

have allowed funding for state programs to expire. Since that time, it has become obvious that the world of technology is continuously changing. Policy makers have learned over the last decade that responsible technology-related legislation must be more enduring. I am so proud to have been a part of this House-passed legislation, which ends sunsets and provides a permanent funding stream for these state programs.

I look forward to our continued work together to develop new ways to break down barriers to technology for all people with disabilities.

JAKE WILLHITE'S 10TH ANNUAL
FLAG DAY PARTY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th annual Flag Day Party hosted each year by Jake Willhite of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jake has been celebrating and honoring Flag Day with his family and friends for most of his life now and has inspired many of us to have a greater appreciation for our flag and its meaning. It is significant to note that someone so young can teach us so much.

Jake's parents, Bill and Shannon Willhite send out an annual invitation to Jake's party. This is what this year's invitation had to say: Jake's 10th annual Flag Day Party

"When Jacob's party began in June of 1995, he carried his flag everywhere. His patriotism was alive. Carrying the flag was Jacob's own way of showing us all that June 14th was its day. Since that first party, friends and family have come through when it's time to celebrate the red, white and blue. So come join us again. The years go by fast. We're ready to celebrate with Jacob's 10th Annual blast."

According to Bill and Shannon, a great time was had by all of Jake's friends and family members including his sisters Samantha and Kennedy.

Jake, we want to thank you for reminding us how important our flag is.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD STATEMENT ON CALPINE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize and congratulate one of my hometown companies for achieving a milestone this month—the celebration of their 20th Anniversary. An energy industry entrepreneur, Pete Cartwright, along with four associates, founded Calpine Corporation, headquartered in San Jose, CA, 20 years ago. They began their business of building power plants and producing electricity by buying one megawatt of power in a geothermal power plant in Northern California. Today, Calpine has 30,000 megawatts of power plants in operation and

construction (enough to power approximately 30 million homes), they operate the largest fleet of modern, environmentally sensitive gas-fired power plants in North America, and they oversee significant natural gas production, and are the world's largest producer of renewable geothermal energy.

While this is a remarkable achievement in an industry that has seen more than its share of turmoil and change over the last 20 years, Calpine has created a successful business while, at the same time, serving as the leading industry steward of the environment, acting as a good corporate citizen, and maintaining a rewarding workplace for its employees.

Let me give you some recent examples of the recognition Calpine has received for these achievements:

Fortune Magazine named Calpine "America's Most Respected Energy Company" in 2004.

The American Lung Association of the Bay Area selected Calpine to receive its 2004 Clean Air Award for Technology Development at its Geysers geothermal operation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy awarded Calpine a 2003 ENERGY STAR Combined Heat and Power Award recognizing its Deer Park Energy Center for "leadership in energy supply" for using 30 percent less fuel than onsite thermal generation and purchased electricity.

The California Department of Conservation recognized Calpine's Geysers geothermal operations with an award for environmental stewardship, safety, infrastructure maintenance and resource conservation for the last two years.

The New York League of Conservation Voters just presented Calpine and its Chairman, Pete Cartwright, with its Clean Air Champion's Award for their outstanding leadership on behalf of New York's environment.

The University of Colorado's Tim Wirth Chair on Environmental and Community Development selected Calpine to receive its Award for Sustainable Business for their leadership in producing electricity in an environmentally responsible manner.

Calpine Corporation has exhibited leadership in California on corporate responsibility by taking decisive action during the state's energy crisis to keep their power plants operating even in the face of financial loss due to the high cost of fuel. Despite the uncertainty about California's future design of its energy markets, Calpine has continued to invest in the state. Calpine has already invested \$5 billion and employs over 1000 workers to operate 39 power plants in California and is committed to investing another \$3 billion to meet the growing demand for power in the state.

Calpine has exhibited environmental leadership by adopting a unanimous board resolution committing the company to a low carbon future, by joining the California Climate Registry and the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group's Voluntary Global Warming Initiative, by building only low-emitting gas-fired power plants using state-of-the-art pollution control equipment, and by being the world's leading producer of renewable geothermal energy and the country's largest producer of cogenerated power.

Finally, Calpine is a leader in community service with a long history of partnering with community organizations, as well as funding community and educational programs that seek to change lives and strengthen the fabric

of our society. Calpine also supports the generous volunteerism of its employees and encourages them to take active roles in their communities making them even better places to live and work.

I want to congratulate Calpine Corporation and its Chairman, Pete Cartwright, for the wisdom of choosing California as its major place of business, for continuing to invest in California, for showing leadership in the areas of the environment, corporate responsibility, and community service and for successfully reaching this milestone anniversary.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
LAWRENCE R. ADAIR, UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S.
ARMY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great patriot, soldier and fellow New Yorker, Major General Lawrence Richard Adair. General Adair is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service in the United States Army.

After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, the Larchmont, NY, resident entered the Army in 1974, with a commission as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

He held numerous commands and staff assignments in both the Federal Republic of Germany and the continental United States, and led soldiers into combat as a Battalion Commander during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Following successful tours as the Commander, Division Artillery, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Commanding General/Assistant Commandant, United States Army Field Artillery Center and School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Commanding General, United States Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia, Major General Adair assumed the role of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-1. This critical part of the Army works on a wide variety of personnel issues affecting the Army's functioning.

In this capacity, his dynamic human resource vision has been absolutely critical in transforming the Army for its continuing global war on terrorism. For the past two years, he has served as the principal advisor to the Army G-1 and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) in managing our most important resource—people. Major General Adair's influence has been far-reaching and strategic. One of the greatest challenges the Army G-1 has faced in recent memory has been to restructure the Army to better support the war on terrorism. A common sense approach to this difficult and complex human resource challenge was his hallmark. He provided leadership and guidance in efficiently activating a new system that supports commanders in the field with units rather than individual replacements. Major General Adair has also worked extensively with officials throughout the Army in order to determine the best way to take care of soldiers and their families. One example is the implementation of the Rest and Recuperation Program in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, deployed soldiers have