

men and women of the Greenport Fire Department perform above and beyond the call of duty each and every day. Compensated only by the satisfaction that their efforts save lives and protect property, these volunteers have answered every alarm for over 50 years. I am proud and honored to count these brave firefighters among my friends and neighbors.

Moreover, I am proud to join with the Greenport Fire Department in honoring these members for their faithful service. These men have answered the siren's call whenever a fire or other peril threatened a member of the Greenport community. Henry Clarke, Jr. has served for 58 years as 2nd Lt., 1st Lt. and Captain from April 1952 to March 1952. Nelson Beebe has served for 52 years as 2nd Lt., 1st Lt. and Captain from April 1978 to March 1980. Jake Sherwood has served for 50 years as 2nd Lt., 1st Lt. and Captain from April 1958 to March 1960. Time and again these brave men joined their comrades as they hastened to the scene, placing themselves in harm's way to aid another human being in danger, regardless of whether it be a friend, neighbor or stranger.

Demonstrating that true heroes are created over a lifetime of selfless acts and service to their God, family and country, these brave men of the Greenport Fire Department are perfect role models for every volunteer firefighter who will come after them. They truly reflect the outstanding work of the Greenport Fire Department and its commitment to training and service that keep their neighbors, friends and even their own children safe and secure. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting the courageous, devoted volunteers of the Greenport Fire Department. May God keep them safe as they have worked to keep safe the Greenport community.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER CHARLIE GROSS

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 1999*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I like to pay special tribute today to Detective Sergeant Charlie Gross, who is retiring after a career of law enforcement with the Michigan State Police.

As you may know, Mr. Speaker, I served as a law enforcement officer. In point of fact, I served with Charlie in a variety of posts, while our careers seem to follow a parallel track.

In one sense, my own law enforcement career ended when I was injured in the line of duty and retired in 1984. In a deeper sense, I however, the friendships that form among law enforcement officers are bonds that survive changes in careers and changes in address. In that regard, when I founded the Law Enforcement Caucus in my freshman year in Congress, I was not only giving my many comrades in law enforcement a voice in Washington, but I was also giving myself a professional reason to maintain these strong ties to many good friends and providing myself with an opportunity to forge new friendships with dedicated people in law enforcement.

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Now, one of these old friends is retiring after a 27 year career. The unit D/Sgt. Gross will actually leave is a Michigan State Police tactical drug unit, the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team, known as UPSET.

Charlie was one of the first troopers I met on the road in 1974, and we seemed to stay on the same career road. When I was transferred to Lansing, Charlie was in Lansing. When I went back to the Upper Peninsula, Charlie went to the Upper Peninsula. As he gained knowledge and experience, Charlie demonstrated a wide array of skills, including sharing his knowledge with other troopers by teaching traffic safety, the proper use of the Breathalyzer, and other investigative subjects.

Last week here in Washington we spotlighted U.S. law enforcement in a number of ways. We paid special tribute to fallen officers, and we celebrated funding 100,000 new police officers under the Community Policing program.

This Saturday, the co-workers of Charlie Gross will celebrate one man's career in law enforcement. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in wishing the best in retirement for this dedicated public servant.

THE KOSOVO EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 1999*

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address last night's vote on the so-called "emergency" supplemental appropriations bill, H.R. 1141.

As a member of the budget committee, and concerned member of this body, I am appalled not only at the amount of pork crammed into the bill, but especially by the anti-environmental riders placed on the bill.

One of these riders is specifically targeted at helping the mining industry and will delay strengthening of regulations that would safeguard against mining companies walking away from the cleanup costs associated with mining.

Yet another special interest rider prevents the Minerals Management Service from issuing rules on the value of crude oil.

This will allow major oil companies to underpay royalties from drilling on public lands—estimated to cost taxpayers between \$66 to \$100 million per year.

Yet another rider would weaken the already egregious 1872 mining law, allowing a previously denied waiver for the development of the "Crown Jewel" mine in my neighboring state of Washington.

For these reasons, I encourage the President to veto this environmentally destructive bill, sending a message to this body and the American people that our precious natural resources will not take a back seat to pork and special interests groups.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH R. QUINN

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 1999*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on May 20, 1999, family and friends will gather to honor and pay tribute to Joseph R. Quinn, who served as the Chairman of the Smithtown Democratic Committee for 22 years, until his retirement last September.

Joe Quinn, known for his wit, incredible memory for names, love of Irish music, his wonderful family and loyalty to friends, has distinguished himself throughout his private and political life.

In 1959, the then-younger, dark-haired, father of five, Joseph R. Quinn, joined the Suffolk County Democratic Committee and began his sojourn into local politics. At the same time, this Iona College graduate began his career as a teacher in the Middle Country School District, where he went on to become the principal of the unique school without walls, New Lane Elementary School. Joe retired from the Middle Country School District in 1988 after 28 years of outstanding career in education.

Joe Quinn's dedication and loyalty to the Democratic Party is unsurpassed. Joe often boasts of the 22 officials that were elected under his leadership, "one for every year as leader." He should take pride in that accomplishment, as those victories symbolized his commitment to the ideals of the Democratic Party and of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on May 20, the Suffolk County Democratic Committee will honor and pay tribute to Joseph Quinn at a gala dinner. I call on all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now as we recognize and acclaim Joseph R. Quinn for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the Smithtown Democratic Committee, and to the people of Smithtown, of Suffolk County, and of New York State.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HOUSE RESOLUTION

**HON. JAMES V. HANSEN**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 1999*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to introduce this House resolution which will effectively help our National Park System and all those who visit and enjoy these parks. Over the past few years the National Park Service has repeatedly reported a backlog of projects necessary to maintain structures, roads, and infrastructure in many of our national parks. In fact, the National Park Service has asserted that the cost of these projects will be about 6 billion dollars. This resolution would urge the National Park Service to take advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense, which has the authority to provide support and services to Federal entities, including the National Park Service.