

Congress where she worked until the spring of 1993.

It was at this time, when I was just starting my first term in Congress, that Lynda came to my staff. Her expertise and vast knowledge of education policy have been invaluable to me as a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee. She has worked on legislation including the Child Nutrition Act, the School Breakfast Pilot program, Headstart, The Balancing Act, and welfare programs to name a few. I would also like to honor her for helping to create the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Children and Families. She was instrumental in helping me make this important Caucus a reality and give a voice in Congress to those who need it most.

After so many years of dedicated service, it will certainly be difficult to see Lynda go. She has not only been a resource to myself and other Members of Congress, but also a mentor to a countless number of staff members. I wish her well as she moves on to a new phase of her life. With one grandchild, Brady, and another on the way, she will undoubtedly be as busy and hardworking in retirement as she was on the Hill. I can say without hesitation, that Members of Congress and staff alike will certainly miss her.

Mr. Speaker, Lynda Theil is the role model for what every staff member should be; dedicated, hardworking, caring, and devoted. Her presence will be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you, congratulations, and best wishes, Lynda.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONALD  
BROTZMAN

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 4, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the passing of Congressman Donald Brotzman. Donald, the former representative for Colorado's Second Congressional District recently passed away at the age of eighty-two after battling cancer. He was known for his warmth, integrity and abiding sense of professionalism. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Donald and pay tribute to him for his contributions to the state of Colorado and this Nation.

Donald was born in 1922 in Logan County where he was a tenor saxophonist and three-sport athlete at Sterling High School. He went to school at the University of Colorado on a football scholarship in 1939, only to postpone his studies to serve his country as an Army officer during World War II. After the war, Donald married Louise Reed and returned to the University of Colorado to earn his business and law degrees.

Donald began working as a lawyer in Boulder in 1950, and was elected later that same year to the Colorado House of Representatives. He was a dynamic legislator who reflected strong Western values and a compassionate heart. Donald would go on to serve in the State Senate where he was named the outstanding freshman member, an honor he also enjoyed from his time in the State House. He was appointed as the Colorado U.S. attorney in 1959 and just two years later, he was

elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where fellow lawmakers named him president of the Republican freshman class. Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong referred to Donald as a trailblazer in politics, and a man of great integrity and principle.

After Donald left politics, he worked in the Government Relations department at the Rubber Manufacturers Association before retiring in 1989. When Louise died in 1995, Donald remarried, and is survived by his wife Gwendolyn, a brother, daughter, and son, in addition to a stepson and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the loss of Congressman Donald Brotzman, though we take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed by the legacy of dedication that Donald has left with us. I am honored to pay tribute to such a devoted public servant, one who has given many years in service to the state of Colorado and Nation. I know that many throughout our state who had the chance to benefit from his experience and dedication will miss Donald Brotzman. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time of bereavement.

MINGO JOB CORPS CIVILIAN  
CONSERVATION CENTER

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 4, 2004*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, the Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center was established in 1965 and is located on the southeastern corner of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Over 224 corps members participate in the program at Mingo at any one time. They can see daily what many people travel miles to observe on a National Wildlife Refuge. They are working to make a special effort to provide vocational work sites for training, as well as placement in permanent jobs, not just at Mingo, but on other facilities within the region.

In a residential setting, students are given the opportunity to complete their secondary education, round out their social skills, and acquire a vocational skill. Vocational training is offered in the following trades at Mingo: automotive repair, building maintenance, brick-laying, carpentry, heavy equipment operation, painting, welding, clerical, culinary arts, and health services.

With an audience of over 200 young people in residence for over a year on a National Wildlife Refuge, the Center is taking advantage of the opportunity to expose them to environmental awareness concepts in the education, vocational training, and residential living programs. The Center is a unique mix of human resources and natural resource management.

The Mingo Job Corps Center, located in Puxico, Missouri, has become a critical part of the economy in Southeast Missouri. I first want to brag on the work the Center has done and give a little background on the work they do to better the community and the lives of those they serve. The Center has been crucial in providing the young people in Southeast Missouri many opportunities that they would not otherwise have available to them. The lack of viable economic opportunities in the area is staggering, and, as a result, many people in

the area have to rely on government assistance to make ends meet.

The Mingo Job Corps Center is the one place these people can go to develop the critical skills needed to enter the workforce. While some of the students at the Center are what we commonly refer to as being "at-risk," the Job Corps program has allowed these young men and women to make a life for themselves and succeed. Additionally, the surrounding community has benefitted from the work of the Center because, upon graduation, the students are able to give back to the community with the skills they have learned.

Last year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that they did not have the budget to adequately operate the Center. As a result, the Department of Labor recommended that the operations of the Center be contracted out. I completely opposed the proposal to contract out the operations at the Mingo Job Corps Center.

In response to the announcement to contract out operations Senator BOND and I introduced legislation to transfer the Mingo Center to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. By adding the Mingo Job Corps Center to the list of U.S. Forest Service-run facilities, we will protect the livelihood of the students and employees served by the Center and ensure that the facility will continue to be operated by an experienced and dedicated staff. Most importantly, the skilled workers who graduate from the Center will continue to add to the dedicated workforce and contribute to the health of the rural economy.

I am very proud to bring this legislation to the House of Representatives for a vote today, because it represents an important initiative in rural Missouri. Our job training programs are vital to our economic success now and in the future. Keeping the Mingo Center open and operating is a small, but important way to acknowledge our commitment to a dedicated workforce.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND  
TETREAUULT

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 4, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Raymond Tetreault, a dedicated gardener from Delta, Colorado. Raymond is responsible for creating beautiful landscapes and scenic floral displays throughout the streets of Delta and I would like to join my colleagues here today before this body of Congress and this nation in recognizing his service to the Delta community.

Raymond grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts and moved to Colorado to look for work in 1976. He loved gardening as a child and took related classes from Front Range Community College before working fourteen years at the Pinehurst Country Club. After Pinehurst Raymond, who identifies himself as an amateur naturalist, became the Delta city gardener in 2003. Raymond prides himself on making sure that every flowerbed is a knockout. He insures that each flowerbed is comprised of a mix of annuals and perennials to produce colorful blooms all year round. His