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In the aftermath of our Nation's tragedy, the American people wanted to know how we could help the families of the victims. Their response was to seek independent investigation of what led up to the attack on our country. We owe it to them and to our entire Nation to implement the unanimous recommendations of the bipartisan Commission to protect the American people and our national security. We can do nothing less.

GOOD LUCK TO NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COFFEE GROWERS OF COLOMBIA WITH JUAN VALDEZ COFFEE SHOPS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, during the 1960s, I lived and worked in Colombia as a Peace Corps Volunteer. I was able to see first hand the resilience, business savvy and general gumption of the Colombian people. One of the sectors in Colombia that exemplifies the strength of Colombians is the Colombian cafeteros, or coffee farmers. Despite the roller coaster that is the world market of coffee prices, Colombian cafeteros have managed to excel and continue to produce the best coffee beans in the world. Decades ago, Colombian farmers joined together and formed the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia—a farmer owned and controlled organization that has worked tirelessly to improve the livelihoods of Colombian cafeteros.

In the 1980s the Federation recognized the importance of marketing and created, what is now a pop icon, the Juan Valdez logo. Today, I would like to applaud the Colombian Coffee Federation for reinvigorating the Juan Valdez logo by opening up the first Washington, DC branch of Juan Valdez coffee shop, located in the Washington headquarters of the Organization of American States building. Selling directly to consumers will help the Colombian farmers earn more for the quality beans that they produce and help increase the standard of living of the cafeteros. Again, I would like to send a special "felicidades" to the Federation for their work on behalf of Colombian cafeteros and wish them the best of luck with the Juan Valdez coffee shops.

IN HONOR OF ANDY MONTANEZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and welcome of Andy Montanez, premier singer from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. For nearly 40 years, the salsa sound of Mr. Montanez has garnered countless fans in Cleveland, Ohio and around the world.

His love for music and exceptional voice was the driving force behind the immensely successful band, El Gran Combo. During the 15 years they played together, El Gran Combo recorded 37 LPs that included several hit sin-

gles. Mr. Montanez retired from El Gran Combo to pursue an international career. He joined the Venezuelan band, La Dimension Latina, one of the most popular orchestra's in Venezuela. His collaboration with La Dimension also produced several LPs and hit songs.

Today, Mr. Montanez continues to compose, play, record and tour with some of the finest Latin musicians around, including his grown children. His talent and enthusiasm continues to inspire and entertain fans located across the globe, yet connected through the universal language of music.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of salsa legend and premier Latin singer, Andy Montanez. His rich and powerful voice continues to uplift our spirits and nourish our souls—here in Cleveland, throughout Puerto Rico and around the world. Let the song begin!

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH IN HONOR OF MADISON AINSLEY KNAPP

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of Madison Ainsley Knapp, born born September 10, 2004. She weighed 7.6 pounds and is 18¾ inches. Madison was born to my Legislative Director Alan Knapp and his wife Jennifer Knapp. Madison was also welcomed into this world by grandparents Larry and Carol Knapp of St. Joseph, Michigan and Virginia McNees of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Madison is fortunate to be born to such a great family. We welcome Madison to the world with open arms and congratulate her parents and grandparents on the occasion of her birth.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEISURE WORLD—LAGUNA WOODS

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Leisure World in Laguna Woods, California. It was on September 10, 1964 that the first residents moved into Leisure World, a private community designed especially for active, retired seniors. Within a mere three years, the community had grown to a population of 10,000, making it one of our country's earliest and largest age restricted developments.

Today, Leisure World is home to nearly 18,000 residents who enjoy a variety of housing options and social services, an abundance of recreational activities and organizations, and an exceptionally warm and welcoming community. Nestled in the rolling hills of South Orange County, Leisure World existed as an unincorporated part of the county for more than three decades. In 1999, the community made history when its residents voted for cityhood and the area officially became part of

Laguna Woods, America's first and only age-restricted city.

I had the pleasure of getting to know the residents of Leisure World when I was first running for Congress in 1988. And, for the past sixteen years, it has been a true honor to represent this unique and thriving community. In my experience, Leisure World residents are among the most politically aware and active of my constituency. Local political clubs have included me in hundreds of roundtable discussions, candidate debates, and "Get-Out-The-Vote" events. Leisure World TV has interviewed me on numerous occasions for its local cable show, and the community newsletter has welcomed my columns.

Most importantly, individual residents are always willing to share their informed opinions and suggestions on nearly any issue. Because of their insight, I have authored laws to reduce death taxes for seniors living in communities such as Leisure World, and to ease federal regulations that sought to outlaw age-restricted communities. I truly value my relationship with Leisure World, and I appreciate the opportunity to carry legislation on behalf of this community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere honor to ask the Congress of the United States of America to join me in congratulating Leisure World-Laguna Woods on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

REMEMBERING FIRST LIEUTENANT RONALD WINCHESTER

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the 4th Congressional district of New York in remembrance of First Lieutenant Ronald Winchester, from Rockville Center, of the United States Marine Corps. I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Robert's friends and family, especially his parents Ronald and Marianna. Lt. Winchester was killed in the line of duty while heroically serving his country during Operation Iraqi freedom.

Ronald graduated from Chaminade High School in Mineola where he was a star on the football team. That did not change upon his arrival at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He was a star offensive lineman during the 1999 and 2000 seasons when he had some memorable games against Army and his friend Doug Larsen.

Ronald had a profound love and dedication for his family and country. People could see this and were drawn to Ronald's outgoing nature. Ronald had an infectious personality and was a natural leader. It was easy for his peers, whether on the football field or the battlefield, to respect and admire him.

It is always sad when a person, such as Ronald, is taken from us. He will be missed but not forgotten. I ask people to remember Ronald and all of the other men and women we have lost. We must also pray for those still fighting for the ideals, rights and freedoms Ronald held deeply.