

Docking said. Fleming signed the card with the question on it and sent it to the Dockings. Margaret Gilliland, of Arkansas City, and Meredith Docking were Chi Omega sorority sisters at KU in the 1940s. "She absolutely loved to play bridge," Gilliland said. "And as long as Bob was alive, she was definitely a Democrat."

Former Arkansas City state Rep. Jack Shriver joked that Meredith Docking kept her husband in line. "The whole time she was in politics, I don't think she made a single enemy, and that's saying a lot," Shriver said.

Kansas Democratic Party Chairman Larry Gates called her death a big loss to the state. "She was really one of the few left from that era," Gates said. "We are losing some really wonderful, colorful people."

Meredith Docking, however, didn't enjoy the limelight of politics, Bill Docking said. "She knew how important it was for several members of the family, and she was always supportive of their efforts, as she was supportive to all of her family," he said.

Memorial services for Meredith Docking will be 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church.

HONORING KATHRYN A. HEIN ON
HER RETIREMENT AFTER 27
YEARS OF DEDICATED FEDERAL
SERVICE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of the 108th Congress, my Chief of Staff and loyal friend, Kathy Hein, will be retiring from federal government service after a twenty-seven year career as a dedicated and distinguished public servant.

Growing up in DePere, Wisconsin, Kathy found political inspiration at an early age when in high school she volunteered to help Eugene McCarthy's efforts to win the Democratic nomination for President. Four years later, she volunteered again for George McGovern's campaign.

Graduating with a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, she began her professional political career managing Fr. Robert Cornell's successful congressional bid. After being employed in the office of Governor Pat Lucey and Governor Marty Schreiber, she moved to Washington D.C. to work in the congressional office of my late colleague, Representative Les Aspin.

Following the unexpected passing in 1984 of my predecessor, Representative Clem Zablocki, Kathy became an invaluable asset in my successful campaign to win the Wisconsin Fourth Congressional District Democratic Primary. Since that time she has shown tremendous dedication to me and the people of Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District. Whether it was responding to constituent requests, managing the office, or catering to my needs, over the last twenty years she has given her all to provide the best possible service to our constituents.

When Kathy is not working in the office, she can often be found at home creating culinary delicacies, and is especially famous for her amazing desserts which my staff and constituents have benefited from over the years. She has an abiding love for dogs, and has made

several wonderful canines part of her family over the years, the latest of which is her Josie. And she enjoys spending time with her loving husband of twenty-three years, Gordon Werner.

The great labor leader Walter Reuther once said, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and fellow Wisconsinites, my friend Kathryn A. Hein has "done it well." She heard the call to public service and responded with enthusiasm, commitment, and perseverance. Please join me in congratulating her on an illustrious career in federal service and wish her well as she embarks on new adventures.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDY
FAUTHEREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Andy Fautheree, a dedicated Veterans Service officer from Archuleta County, Colorado. He has made a difference in the lives of Colorado veterans and I have the privilege of standing before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize his impeccable record of service.

Andy began working for the veterans service three years ago, and in that short time has made numerous strides in improving the lives of veterans in Archuleta County. He has increased the number of enrolled veterans receiving compensation and pension claims from 750 to 1,300 and has streamlined many of the procedural hassles of paperwork by entering the data in computer programs that are now utilized throughout the state. Andy helps veterans to go after lost medals, acquire life and health insurance, education benefits, and income-based pensions. For his efforts Andy received the 2004 Outstanding Veterans Service Officer award from the Colorado Department of Veterans Affairs for his outstanding commitment and improved service to the veterans of Archuleta County.

Mr. Speaker, Andy Fautheree has shown an amazing dedication in helping Colorado's veterans. He has improved the lives of members of his community and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today. Keep up the good work Andy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO GLENN E. PORZAK

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Glenn Porzak, a world-renowned mountain climber who has remained an active climber and contributor to the climbing community even into his 50s. Glenn has not only excelled at the physically challenging ascents of the world's tallest peaks, he has

also developed a distinguished reputation as a staunch legal defender of his client's water rights as well as a contributing member of his community.

Glenn recently returned to his home in Boulder, Colorado, from successfully reaching the summit of Cho Oyu, the world's sixth-highest peak in the Himalayas. Like all of the high peaks in the world, the 26,940-foot Cho Oyu is a challenging peak, and his ascent is a noteworthy achievement. This achievement is even more impressive given that it marks his fifth successful ascent of one of the world's 14 peaks higher than 8,000 meters (26,250 feet). With the ascent of Cho Oyu, Glenn has now reached the summit of one of these high peaks in each of the past three decades. He previously summited Mt. Everest, Makalu (the fifth highest in the world), Mount Shisha Pangma (the thirteenth highest) on which he made the first American ascent, and Lhotse (the fourth highest) on which he also led the first American ascent.

For those who climb high peaks and know of the physical demands, logistical complications and harsh environmental conditions involved, having the stamina and wherewithal to continue these climbs is remarkable. And he did it with the help of his expedition team, which was made up of members who were each over 50. As Glenn put it in a recent news story in the Boulder Camera about this ascent, "Many people are familiar with the adventure book 'Into Thin Air' [the Jon Krakauer book about the illfated Everest expedition in 1996 when five people lost their lives]. Well, we referred to our 50-something expedition as 'Into Gray Hair.'"

Glenn carries his energy and enthusiasm for climbing into his law practice and his other activities. He is very dedicated to his law practice, where he works to further Colorado's environmental causes on issues such as water rights, conservation and real property law. Glenn somehow also finds time to lead and work for numerous community efforts such as a Board of Trustee of the University of Colorado, past chairman of the board for the Colorado Outward Bound School, and president of the American Alpine Club and the Colorado Mountain Club. Anyone that knows Glenn can attest to his incredible stamina and enduring perseverance.

Glenn is a lifelong resident of the State of Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, receiving a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in 1970 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1973. After completing his education, he quickly became a member of one of the oldest and largest law firms in the Rocky Mountain West, Holme Roberts & Owen LLC. Glenn went on to become a partner with this firm in 1980 and remained so until 1996, when he became the managing partner of Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP. It was during this time that he began to specialize in environmental law.

Over the course of Glenn's 31-year career, he has worked tirelessly to provide all Coloradans with sound legal counsel on many issues. His focus on conservation and water litigation has been the key to his many successes. Some of his notable achievements include: Obtaining the first federal contracts for water from Green Mountain and Ruedi Reservoirs; negotiating the wide-ranging agreement between the Denver Water Department

and Summit County to secure water for residents; successfully adjudicating over 125 applications for water rights, changes of water rights, and plans for augmentation and exchange; and negotiating major conservation easements and open space acquisitions for the Meadowdale Ranch, Lily Lake, Caribou Ranch, and Cal-Wood Ranch, all important open space projects in Colorado.

Most likely due to his extensive knowledge of and love for the environment, Glenn has taken it upon himself to become an elite and avid mountain climber. He completed over 1,100 summer and winter ascents of peaks over 11,000 feet and climbed numerous other mountains around the world. Because of these experiences, Glenn has been asked numerous times to contribute written pieces for outdoors publications. He has also led various mountaineering clubs and organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the ongoing achievements of Glenn Porzak in mountaineering and in conservation law. Following his ascent of Cho Oyu, Glenn has been quoted as saying that it's time that he started acting his age and suggesting that his expeditions to summit peaks higher than 26,250 feet are over. As those who know Glenn are aware, he has said this before. So, I would not be surprised to see Glenn back on the mountain making yet more climbs. The allure of the outdoors and the majestic peaks are that strong. It is the same allure that calls me to the outdoors and the adventurous challenges that they present. Glenn's passion for the outdoors and his legal work are an inspiring reminder of the determination of the human spirit to surmount any obstacle and meet any challenge—and especially that age needs not be a limiting factor. I'm sure that Glenn will remain active in these and other important endeavors.

DEATH OF RAUL BESTEIRO,
"MR. B"

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, this week my heart is heavy with the sad news of the passing of a unique and beloved patriot, Raul A. Besteiro Jr., known affectionately throughout South Texas, and around the world, as "Mr. B." His death has devastated the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where he was simply a legend.

Mr. B was just an exceptional human being. He did in the course of his life what all of us want to do, he literally changed people's lives . . . locally, nationally and internationally. His name was so synonymous with Brownsville that many people actually thought that "Mr. B" meant "Mr. Brownsville."

He touched the lives of thousands of young people in Brownsville as an educator and school administrator in his early years. He was their role model, surrogate parent, teacher, inspiration, motivator and champion.

He was a force within the national business community in persuading the Congress to pass NAFTA, giving South Texas the economic opportunity and the development tools to attract more commerce—and better jobs—to Brownsville. He was my powerful ally in working to improve the economic cir-

cumstances and vitality of the Rio Grande Valley.

Over the last decade, with NAFTA in place, he turned his attention to harnessing global trade routes to the Valley and the Port of Brownsville, a task now only partially complete.

He remained an important part of improving the lives of young people in South Texas—and the Nation—through his work with the University of Texas at Brownsville, and with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's intern and fellowship programs.

I loved Mr. B so much, and relied heavily on his counsel and his friendship. He loved trains; whenever I see a train, I think of Mr. B. I will miss him personally and professionally. Yet it is the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and the Port of Brownsville that will miss the presence of his sweet soul most profoundly.

Brownsville has lost three legends in 2004: Senior U.S. District Judge Filemon B. Vela, U.S. Circuit Judge Reynaldo G. Garza, and now Mr. B. Brownsville Public Utilities Board member Cris Valadez offered a beautiful tribute when he said, "In Spanish there's an old saying that we don't bury men like Mr. B; we plant them in hopes that others like him will grow and be here with us because it will be a better world."

Mr. B gave so much of himself to his community; he was a principled example to all those around him. He was the principal of Brownsville High School; he was superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District; he was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; he became director of the Port of Brownsville; he was the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Distinguished Alumnus in 2000; he was named to the Legends of Texas Hall of Fame; he served as Chairman of the Board of the International Bank of Commerce for Cameron County; he was vice chair of the Brownsville & Rio Grande Railroad; he was a member of the Institutional Development Board at the University of Texas at Brownsville; he was a member of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership; he was board president of the Historical Brownsville Museum; he was elected vice-chairman of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in 2004; and he was a leader in the local Salvation Army, Red Cross, United Way of South Texas and the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I hope when you say your prayers tonight, you will ask God to bless Mr. B's family—his beloved wife Mina and their children—as they learn to live without him; and pray for the community of Brownsville which has lost such a dear pioneer of our city.

TRIBUTE TO CLANCY LYALL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and pay tribute to the service of a valued friend of mine and a courageous veteran from Maryland, Clancy Lyall.

Just last week we observed Veterans Day, where we honored the bravery and sacrifice of

our veterans and their families and all of the men and women who make up our Nation's armed forces.

On June 6, 1944, U.S. Army General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent our troops on a mission to confront one of the world's most tyrannical dictatorships with some notable words of inspiration. "You are about to embark on a great crusade, the eyes of the world are upon you, the hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

Despite a tragic number of casualties, the allied forces were ultimately triumphant in liberating Europe and in defending the world from further oppression by ending the control of the brutal and bigoted Nazi regime.

As a member of the E Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, known as the "Band of Brothers" during World War II, Clancy Lyall jumped onto the beaches at Normandy on D-Day, fought at the Battle of the Bulge and helped capture Hitler's "Eagles Nest" retreat.

Sixty years later, on June 6, 2004, Clancy was able to return to Normandy with hundreds of WWII veterans where he participated in the "Normandy Mémoire 60th Anniversary", and was awarded by the French Government with a chest badge in Carenton where his unit distinguished themselves in battle.

Southern Maryland is fortunate to have Clancy Lyall in our midst. He has served our community as a loud voice for Veterans and has organized Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades for many years, privileging our community with an opportunity to honor these important observances.

He has also served as the Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Veterans Service Organization, meaning he has made a choice to not only be a member of the veterans' community, but to take part in the organization and work to further the causes of veterans. And, Clancy has worked to preserve stories of the war through presentations at area high schools so that students are able to begin to truly know and understand the human experiences of World War II.

I know that all my colleagues join me in saluting my friend and representative of one of the true heroes of the "Greatest Generation," Clancy Lyall, for his unwavering devotion to our country, and his uncompromising dedication to our community. Clancy, a grateful Nation is indebted to you for your extraordinary service in war and in peace.

HONORING HOWARD LEIBOWITZ
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF BOSTON

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Howard Leibowitz as he completes his service with the City of Boston. Howard served as the director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations for Mayor Thomas M. Menino since 1994, creating strong relationships with members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation and their staff. Howard began his service with the City of Boston in 1987, first as the director of federal relations for Mayor Raymond Flynn