

COLONEL THOMAS S. LAMPLEY,
USAF—A CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today to recognize Colonel Tom Lampley, USAF, who will retire tomorrow from the U.S. Air Force after 29 years of service. This Member has had the pleasure of working and traveling with Col. Lampley in this Member's capacity as Chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (formerly the North Atlantic Assembly). Col. Lampley has been serving as the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Air Force Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, directly supporting the interaction between the Air Force's senior leaders and Members of Congress. In recognition of Col. Lampley's exemplary record of service, this Member would like to congratulate him upon his retirement and take this opportunity to acknowledge Col. Lampley's credibility and good will for which the Air Force and the Department of Defense will long reap the benefits of his tenure.

Colonel Thomas S. Lampley was born in Washington, DC on 31 August 1947. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and received his commission upon graduation in 1970. Col. Lampley also received a Master of Science degree in business management from Troy State University in Alabama.

As a master navigator with over 2,200 flying hours, Col. Lampley has served in numerous flying positions including 225 combat sorties in the F-4 Phantom as a forward air controller in Southeast Asia. Out of the cockpit, he has served in staff positions at Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the Pentagon and Headquarters Tactical Air Command. Col. Lampley is an experienced commander, having commanded a flying training squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the 14th Support Group at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Prior to moving to his present position, Col. Lampley also commanded the 42nd Support Group, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and subsequently became the Vice Commander, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In addition, Col. Lampley has received the following major awards and decorations:

- Legion of Merit;
- Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster;
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal;
- Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters;
- Air Medal with 23 oak leaf clusters; and
- Air Force Commendation Medal.

Again, this Member wants to offer his congratulations to Col. Tom Lampley for his fine record of service to the Air Force, to the Department of Defense, to the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to our country.

Colonel Lampley, you have performed your duties as an officer in the United States armed forces in a manner which reflects the best tra-

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ditions and principles of the U.S. Air Force and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO AN UNCOMMON LEGACY FOUNDATION'S FIFTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in a special tribute to An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc. ("Legacy"). On Saturday, April 24, 1999, Legacy will host its Fifth Annual Celebration of Women at the home of Hilary Rosen and Elizabeth Birch. At the event, Legacy will honor Sheila Alexander-Reid, founder of Women in the Life, Inc. and publisher of Women in the Life Magazine. Legacy will also present grants to the Lesbian Health and Wellness Network ("LHWN") and After Stonewall and scholarships to three outstanding students: Katie Batza, Amanda M. Gunn, and Suzanne Degges White.

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to enhancing the visibility, strength, and vitality of the lesbian community. Legacy invests in the community by awarding scholarships to students with leadership potential and by awarding grants to fund projects and organizations that contribute to the lesbian community's health, education, and culture.

This year, Legacy will honor Sheila Alexander-Reid, who has made it her mission to empower lesbians of all colors. Women in the Life, Inc. is an events management company based in Washington, D.C., and it was honored last year with a prestigious grant from Avon and the Mautner Project to promote breast cancer awareness in the black lesbian community. Legacy will also award grants to the Lesbian Health and Wellness Network, a multi-disciplinary coalition of over 125 lesbian and lesbian competent providers serving the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area. This grant will enable LHWN to improve access to health care for women in the lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities. Legacy will also award a grant to After Stonewall, a 90-minute documentary airing nationally on PBS on June 23, 1999. This important documentary chronicles the lesbian and gay experience since the 1969 Stonewall riots—the historic moment 30 years ago which gave birth to the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement. Finally, Legacy will award scholarships to three outstanding students: Katie Batza, who attends Johns Hopkins University as an undergraduate; Amanda M. Gunn who is pursuing her doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and, Suzanne Degges White who is pursuing her masters also at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation 1999 scholarship recipients are as follows:

Katie Batza is pursuing a bachelor's degree in history at John Hopkins University. At the age of 15, Katie helped start YouthPride, an Atlanta-based support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, which has, in

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less than five years, served over one thousand people.

Amanda M. Gunn is pursuing her doctorate in cultural studies through the Department of Education at the University of North Carolina/Greensboro (UNCG). She will be presenting her thesis, Lesbian Passing: Identity Construction as a Strategy for Survival in a Perceived Hostile Work Environment, at the Eastern Communication Association and UNCG Women's Studies luncheon.

Suzanne Degges White is a first-year masters student in the Counseling and Counselor Education program at the University of North Carolina/Greensboro (UNCG). She is enrolled in the MS/PHD track in community counseling at UNCG. Suzanne was instrumental in obtaining a state charter for the North Carolina Association for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Issues in Counseling, a division of the North Carolina Counseling Association.

Mr. Speaker, the Annual Celebration of Women in one of Legacy's most important and widely attended events. The generous contributions of the women in this community who actively support An Uncommon Legacy Foundation make the work vital to the lesbian community possible and represents a true investment in the future leaders of our great country. I ask the House to join me in expressing our gratitude to An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, its national co-chair, Andrea Sharrin, Board member, Mary Snider—both of whom I am proud to say are members of our D.C. family; and the entire national Board for their leadership and support to women across this nation.

EARTH DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, Earth Day reminds us all that environmental issues know no political bounds and affects all of the people, plants, and animals of the world community. It is essential that the policies our Government enacts, and the personal activities we undertake reflect our profound concern for safeguarding the Earth.

From combating global climate change to protecting threatened species to providing clean water, we have a duty to act locally and globally to protect the environment for present and future generations.

Saving the planet may seem to be an insurmountable task, but in order for our children to have a brighter future we must commit ourselves to an environmental policy which seeks to establish a clean, safe, and productive environment.

The 106th Congress is working to preserve and protect our Nation's open spaces by reinvigorating the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Designed to protect our Nation's natural heritage, the Land and Water Conservation Fund is a vital program which has saved thousands of acres of forest, miles of river, and many of America's mountain ranges. However, this Congress has seen the importance of this program and the unfinished work which still

lies ahead. In the face of issues of pollution and urban sprawl, the 106th Congress has responded by looking to preserve our Nation's greenways.

Moreover, we must not forget the air we breathe, our most precious resource. Americans can clearly see, smell, and feel the difference that pollution has made in their lives. As a strong supporter of the Clean Air Act, I recognize the need for clean air standards. By encouraging innovation, cooperation, and the development of new technologies for pollution reduction, these standards build upon the spirit of ingenuity that is the foundation of America's leadership in the world.

As chairman of the House International Relations Committee, I understand the importance of using our leadership in the United States to assist other countries in developing and maintain successful environmental programs. I personally have led efforts to protect whales from commercial hunting and to protect African elephants from the deadly effect of the international ivory trade. I have also been in the forefront in bringing greater awareness to the linkages between refugees, world hunger and national security to environmental degradation. In addition, if we do not assist in the survival of indigenous and tribal people, their wealth of traditional knowledge and their important habitats will no longer be available for the rest of mankind.

Earth Day is a successful incentive for ongoing environmental education, action, and change. Earth Day activities address worldwide environmental concerns and offer opportunities for individuals and communities to focus on their local environmental problems. I have requested funding for the Hudson Valley national heritage area, which would help preserve the history, culture, and traditions of this beautiful region. I am also proud to note that my 20th District of New York is home to the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, one of the country's leading climate study institutions.

Earth Day is a powerful catalyst for people to make a difference toward a clean, healthy, prosperous future. We cannot continue with the attitude that someone else will clean up after us. We need to take care of our world today. I cannot think of a better day to commit to this worthy goal than today, Earth Day. I salute the people who observe Earth Day in all ways large and small.

HONORING THE 1999 BEST OF RESTON AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the individuals and businesses who are this year's winners of the "Best of Reston" Awards. These awards are made annually by the Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith. The "Best of Reston" Community Service Award was created to recognize companies, organizations, and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to community service, and/or who have improved the lives of the people of Reston, Virginia.

HCI Technologies, Inc. for their community outreach and leadership in Reston. HCI has been involved in a number of church activities with Faith Mission Church, Christ Fellowship, St. John Neumann, and Heritage Fellowship. HCI has sponsored intern programs associated with George Mason University and South Lakes High School, and is a major sponsor of youth programs that include Reston Youth Baseball and Softball, Basketball, and a newly created Tennis program for disadvantaged community children. HCI sponsors a monthly food drive to support those less fortunate, and has been a sponsor of the Chamber's Ethics Day for the senior class of South Lakes High School.

Karl Ingebritsen for being an outstanding pillar of our community. He served as the 1st president of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and was the first employee and Executive Director of the Reston Association. He was instrumental in bringing Reston Hospital to our community and served on the Hospital's board of trustees until 1992. In his role as Director of LINK, Karl has worked tirelessly to improve the area's transportation by becoming a strong voice on behalf of the Reston community. Karl is steadfast in his belief that improving the area's transportation is a benefit to all citizens in the region.

Basil Jeffers for his inner drive to make Reston the best possible place to live and to raise a family. Basil has been classified as a "one man moving company." He's first to volunteer his hands and station wagon to anyone needing assistance as they move into a new home. A member of the Heritage Fellowship Church, Basil often brings community needs to the attention of the church. If he is unable to assist a given need, he sees that the church is aware of the situation and that they are able to provide the necessary support. Basil currently serves as the president of the PTA at South Lakes High School and served on the nominating committee for the College Partnership Program, a Fairfax County sponsored motivational program encouraging minority students to attend college. He is also involved with a Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop.

Susan (Suzi) Jones for her tireless efforts to improve the community. From serving as a board member and President of the Reston Association to Presidency of the Greater Reston Arts Center to her Community Services Board work, people throughout Fairfax County have benefited from her volunteer services. Drawing upon her human resources skills and expertise, Suzi has generously and frequently contributed her time and skills for the development of a pool of community leaders and the identification and resolution of community issues. Her contributions to the Reston community have been, and continue to be, made through her active service to a number of community organizations and institutions, including St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Alvarez LeCesne for the impact he has had on the lives of many students he's had contact with during his years in volunteer service. He is active in many area associations, including the Optimist Club, Character Counts! Coalition, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Heritage Fellowship Church, the Medical Care for Children Partnership, and Reston Community Coalition, a community/school partnership pro-

moting drug and alcohol use prevention. During January 1999, LeCesne chaired Reston's Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Committee for the celebration of Dr. King's birthday.

Patricia Macintyre for her steadfast efforts as a community volunteer. A renowned artist, she has spent more than 30 years volunteering her talent and love of art in many forums and spaces, including art galleries, government buildings, schools, preschools, festivals and celebrations. She spent 17 years as host of "You've Gotta Have Art," a weekly children's television program directed toward teaching Reston youth to appreciate art. Macintyre has spent her life working to preserve and promote the arts in Reston. Every Saturday morning she leads free family workshops in art and culture at the Reston Historic Trust Museum.

USAA for its commitment to a strong work ethic, customer service, and the value of its employees' personal, professional, and family needs. USAA supports efforts to improve the quality of life in its employees' communities, affording them many volunteer opportunities. Through USAA's involvement in the community, research funds have been raised to benefit the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Arthritis Foundation, and others. USAA helps meet the material needs of our community through ongoing collection of food, clothing, books, and school supplies. USAA volunteers support education by giving their time as tutors, mentors, and speakers. A commitment to community involvement is so basic to USAA's corporate culture, that "Public Outreach" is a corporate "Key Result Area."

Jane Gilmer Wilhelm's mission in Reston and her entire career has been to be a vital, clear, caring resource for all people. She has given innumerable gifts of time and passionate presence to all our community's members from her early years in Reston as Director of Community Relations to the speeches she makes to this day, to save buses, libraries, and funding for the neediest. From infants to the elderly, from the homeless and needy, from young students to senior citizens in learning, from our various community organizations, to nature areas preserved by our founders, her caring has permeated her days. Not to mention her frequent visits with many on Lake Anne benches and her tireless volunteer work for our citizens' many concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the "Best of Reston" Award winners for their dedicated commitment to making Reston, Virginia an exceptional place to live and work. This year's award recipients deserve recognition and gratitude from a very grateful community.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the twenty-ninth annual Earth Day. This spring observation provides the people of our nation and across the