

myself and several others formed to stop the war effort. After the release of the Pentagon Papers our efforts in the group intensified to bring an end to the war, perhaps the hardest worker of all of us being George.

As hard as he fought the Vietnam War, perhaps the issue closest to the Honorable Congressman's heart was the environment. It was Representative Brown who first spoke out against the dangers of burning fossil fuel. It was George Brown teaching the nation about the harmful effects of freon in the ozone layer. It was Brown again telling us that we had better keep an eye on the global climate change for our sake and the sake of our children. And then it was Congress, following his lead, enacting provisions in the Clean Air Act that would help the nation monitor the levels of these pollutants in our air and keep a watchful eye on the ever-changing world climate. One of Representative Brown's most notable achievements was the work he put into the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Through this agency we can rest assured, knowing the policies of the fine Congressman from California will be followed through as he would want them.

In looking back at George Brown's life, we look back at a life dedicated to promoting the beliefs of a man that was committed to making the world a better, cleaner, more peaceful place for us to live. His hard work on the tough issues will be missed, but most of all we will simply miss the strong-willed, intelligent, caring man that George Brown was.

CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN
SPORTS AND THE SUCCESS OF
TITLE XI

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the success of title IX—especially for its enormous contributions to the development of women sports. I commend the women's caucus and my colleagues, Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD and Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, for scheduling this special order on the remarkable achievements of women in sports and the impact of title IX. I also want to recognize our colleague Congresswoman PATSY MINK and former Congresswoman Edith Green who authored and initiated title IX.

Title IX states,

No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal aid.

Before title IX, many schools saw no problem in refusing to admit women or in applying more stringent admissions criteria to women.

Title IX has made an enormous contribution to improving the status of women. When title IX was passed in 1972, women received 9 percent of medical degrees; now, women receive 38 percent of medical degrees. Today,

women earn 43 percent of all law degrees, compared to 7 percent in 1972; today, 44 percent of all doctoral degrees are awarded to women compared to 25 percent in 1977.

In 1900, women competed in the Olympics for the first time, but only in the "genteel" sports of tennis and golf. The passage of title IX set off a period of rapid growth in women's sports. Today, women compete in track and field, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, gymnastics, skating, golf, and softball, just to name a few sports.

Women have significantly increased their participation in collegiate sports and, today, we even have women in professional sports leagues such as the WNBA.

This year, the United States hosted the third Women's World Cup, one of the biggest women's sporting events to date. Over 90,000 people packed the Rose Bowl to watch the U.S. Women's Soccer Team win the gold. The U.S. Women's Soccer Team has taught us all that anything is possible if you dare to dream; that by raising the bar of expectations, there can be no limits; that if you are allowed to fully realize your potential, you can achieve. Thousands of young women throughout the country surely have formed new dreams and goals as they watched our women's soccer team compete for the gold. We can thank title IX for these new dreams and goals.

I am a former athlete. I ran track and played basketball in college. I earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology and physical education from Florida A&M University, and a master's degree in public health and physical education from the University of Michigan. I coached women's basketball at Bethune-Cookman College and taught biological sciences and physical education. I know about women in sports. I congratulate all the women who are participating in sports, especially the 1999 U.S. Women's Soccer Team.

I am proud to be a woman. I am also proud that Congress passed title IX and expanded opportunities for women to participate and achieve in sports, and attend our academic institutions.

We need to protect and enhance title IX's achievements. If we do so, the future for women will be boundless.

MR. GRANT HOUSTON DESIGNATED AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 1999

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take a moment to honor Mr. Grant Houston. Mr. Houston is a man of outstanding leadership ability and an active member of the Lake City, CO, community. For his efforts, hard work, and dedication to the citizens of Lake City, I commend Mr. Houston for receiving designation as "Citizen of the Year" for 1999, and thank him for the example he has set.

Born in Gunnison in 1955, Mr. Houston moved as an infant to Lake City where he continues to reside. He is an accomplished

writer and historian. Using his talents and passions for history and writing, he helped to found the historical society in 1973, and was the founder and editor of the Silver World Newspaper. Currently, he serves the historical society as president of the foundation.

Mr. Houston has collected and shared a great legacy of local history by combining his love of history with his love of writing. He was first published at the age of 21 with a brief history of Lake City, called Lake City Reflections. He went on to serve as editor of the Western State College newspaper, and to write Reflections. Mr. Houston's local publications include various maps, guide books and histories.

Not only has he served his community by recording history and keeping them informed through the establishment of a newspaper, he was also appointed to two significant boards by former Colorado Governor Roy Romer, one of them being the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission. Mr. Grant Houston has worked as a member of the Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Grant Houston has dedicated much time and energy to preserving history and keeping the citizens of his community informed. For his efforts and leadership, I now wish to pay tribute to this remarkable and to thank him for giving so much to the people of Lake City and citizens of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN GERRY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

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Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Alan Gerry of Denver, CO, for his outstanding service and hard work. Because of his strong work ethic and innovative ideas in the cable industry, I wish to honor Mr. Gerry.

As founder, chairman and CEO of Cablevision Industries Corporation, Mr. Gerry led the corporation to become the eighth largest multiple system operator in the United States before merging with Time Warner in 1996. Alan Gerry is a member of the Board of C-SPAN, the industry public affairs programming network, and is a founding member of the Board of the Cable Alliance for Education and was the president of the New York State Cable Television Association.

Currently, Mr. Alan Gerry serves as chairman and CEO of Granite Associates LP. He also dedicates time to serving as the campaign chairperson and member of the Board of Directors for the National Cable Television Center and Museum. Mr. Gerry is a pioneer in the cable industry, and his entrepreneurial spirit and vision have helped him achieve great success.

Over the years, he has been recognized for his leadership and dedication in a number of different capacities. In 1987, he received the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League and in 1989 he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Citizen Award. Presented with the Entrepreneur-of-the-Year Award in 1992 for the