

rock structures, and by several rare plant populations that are indigenous to the area. This area is also recognized for its high density of cultural and archeological sites, including sites that have religious significance to Pueblo Indians. Many paleontological specimens have been found in the area, and large areas of exposed dinosaur bones are currently visible on the surface of the land. As such, the area is a veritable outdoor classroom for people of all ages.

This legislation has special significance to the Pueblo of Zia. The Pueblo's reservation lands currently lie in 2 noncontiguous sections. Zia has made a concerted effort over many years to adjoin its reservation lands by acquiring adjacent parcels of land. This legislation will help make this longstanding goal a reality.

To facilitate the acquisition of this land, the Pueblo has worked in cooperation with other interested parties and the environmental community to reach a mutually satisfactory arrangement for protection of these important wildlands and to assure that the lands will be open to the general public. As part of the agreement, the Pueblo has developed a series of proposed conservation measures for the acquired lands including a requirement to manage the land as open space; a guarantee of continued public access to the lands for scientific, recreational, and educational purposes; a strict limitation on road vehicle use; and a ban on commercial development within the designated area.

It is important to stress that all lands acquired by the Pueblo of Zia will be preserved as undeveloped open space with continued public access. Members of the public will have access to the acquired land for recreational, scientific, and educational uses, and for access to the Wilderness Area over existing roads. The legislation would prohibit new roads, buildings, mineral and oil and gas extraction, and ATV use. Therefore, the combined Zia acquisition and establishment of the Ojito Wilderness will enable approximately twice as much land to be protected than the establishment of the Wilderness Area alone.

The Pueblo of Zia has waited many years to link the portions of its reservation lands that are separated by the Ojito Wilderness Study Area. The proposed land acquisition is the result of collaborative effort of many to assure that these important lands are protected forever. And, in an additional gesture of good faith, the Pueblo has waived its sovereign immunity from suit for matters arising under the provisions of this bill.

Considering the above, I believe it is time to ensure the preservation, protection, and public access to this special area of New Mexico for future generations of Americans to enjoy forever. It is my pleasure to help facilitate this process, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY PRICE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding student from my district. Anthony Price, a recent graduate of Centen-

nial High School, was recently named the National Champion for Computer Applications by the Future Business Leaders of America. I am honored to pay tribute to the many accomplishments of this young Coloradan here today.

Anthony set a goal for himself and he worked hard to achieve that goal. After an impressive fourth place finish in the Future Business Leaders of America competition last year, Anthony decided that this year he was going to win. He studied hard and never gave up on that goal. Anthony's efforts paid off when he won not only the Colorado competition, but the national competition as well.

I know that Anthony will make good use of the lessons he has learned as he goes on to study business management at Johnson and Wales University in Denver. With his drive and determination, Anthony is sure to excel at whatever he puts his mind to.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Price exemplifies how, with hard work, determination, and perseverance, any goal is attainable. Anthony has a bright future ahead of him, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in congratulating him on his accomplishments thus far. Good luck, Anthony.

COMMENDING PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the people and government of Taiwan for their democratic achievements, their economic accomplishments, and their significant advances in healthcare, the sciences, business, and many other fields.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT M. LYNCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Robert M. Lynch, the patriarch of one of California's premier publishing dynasties. Mr. Lynch passed away Sunday, September 21, 2003 in Sonoma, California with his family at his side.

Bob Lynch was a treasure to our community and to his family. He was an old time newspaperman in the very best sense, who used the pages of the Sonoma Index Tribune to make his hometown a better place. There was nothing he relished more than crusading for the passage of a school bond measure, building new ball fields, constructing the senior center, the swimming pool at the high school or the boys and girls club. It was a role he played for 57 years.

Bob's grandfather was editor and publisher of the Index Tribune from 1884–1915. His aunt Celeste took the reigns after that and Bob joined his aunt in Sonoma after graduation from high school.

It was during this period that the newspaper business got into his blood but his plans were

interrupted when he answered his country's call at the outset of World War II. Bob joined the Navy and spent 4 years in service away from his new bride, Jean and his beloved newspaper.

Bob and Jean purchased the Index Tribune in 1946. During those early years, Bob did it all. He was the editor, publisher, reporter, photographer and even covered all the sports and society events.

The paper flourished and grew under Bob's stewardship. One of his proudest moments was when his three sons joined the family business. This moment was only surpassed this year when two grandsons came on board.

Though officially semi-retired, he still wrote a weekly column and all of the obituaries because he knew everybody in town.

His newspaper won numerous State and national awards during his 57 years at the helm. He was also recognized by his peers on many occasions, most notably as the California Press Association's Newspaper Person of the Year for 1989, the California Press Association's Philip N. McCombs Achievement Award winner for 2003 and as one of the first three people inducted into the Sonoma County Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Lynch has had a long and distinguished career in journalism and it is appropriate that we honor him today. He has made his community a better place in which to live and has passed on his passion for the newspaper business to his sons and his grandsons. He leaves his wife of nearly 62 years, his sons, six grandchildren, two step grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He will be missed but his memory will live on forever in the pages of the Index Tribune.

IN HONOR OF PETER TROXELL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter Troxell on his recent retirement as the station manager at KUSP. For 10 years he has run this Santa Cruz-based community radio station, making changes and improvements, and never forgetting the people whom it serves.

When Peter took over as the station manager in 1993, KUSP was in serious debt and he had some hard decisions to make. While he may not have always done what was popular, he managed to bring the station out of debt within a year, and used the new money to make some much-needed improvements. KUSP doubled the number of signal translators, and added another station, KBDH in San Ardo, so that today their signal is reached in 5 counties. Last year the station underwent a major remodeling, making the space professional and comfortable.

Peter's first commitment at KUSP has always been to his employees. He trusts in their abilities and works with them to foster their talents. The many employees and volunteers at KUSP regard Peter as a father figure whom they can depend on and trust. He takes this commitment seriously and understands that the station cannot function without its dedicated employees. This is a welcome change from many businesses that see employees as the first to go when times are tough.