

been measured in the billions. Forest fires burned thousands of acres, left hundreds homeless and several dead. Sadly, thousands lost their lives as a result of dehydration, fever and other heat-related illness. In France alone, more than ten thousand people lost their lives.

Citizens of Europe have not hesitated to bow their heads and join us in grief during times of tragedy, especially to remember the terrible events of September 11, 2001. Let us take a moment to express our sympathies and share in the grief of the family and friends of those who succumbed during Europe's recent human tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO LENEXA, KANSAS,
MASONIC LODGE #135

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, like all Members of this House, I commute to Washington for my work in the House of Representatives. I live in Lenexa, Kansas, and it is my honor to rise today on behalf of my home town and my congressional district, to recognize the Lenexa, Kansas, Masonic Lodge, #135, on the 130th anniversary of its founding, which is upcoming on October 15th.

A document compiled by Lenexa Historical Society member and current Masonic lodge member Angelo Mino, based on articles by Henry D. Gillette and Joseph R. Wilson, reveals that the history of this lodge is intertwined with the history of Lenexa. In reading the history of this, the very first fraternal or civic organization of Lenexa, I learned much about Lenexa's history.

The City of Lenexa was platted in 1869, and the first Masonic Lodge meeting was held the very next year, in 1870. The Lenexa lodge received official recognition from the Masonic organization on October 15, 1873. The earliest leaders of the lodge were also the early leaders of Lenexa. Members of this Masonic Lodge include the first mayor of Lenexa, the first police judge, the first postmaster, and the first city physician. This tradition of community service has continued to today.

The first Eastern Star chapter associated with the Masonic Lodge was also established in 1873. After the lodge building burned down in 1877, the Eastern Star chapter was not reconstituted until 1919 when the ADDA Chapter was formed.

In 1922, the first DeMolay group in Johnson County, Kansas, received its charter. The Lenexa Lodge has sponsored this chapter since 1994. In 1953, the Rainbow Girls Assembly #56 of Lenexa began.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of the Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135 on this remarkable anniversary, and thank them for 130 years of community leadership and service. I hope that their lodge will continue to flourish and serve our community for this century and beyond.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BOB G. CARTER

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Carter for receiving the 2003 Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award. To know Bob Carter is to respect him. He is a public servant, a leader, a statesman and a friend.

Bob and his wife, Glenda, moved to Lovington, New Mexico in 1971 and have been an instrumental part of the community. He held the job of Lovington economic development director before becoming assistant city manager, and then city manager. In 1992, Bob was named citizen of the year by both the Board of Realtors and the Lovington Chamber of Commerce.

Bob now works for the good people of Southern New Mexico as the District Outreach Director in my office. He travels the entire district listening to the concerns and the visions of my constituents. Thanks to his background and expertise in city government, he works especially hard to facilitate economic development opportunities in Southern New Mexico.

Bob has left his trademark on our communities for his love of God, family, state and country. I thank him for his services and for his dedication to making life better for the people of Southern New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing and congratulating Bob Carter, a remarkable man who has selflessly served his community and fellowman. God Bless him and his family.

IN PRAISE OF MOTHER TERESA

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I cannot hope to give fitting praise to Mother Teresa's impeccable legacy of generosity and selflessness on the occasion of her beatification by Pope John Paul II. Reflecting on her Christ-like attitude and example of loving charity, I share feelings of awe and deep respect with so many others who can't help but venerate this heroic woman.

I had the great honor of attending Mother Teresa's funeral in Calcutta, her adopted home and base of her own order, Missionaries of Charity. Representing the U.S. Congress on this occasion, I was once again humbled by her devotion to some of the world's most destitute citizens. Not only did this "angel of mercy" ease the physical horrors of so many hopeless people, she treated them as God's own children, leaving a global impression with her hands-on determination.

While Mother Teresa's impact was always felt by the impoverished in India, her inspirational spirit infused charitable objectives and even public policy on an international scale. She aided victims of war and tragedy in every circumstance, from those dying of AIDS in New York to the desperate in Beirut and Palestine. Ever-mindful of the sanctity of even un-

born human life, the good nun is known for asserting that "a child is a gift from God. If you do not want him, give him to me." As Pope John Paul II prepares to beatify this truly virtuous woman, I pray that her fearless displays of unconditional love and charity may forever encourage us all.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to The National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park, Colorado. This outstanding internationally recognized recreational program in my district has been serving people with disabilities more than thirty years.

Founded in January, 1970 by The Winter Park Ski Resort ski school to teach skiing to amputees from The Children's Hospital in Denver, this now year-round recreational program has now served over 48,000 persons with a range of disabilities.

Blind, paraplegic, cancer, stroke, amputees, deaf and cerebral palsy children and adults from across the country participate in skiing, mountain climbing, hiking, horseback riding, golfing, rafting and fishing in the beautiful Fraser Valley of Colorado.

Recreational and competitive programs prepare disabled athletes for this range of mountain sport activities to develop confidence and self-esteem in an athletic environment long thought to be inaccessible to disabled members of society.

The Sports Center's competitive programs groom elite-level skiers for regional, national and international competition. Winter Park's Disabled Ski Team competed in the 2002 Paralympics in Salt Lake City, winning over 20 medals in competition.

In 1992, a therapeutic riding center, run by volunteers, was established to give participants riding lessons, training riders in the care, grooming and health of horses. The Center also provides a fully accessible camping experience for disabled campers and their families. This outdoor experience is offered on a first come, first serve basis and is completely free.

Through a partnership with The Metropolitan State College of Denver, the Center is creating a virtual reality skiing experience on the internet to help the disabled overcome the fear of the unknown and work toward participating in the many athletic programs available at Winter Park.

Through the generous support of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, the Denver Broncos Charities Fund, Barbara and Joseph Glaser Scholarships, and the NSCD's Sponsor an Athlete Scholarship fund, athletes from around the country are selected to come to Colorado. Scholarships are awarded based on need and athletic commitment.

Widely considered the largest and most successful outdoor therapeutic recreation agency in the world, each year thousands of children and adults with disabilities come to our magnificent state to learn they, too, can enjoy the mountains, trails, golf courses and streams

that the Rocky Mountains offers our nation and the world.

Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West is proud to be the home to The National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park, created and maintained to give individuals with mental or physical disabilities superb summer and winter sports programs to learn about a variety of sports and themselves.

DALLAS TEXANS '85 GIRLS RED
SOCCER TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team on winning the 2003 United States Youth Soccer Association Girls Under-18 National Championship on July 27, 2003 in Germantown, Maryland.

The team was formed in the fall of 1995 and includes members from cities throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Over the past eight years of its existence, the team has won numerous nationally recognized tournaments including State Championships in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2002, and Regional Championships in 1999 and 2000. They qualified this year for the National Championship by winning the State Championship and then winning the Regional Tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are to be commended for their dedication and achievements. I believe the Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team has represented North Texas very well.

Once again, I want to express my congratulations to Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team on a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO NORA KATHERINE
DWIRE

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 the memory of an outstanding woman from my district. Nora Dwire of New Castle, Colorado leaves behind a large family and a grateful community. It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today to honor her remarkable life.

Nora lived in the New Castle area her entire life and was an active member of her community. She spent most of her professional career as a columnist for the local newspaper and dedicated a great deal of time to various volunteer and community organizations. Her volunteer activities centered around helping the elderly and women's groups such as the Ladies Aid and Senior Meals. Nora was also involved with her church, Women's Club, and Community Recreational Council. Nora leaves behind a large family consisting of a daughter, two sons, many great-grandchildren, and even a great-great-grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you today to remember the life of such a caring and compassionate citizen. Nora's gen-

erous spirit will truly be missed in her community, though I know that spirit will live on through the lives she touched. As her family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to recognize the devoted life Nora lived. She will truly be missed.

IN MEMORY OF TYLER MATTHEW
PINCHOT

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tyler Matthew Pinchot, a 23-year veteran of the Buena Park Police Department.

He was a motorcycle officer and on June 13, 2003, Mr. Pinchot was struck by a car from behind, during a traffic pursuit. His condition had deteriorated rapidly recently, and on Sunday, September 21, he passed away.

Mr. Pinchot was raised in Garden Grove and Orange, and graduated from Golden West College's police program in 1979. Mr. Pinchot won the Officer of the Year Award two years in a row, in 1991 and 1992. He also was a Special Weapons and Tactics team member, Explorer Post adviser, station-house Santa Claus, unofficial department photographer and a tactical officer at Fullerton College's police reserve academy.

It is through the hard work of law enforcement officers like Mr. Pinchot that our communities stay safe and secure. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to one of California's finest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "GOVERNMENT
NETWORK SECURITY ACT
OF 2003"

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today Congressman HENRY WAXMAN and I are introducing the "Government Network Security Act of 2003." This bill closes a loophole in the Federal Government's efforts to protect the security and privacy of its computers. It requires Federal departments and agencies to take steps to protect government computers and information from the risks posed by the use of peer-to-peer file sharing programs. Peer-to-peer file sharing programs are Internet applications that allow users to download and directly share electronic files from other users on the same network. These programs are surging in popularity with millions of people trading music, images and documents over these networks at any given time.

While most of the news coverage on file sharing focuses on the ability of users to illegally trade copyrighted music, movies, and videos, another less publicized dark side to this technology is the risk it poses to the security of computers and the privacy of electronic information. Few people recognize these risks. At a hearing held by the Committee on Government Reform in May, Members learned about the privacy and security risks created by

these programs. Through a couple of simple searches on one file sharing program, Committee staff easily obtained tax returns, medical records, and confidential legal documents, and business files. Using these programs is similar to giving a complete stranger access to your personal file cabinet.

Needless to say, file sharing programs creates a number of risks for Federal departments and agencies if they are installed on government computers. The Federal Government uses and stores a wide variety of classified and sensitive information, including information vital to national security, defense, law enforcement, economic markets, public health, and the environment. Government computers also contain personal and financial information of U.S. citizens and businesses. Installing these programs on government computers can expose this sensitive information to the public. It also creates the potential for the spread of viruses, worms, and other malicious computer files. The files downloaded using file sharing programs can also consume valuable network resources, which could result in a degradation of network performance.

Both the House of Representatives and Senate have successfully addressed these risks through both technical and non-technical means including firewalls and employee training. This legislation would require the Executive Branch to take similar steps to protect its computers.

File sharing technology is not inherently bad, and it may turn out to have a variety of beneficial applications. However, as our committee has learned, this technology can create serious risks for users. This bill takes a common sense approach to protect the computers and networks of the Federal Government and the valuable information they contain.

HONORING TOMMY REDER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame to honor Mr. Tommy Reder of Bay City, Michigan for his musical contributions to the Polka music industry. On October 5, 2003 Mr. Tommy Reder will be inducted into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame.

Tommy Reder was born in Bay City, Michigan on February 2, 1939 to Louis and Frances Reder. He graduated from St. Stanislaus School. In 1962, he graduated from Central Michigan University. Tommy adapted a love for music at an early age. In 1947 at the age of 8, Tommy was awarded first chair in the clarinet section of the St. Stanislaus school band. By fifth grade Tommy had mastered the saxophone and began playing at various social events. His first major performance was with the Ted Dzrewicki Orchestra; it was with this group that Tommy was able to sharpen his vocal, music writing and arranging skills. In 1963 Tommy assumed leadership of the Tommy K'Orchestra, which was later renamed the Polka Towners Orchestra. The group performed at Polka Festivals throughout the country, and was the sponsor of the Polka tours to Hawaii, Toronto, Seven Springs,