Dan K. Nelson of St. Paul, a neighbor of mine back home, was recently awarded the Boy Scouts of America’s “William T. Hornaday Gold Medal” award. The award is surely a positive recognition, but I know that Dan Nelson’s real joy is the knowledge that this special landscape along the St. Croix River will be a legacy for future generations. Thanks Dan and congratulations on your good work. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD an article from the May 17, 1999 East Side Review outlining Dan Nelson’s life long vocation and profession which has been inspired by experiences and lessons learned as a Boy Scout.

[From the East Side Review, May 17, 1999]

EAST SIDE BOY SCOUT LEADER WINS NATIONAL AWARD
(By Scott Nichols)

The developer in possession of the 1,100 acres adjacent to the St. Croix River wanted to turn the property into a golf course community boasting more than 200 homes. Through the persistence of East Side trial lawyer, Dan Nelson, and assistant Scoutmaster, Dan Nelson, the developer never got his chance.

Nelson joined in the neighborhood push for the sale of the property. Together the group was successful, eventually, in coming up with the developer’s price tag of $1.1 million. Nelson was successful, eventually, in coming up with the developer’s price tag of $1.1 million.

Through private donations and appeals for funds to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. It’s for continued effort like that that the Boy Scouts of America Indianhead Council announced April 12 that Nelson has been awarded what is perhaps the most prestigious award in all of scouting, the William T. Hornaday Gold Medal.

“These are not an appropriate term for the award. They are very, very extreme rare,” says Ron Phillips, chief executive of the Indianhead Council. The award is given out to adult Scouters who render a distinctive and unusual service to natural resources conservation over an extended period.

According to Phillips, less than 100 of these awards have been given out nationally since 1910, the birth of scouting.

“I’ve been in this business for 41 plus years, and I only recall in my entire career three or four ever given out,” says Phillips, noting that he’s served the Boy Scouts organization in various locations all over the country. “It’s a very prestigious award. It takes a good deal of character in terms of providing a “hugh number of opportunities” for them to work through the roughly 800 requirements necessary to get the badge.

Nelson’s love of teaching doesn’t stop at conservation practices. He’s a Big Brother, a Sunday school teacher, and a meet director required for the local YMCA swim team. He’s also taught trial advocacy and been a Moot Court judge for Hamline and the Minnesota Bar Association.

While Nelson’s past accomplishments include being listed in the Hamline Law School’s Hall of Fame and four different Who’s Who books, and winning roughly a dozen scouting awards since 1990, he’s quite delighted and surprised that he did get it.

“T. Hornaday Gold Medal. The Hornaday Gold Medal is awarded because of the regional or national impact,” he says. “I never thought I would get it, and I’m really delighted and surprised that I did get it.”

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX ACT OF 1999
HON. RON PACKARD
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 1259, the Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999. Saving and strengthening Social Security is one of the highest priorities for me. As a father, people work hard their entire life they should feel confident that they will receive their Social Security benefits.

The way I see it, we have to get Washington out of Social Security once and for all. We need a system that permanently prevent Washington from raiding the Social Security reserves for wasteful spending programs. The simple truth is that the Social Security Trust Fund will go into the red in 14 years unless we act now to strengthen it. Under H.R. 1259, Washington would never be able to touch Social Security dollars again, as 100 percent will be saved for Social Security.

The Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999 will help us guard against attempts to raid the Social Security reserves for more government spending by toughening budget procedures. This legislation will change the way the budget is presented so Social Security funds cannot be used for other purposes, including how we measure our Federal surplus.

Mr. Speaker, having paid into Social Security myself for over 40 years, I will never support hasty reforms that threaten the financial futures of those who have committed a lifetime of earnings to the system. As a father and a grandfather, I strongly believe it is time we take action to ensure Social Security will be available for generations to come.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1259 and protect Social Security.
after receiving a request from the registrant for a specific product to either agree to accept the registration package approved by the Canadian Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) or to explain their reasons for not approving the request.

Clearly, there is an inequity in pesticide registrations, particularly for canola, wheat, and barley, between the United States and Canada. In the case of canola, Canada has about 40 pesticides registered while the United States has only seven. American farmers ought to have access to the same, environmentally safe pest control tools that are available to their Canadian counterparts.

Mr. Speaker, American farmers are facing 50 year low commodity prices, at the same time costs of production are continuing to rise. The Pesticide Registration Harmonization Act of 1999 is a step in the right direction of leveling the playing field for American producers.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER DUNN
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 1999, the House considered the conference report for H.R. 1141, the fiscal year 1999 emergency supplemental bill. I was not recorded on final passage of the conference report (rollcall 133), but wish the RECORD to reflect that I was supportive of the measure.

TRIBUTE TO HOLLY CAUDILL

HON. RANDY “DUKE” CUNNINGHAM
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to notify my colleagues of the death on Friday, May 21st, of Holly Caudill, of San Diego, California, a vigorous and tireless advocate for persons with disabilities to have a fighting chance to achieve the American Dream.

Ms. Caudill was a young lawyer, a native of the State of Washington, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego. And she was a quadriplegic, the result of a motor vehicle accident at age 14. Her experience, and the inspiration of her late father Paul Caudill, taught this determined woman several things—most importantly that there was little that she could not do, given a chance.

I met Ms. Caudill some years ago in a meeting where she gave me the benefit of her experience. Notwithstanding the fact that she was eager and qualified to work, the existing system of medical benefits, disability coverage, and other government programs made productive work almost impossible. A job with greater pay meant a severe reduction in benefits payments, providing a powerful disincentive against paid work for her and for other Americans with severe disabilities.

Her knowledge of the system, and her determination to succeed, together with support from others that she inspired, helped Ms. Caudill to continue to work and be a tax-paying citizen. When it came to this basic principle—that people who work for pay should not have the government arrayed against them—Holly Caudill was second to none as a vigorous, determined, effective and inspirational advocate.

I recall most vividly that in the 105th Congress, at her request, I helped her to meet with House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He was the sponsor of H.R. 2020, the Medicaid Community Attendant Services Act, which would have made a greater amount of attendant services benefits payable under the Medicaid program. She had a long and wide-ranging discussion with the Speaker and his staff—about her life, about the Speaker’s bill, and, most importantly, about how important it was to stop government programs from being such a barrier to work and dignity for persons with disabilities. The Speaker himself remarked to me on several occasions about Ms. Caudill’s vigor and determination, and what an inspiration she was.

With her advice, I was privileged to add my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 2020, which had 76 cosponsors at the close of the 105th Congress. And in this Congress, I am honored to be one of 163 cosponsors of a similar measure introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. LAZIO, which is H.R. 1180, the Work Incentives Improvement Act. I hope that we can enact this legislation.

San Diego Union-Tribune columnist Peter Rowe was the preeminent chronicler of Holly Caudill’s life and her advocacy the past couple of years. I would like to quote from his column of March 23, 1999, in describing why Ms. Caudill worked as hard and fought as vigorously as she did.

“Caudill’s situation is distressingly common.”

“There are thousands of people—there may be tens of thousands of people—just like her,” said Cyndi Jones, director of the Accessible Society Action Project (ASAP), a San Diego-based organization that lobbies on behalf of the disabled. “These people want to