

her tenure, she has grown the organization from a small, grass-roots agency into a leading provider of housing and support services to over 16,000 homeless individuals and families in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. She managed a staff of 115 at 20 sites with an annual operating budget of \$10 million and \$17 million in assets. She spearheaded the development of many community partnerships and at least 12 capital projects including the building and/or rehabilitation of various shelters, transitional housing facilities, permanent affordable apartments and multi-service centers. Program development included: mental health services, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, job training and children's activities for all ages.

In 1997, Ms. Burroughs was honored as a "Woman of Achievement" by the San Jose Mercury News (Women's Fund) and received commendations from City and County officials, as well as the Management Center in San Francisco. In 2004 and 2005, San Jose Magazine heralded her as one of Silicon Valley's Power 100. Currently, as a member of the San Jose Rotary Club, she serves on 2 committees whose focus is youth development. She is also a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of San Jose and has served in leadership roles on various local coalitions and boards advocating for the homeless. Christine is a new board member of the Children's Musical Theatre in San Jose.

Ms. Burroughs paved "the way home" for countless people in need of assistance so as to improve their struggle for independence, freedom and dignity. Hope is the mainstay of achieving success, and Ms. Burroughs provided that element of strength for so many individuals and families.

Ms. Burroughs portrayed a pillar of strength, solidarity and integrity, by which all who met her (service providers or beneficiaries of services) became transformed to reach a better plan in life. She has been a tireless advocate for those persons unable to share their voice for themselves or their families. I hereby honor Christine Burroughs, on this special day of her retirement and wish her all the best in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING RECIPIENTS OF
THE NINTH ANNUAL WIRTH
CHAIR AWARDS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker I rise today to congratulate four recipients of the Ninth Annual Wirth Chair Awards. The Wirth Chair was started by my good friend and predecessor, former Senator Tim Wirth. The Wirth Chair is committed to helping governments, businesses and non-profit groups and community organizations form sustainable development partnerships that carefully balance economic, environmental and expanded social welfare objectives and strategies. Their tremendous work is widely respected throughout the country. This year's recipients are very deserving of this prestigious honor.

Good Dirt Radio received the award for electronic media. The program is broadcast from Durango, Colorado. Good Dirt airs radio stories aimed at inspiring listeners to take eco-

logical action in their own communities. Good Dirt is an all volunteer effort. Word is catching on about their good work, and I am confident that they will continue to grow and be successful.

Harumi Kato of the Yamagata Broadcasting Company was honored for her short film entitled "Little Steps in Colorado for Sustainable Living." The program was also broadcast in Japan in October of last year. She plans to have more viewings in Japan in the future because she wants people there to know "that despite not signing the Kyoto Protocols, some Americans are really concerned about taking action in many ways to protect our environment by practicing sustainable living."

Rick Gilliam of Western Resource Advocates was the primary author of Amendment 37. This was the first time that a renewable energy standard was put to a popular vote. The successful initiative required that 10 percent of Colorado's electricity be derived from renewable sources by 2015. I campaigned vigorously for this initiative and saw firsthand how hard the people associated with this effort worked on the campaign. It was because of their commitment that the initiative was passed despite being out spent ten-to-one by the opposition. Morey Wolfson, Robin Hubbard, Ron Larson, Matt Baker, Ron Lehr, Ken Regelson and Stephanie Bonin were all instrumental getting Amendment 37 passed.

Finally, the City of Denver was recognized for its historic sustainability initiative, "Greenprint Denver." The initiative advances and supports the integration of environmental impacts into the city's programs and policies, along with economic and social considerations. The comprehensive set of strategies includes: measurably reducing greenhouse gas emissions city wide, developing and implementing a municipal green building policy, increasing residential recycling, and increasing urban forest cover for air and water quality and aesthetic benefits.

I am inspired by all of these laudable efforts. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these Wirth Chair Award recipients for their tremendously important good work.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL MIL-
LER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
KIDANGO

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul Miller, Executive Director of Kidango, a private, nonprofit agency providing a variety of services to children and families in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Francisco Counties. Paul Miller has successfully led Kidango to become a leader in providing quality childcare and child development services to children and support services to their families.

Mr. Miller joined Kidango in 1979 and has helped the organization grow from serving just 90 children at one Fremont, California center to over 2,800 children attending forty plus centers throughout the San Francisco Bay Counties. Kidango has over 350 employees. Miller points with pride to his dedicated and committed regional and center directors, teaching staff, maintenance, food service and adminis-

trative staff, all who have an integral role in making sure the families and children Kidango serve receive the best quality programs possible.

Recent evidence of Paul Miller's ability to seize new opportunities and offer quality programs for children is readily apparent in Union City, California, where Kidango operates a preschool program on every New Haven Unified School District campus. Building on a 20-year relationship, the school district and Kidango launched a Preschool for All program in 2001. By the following year, Union City has the distinction of being the first district in the State of California to offer Preschool for All. The flagship New Haven-Kidango Preschool for All program has caught the attention of educators and policymakers throughout the State of California.

Mr. Miller continues to work hard to introduce Universal Preschool to other Bay Area school districts and the California Superintendent of Public Instruction has appointed him to the Universal Preschool Task Force.

In addition to his exemplary administrative leadership at Kidango, Paul Miller is a major force throughout the State of California advocating for public policy that promotes quality childcare and early education. He is actively involved in the Child Development Policy Institute, the leader in the childcare and development field on fiscal and public policy matters, and the principal advocate for children and families in California's legislative budget process.

Paul Miller's 30 plus years of advocacy for children and their families are beyond measure. He is committed and dedicated to excellence as demonstrated by the growth and success of Kidango. He works tirelessly with a single focus of inspiring all children and their families by promoting their potential and diversity through quality education and nurturing relationships.

Paul will be recognized at a well-deserved Kidango Staff Appreciation Dinner on May 20, 2006. I join them in appreciating him for his good work.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT HER-
NANDEZ

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of a fallen Maryland soldier, Staff Sergeant Robert Hernandez, a veteran reservist of 24 years who died on the 28th day of March 2006.

Sergeant Hernandez was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 318th Regiment Military Police, 80th Division, U.S. Army Reserve, Fort Meade. He was killed when a makeshift bomb detonated near his military vehicle during combat operations in Al Taquaddum, Iraq.

The 47-year-old soldier was a former member of the Baltimore and Washington Police Departments. He was praised by colleagues for his hard work and jovial personality. He easily earned respect from those who knew him and worked with him daily.

As a member of the Prince George's County force, Sergeant Hernandez offered his expertise in a division that lacked Spanish-speaking