

Chief Ace's efforts have resulted in an integrated philosophy of community policing that is visible throughout the entire community.

Chief Ace maintains membership in several peace officer associations and he is currently serving his second term as a Commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Chief Ace's work and commitment to Concord has been recognized by the Association of California School Administrators and the Northern California Juvenile Officer's Association. He also received the Warrington Stokes Award for Child Abuse Prevention.

Ron Ace has lived in Concord with his wife Carol and daughter Susan for more than 25 years. As a resident, he has gone far and beyond his professional responsibilities and served as an outstanding member of the Concord community. He has been active in school activities, youth sports and community organizations.

For 30 years, Chief Ron Ace has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the City, the community as a whole, and ensured an enduring legacy of public service in Concord. Today, we are proud to commend him for his service to the community, his dedication to duty and his commitment to the people of Concord.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANGELA WILZ OF BISMARCK, ND

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2005*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, a constituent of mine, Angela Wilz of Bismarck, North Dakota, has shown tremendous courage during a very challenging year for her family. When her husband—CPT Grant Wilz of North Dakota's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion—was deployed to Iraq in February of 2004, Angela was forced to face the challenges of parenting and managing a household without her partner. Though this is always a difficult task when a spouse is serving overseas, Angela's situation was especially demanding.

Angela took over her husband's responsibilities as administrator of a local retirement home, working overtime to help meet the needs of those charged to her care. On top of these professional duties, Angela continued to provide love and care to the couple's three children—including their oldest child who has special needs.

To make matters more challenging, Angela was diagnosed with thyroid cancer during her husband's tour of duty. After undergoing two surgeries, Angela began to experience complications—including temporary paralysis that resulted in hospitalization. Never one to feel sorry for herself, Angela prayed for her health to return so that she could continue to be there for her children.

Thankfully, Angela is on her way towards a full recovery and Captain Wilz is now back home in North Dakota, safe and sound.

The courage showed by the Wilz family is indicative of the sacrifices made by the hus-

bands and wives of soldiers throughout our country's history. Whether their loved ones manned a battleship in the South Pacific, served in the sweltering jungle of Vietnam, or are currently performing dangerous duties in the sands of Iraq, it has been service members' spouses who provide love and care to anxious children and work long hours to make ends meet. Our nation's deeply felt gratitude goes out to all of our servicemen and women and their families who have endured so much on our behalf.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEITH AND RUTH SMILEY AND MOHONK CONSULTATIONS

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2005*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my departed friends Keith and Ruth Smiley, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Mohonk Consultations. It is with great pleasure that I honor Keith and Ruth for their outstanding vision and their steadfast dedication to a more equitable and sustainable global community.

Keith Smiley was a good friend, who shared my enthusiasm for protecting and preserving the unique beauty of the Shawangunk Mountains. Keith's life reflected his Quaker upbringing. He treasured the world around him and sought to bring peace and social justice to people by promoting self-determination. He truly believed that all people had the innate right to be involved in the decisions that affected their day-to-day lives. However, the quality that made him special, and that I pay homage to today, was his ardent belief that these decisions, decisions on governing and development, must take into account their impact on the environment.

The idea of "consultations" had always been part of the Mohonk Mountain tradition and under Keith Smiley's leadership they were very successful. When the Mohonk Trust was formed in 1963, the Smileys were able to further their stewardship of the land as well as their goals of promoting international understanding and world peace through conferences and the exchange of ideas. After successfully hosting a gathering of environmental and international development groups for the Agency for International Development, Keith moved forward with his own dream for a unique environmental organization. Mohonk Consultations was officially incorporated in 1980. Since that time, the group has brought together the foremost leaders on the environment, the economy and other individuals seeking new, environmentally sound methods of getting things accomplished.

A tribute to Keith and his work would be incomplete without mentioning his wife, Ruth. Trained as a naturalist and horticulturist, she truly appreciated the sublime nature of her surroundings. What Keith brought to the table in discussion, Ruth brought through her photographs. She always had her camera ready to capture the beauty of the Mountains and was an eager participant in the numerous programs and nature walks sponsored at

Mohonk. Together, Keith and Ruth had a holistic approach to life, the environment and to the world around them. Their vision lives on today through Mohonk Consultations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to submit these remarks in honor of Keith and Ruth Smiley and in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Mohonk Consultations.

IN HONOR OF THE GROWER-SHIPPER ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary organization based in my Central California district, the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Initially formed in 1930 by a handful of growers and shippers to represent one commodity—iceberg lettuce, the GSA now includes over 300 members, spanning four Central Coast counties and representing dozens of commodities—virtually all vegetables, berries, mushrooms, and wine grapes. Through its long record of achievement, the Association has become the premier local representative of agriculture on the Central Coast.

For most of its first 50 years, the Association's work focused on the issue of labor. Today the GSA tackles an extensive workload including food safety and security, pest and plant disease prevention, control and eradication, land use in the agriculture/urban interface, water supply and distribution, market access and trade, agricultural research and education, government, legislative and regulatory affairs, worker safety and training, and labor and employment law.

While managing these increased challenges, the Grower-Shipper Association maintains a commitment to its members and community. Its mission statement declares "We are the local solution representing our members' agricultural needs." The Grower-Shipper Association lives up to this standard through education, representation, and advocacy. In 2003, GSA established the non-profit Grower-Shipper Association Foundation to further its support of the Central Coast agricultural community. Funds from the Foundation will allow the Association to significantly expand its support of educational, training, and other programs of service to the community.

The Grower-Shipper Association has made a substantial contribution to both the agriculture industry and the broader community of the Central Coast. The Association's achievements are a direct result of the leadership of its members, boards, and presidents, past and present. For 75 years the GSA organization has earned a reputation for integrity that honors the culture, companies, and employees of Central Coast agriculture that have made this region the most productive and innovative in the world. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California.