community, serving as the student body president, captain of the football team and a member of the Glenwood Springs High School Key Club. Cody was known for his solid work ethic, toiling long hours to save money while pouring concrete, mowing lawns and working at the local athletic club.

The loss of a life is tragic in any instance, but the loss of a young life is even more trying. Cody showed such tremendous potential for accomplishing tremendous feats in his short lifetime, and it saddens me to stand here today and mourn his passing. Cody's family and community will certainly miss his generous spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the untimely loss of such a kind and promising individual. Cody's commitment, compassion, and hard work garnered him respect in his community, and it is for those very qualities that I bring his life to the attention of my colleagues here today. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Cody Brickell.

TRIBUTE TO 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL MACOMB COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce today, in recognition of the Chamber's 100th anniversary.

For 100 years the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce has dedicated itself to the community. The Chamber is a local organization operated by and for the people of the business community of Clinton Township, Mount Clemens, Harrison Township, Macomb Township and New Baltimore. It is a focal point of leadership and a gathering place for those who make the strategic decisions that shape our business lives.

The Chamber's history as a champion of downtown businesses started in 1903 as the Mount Clemens Business Men's Association. Negotiating favorable rates with the Rapid Railway interurban line, sponsoring Macomb County days, lobbying for Shadyside Park, and the establishment of Selfridge Field as a permanent military facility were among the many accomplishments of the dedicated members.

The Association had become the primary organization of representation for all types of businesses in Mount Clemens. It represented merchants, bathhouses and factories. The name was changed to the Mount Clemens Board of Commerce in 1926 to clarify their purpose and reflect their diversity. Then, in 1959, they changed the organization's name to the Greater Mount Clemens Chamber of Commerce and, finally, to its present name of Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce in 1981.

The name may change but the dedication and service to the community remain steadfast. The Chamber's original bylaws and declaration of principles from 1903, "to encourage the patronizing of home industry; to encourage the bringing of manufacturing enterprises to our city; to promote co-operation among ourselves and to endeavor to advance in every legitimate way the welfare of our city" continue to resonate today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce on their 100th year anniversary.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, two years ago today, we mourned and cried as we watched the horrific events that unfolded before us on September 11, 2001.

The events of that day will live forever collectively in the conscience of this country.

Like Pearl Harbor, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. no one will forget where they were the moment they heard the news on that day.

September 11, 2003, like very few days before in this nation, will live forever in infamy.

We must never forget the thousands of lives that were lost as a result of those cowardly attacks. The passengers, the workers at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and the many courageous rescue workers who in an effort to try to save lives, lost their own.

Our nation must always remember those who fell victim to terrorism on that day. Our nation must never forget the suffering felt on that day. We must never forget the pain of the families who lost their loved ones, and we must always keep them in our prayers.

But as I stand here on September 11, two years after the attacks, I am aware more now than ever before of the responsibilities we as lawmakers hold to this nation.

As leaders of the greatest nation on this Earth, we have the responsibility to fight to uphold the ideals that make this nation great. We must continue to protect freedom and democracy and never abandon the ideals put forth by our founding fathers.

We must continue to fight this war on terror and invest in our homeland security. We must make sure that attacks, like those experienced two years ago, will never happen again. And if they should happen again, we are able to respond to protect the lives of our citizens.

This country was united two years by an act of violence and terror. A renewed sense of patriotism gripped this nation and I feel that it is still present today.

Let us never forget this sensation. Let us use the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to make this a stronger nation, a nation that cannot be crippled by a zealous few. Let us use the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to make this a safe and freer world, not only for the children of the United States, but the children throughout the world. Freedom is a right entitled to all.

Let us never forget those who passed away on September 11, 2001.

Let us pray for the children who lost their parents, the parents who lost their children, and everyone who suffered a loss on that horrific day.

But also, on this commemorative day, let us not forget to pray for the safe return of our troops overseas. Though we may not all agree with the politics behind this past war, we can all agree that America's sons and daughters are overseas fighting with passion to protect our freedom. Let us not forget to include them in our prayers.

We must pray for continued peace and security in this nation and in all nations.

On behalf of the people of the Inland Empire of California, I offer my emotional and spiritual support to those whose lives were changed forever two years ago today.

And I would like to take a moment to mention the names of the three constituents I lost on that day. Cora Holland, mother of three and grandmother who died aboard American Airlines flight 11; Rhonda Rasmussen, who died at the Pentagon; and Navy Yeoman Second Class Melissa Rose Barnes, who died at the Pentagon.

HONORING CYNDY SIMMS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize a dedicated educator from my district. Over the last two decades, Cyndy Simms has provided Steamboat Springs, Colorado with exemplary service as the school district's Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent over the last two decades. As Cyndy's career now takes her to Washington State, I am proud to honor the determination and legacy that she leaves with Steamboat's school system.

Cyndy accepted the school district Assistant Superintendent position shortly after arriving in Steamboat Springs in 1983. She revolutionized many aspects of the Steamboat Springs School District in that position as well as in her subsequent service as Superintendent. With her consensus model of decision-making, Cyndy forged a relationship between the school district and the community which remains strong today. The school district has come a long way under Cyndy's stewardship. Cyndy cherished her position as Superintendent and the opportunity it gave her to impact so many students' lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to express my admiration for Cyndy Simms and her service and devotion to the students of Steamboat. Individuals like Cyndy personify the dedication and commitment necessary to impart strong values

to future generations and allow them the opportunity to succeed. Thank you, Cyndy, for your dedication and selfless public service. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail incorporates the very best of what the great State of New Jersey has to offer the rest of the Nation. Established by Congress in 1988, the Trail unifies New Jersey's many scenic points of interest. These points of interest include a wealth of environmental, historic, maritime and recreational sights found along New Jersey's coastline, stretching 300 miles from Perth Amboy to the north, Cape May in the extreme southern tip of the State and Deepwater to the west.

The Trail's area includes three National Wildlife Refuges, four tributaries of a Wild and Scenic River system, a Civil War fort and National cemetery, several lighthouses, historic homes, and other sites tied to southern New Jersey's maritime history. Through a network of themes and destinations, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail connects people with places of historic, recreational, environmental and maritime interest.

One exciting aspect of the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route is its focus on maritime history. There is a rich story to be told about the industries once sustained by the Delaware Bay, such as whaling, shipbuilding, oystering and crabbing. While we often define our Nation's history through military or political milestones, the Trail will serve to remind visitors that maritime-dependent commerce was a major factor in the growth of the United States.

"Eco-tourism" along the Coastal Heritage Trail has proven to be a huge success. There is an abundant variety of natural habitats and species to be found on the Trail. Whale and dolphin watching have become extremely popular, and bird lovers from throughout the country, and in fact around the world, are realizing what Southern New Jersey residents have known all along: our region is unmatched for observing migratory birds, ospreys and bald eagles.

Today, I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route. This legislation would extend the authorization of the Trail to provide an additional \$4 million over 5 years to continue the work began in 1988. It would also initiate a Strategic Plan which would explore opportunities to increase participation by national and local private and public interests, as well as organizational options for sustaining the Trail.

The New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail has helped New Jersey residents develop pride, awareness, experience with, and understanding of our coastal resources and its history. This reauthorization will allow the Trail to continue and flourish.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation.

HONORING CECIL TACKETT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a true American hero and dedicated father from my district, Cecil Tackett of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. An active member of the Colorado community, Cecil was recently selected as this year's Marshal of the "Our American Heroes" Fourth of July parade. I would like to join the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and the local community in honoring Cecil's service and recognizing this distinct honor.

Cecil was an obvious choice as Marshal of the parade, as he gallantly served to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. Cecil joined the Army Air Corps before the attack on Pearl Harbor and earned his pilot's wings as a Second Lieutenant. In 1944, Cecil was stationed on Saipan Island and was responsible for conducting bombing missions throughout Japanese territory. These missions would often last 14 to 18 hours, demanding the most from both pilot and crew. It was on one of these missions when Cecil's plane, the Pride of the Yankees, lost two engines, nearly crashing over Japan. Cecil took control and landed his aircraft and its crew safely in Saipan over eight tense hours later.

After the war, Cecil completed his degree at Kansas State University and went on to help build dams in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He moved to Pagosa Springs in 1963 and quickly became an active community member. Cecil served on the Pagosa Springs Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors at Citizens Bank, and currently serves the San Juan Water Conservancy District, helping restore the Lower Blanco River.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring attention to Cecil's heroic and dutiful service. Recognition for the sacrifice he made for this country is long overdue, and I am proud to bring Cecil Tackett's achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Thank you again Cecil, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Pagosa Springs and the State of Colorado. May you have many more to come!

TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE GLENNON AND THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to honor my constituent, Catherine Glennon, for the contributions that she has made to the field of oncology nursing. Catherine has dedicated her career to individuals with cancer and their families, and she is currently the Oncology Services Health Center Administrator at the Private Diagnostic Clinic at Duke University Medical Center.

Catherine has been a member of the Oncology Nursing Society since 1976 and recently stepped down from serving on the Board of Directors. The Oncology Nursing Society, the