

The center's operating partner, Friends of Youth, is a local non-profit agency with nineteen locations throughout King and Snohomish Counties. The Friends of Youth's mission is to: develop, provide and advocate services for children, youth, their families and communities that encourage individual growth and promote constructive relationships.

Mr. Speaker, that mission will be the guiding force behind this drug-free and alcohol-free youth center. The center will include a coffee shop with a teen manager, provide poetry classes, as well as provide a state of the art recording studio, a modern photography lab, and a graphic art/animation technology station. Moreover, the center is being built from the ground up and will connect with the Kirkland Senior Center, allowing for intergenerational programs and events. The center allows teens to develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and parents to have the security in knowing their child is spending time at a safe place.

I hosted three informative town meetings in my district last year about the need for after-school programs. I strongly believe that after-school programs are an excellent, well-proven way to keep teens from engaging in criminal activities. The time between school bells and dinner bells presents the most risk to our young people, and in an age when most parents are unable to stay home with their children, we must provide safe and productive activities for our youth. The Kirkland Teen Center is a perfect example of a safe, after-school center, and I believe Congress would do well to promote more centers like this one around the country.

All of the youth that volunteered their time to plan, or serve on this center's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, deserve our praise for their hard work and selfless dedication to their community as a whole. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating everyone involved in the Kirkland Teen Center for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF JIMMY SIMS, ROBERTSON COUNTY, KY FIRE-FIGHTER

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Jimmy Sims, who recently retired as Fire Chief of the Robertson County, KY Fire Department.

Mr. Sims' retirement wraps up nearly a half-century of dedicated service to his community. He is the only surviving founding member of the volunteer department, which was started in 1951. Mr. Sims served as chief from 1975-1999. Another example of his extraordinary level of dedication—his home served as the county fire dispatch center for 24 years. From 1969-1993, he took emergency calls and dispatched crews from his home.

Mr. Sims helped his neighbors countless times over the years, responding to round-the-clock calls for help, saving lives and protecting property.

I rise today to commend Chief Sims for his commitment to helping his neighbors in Robertson County. I ask all my fellow Members of Congress to join me in commending this fine public servant, and wishing him well in his retirement.

HONORING JOHNNETTE PHILLIPS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 06, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor the distinguished service of the Honorable Johnnette Phillips of Eagle County, Colorado. Johnnette is retiring as Eagle County Commissioner after serving admirably for nearly a decade. Her outstanding commitment is unparalleled and her contributions immeasurable.

For Johnnette, serving her community comes naturally. Before serving as commissioner, she used her natural leadership ability as Eagle County Clerk and Recorder, serving for nearly 15 years. Beyond her efforts as Clerk and Recorder and Commissioner, Johnnette has helped advance the cause of a number of worthy organizations, serving as President and Second Vice President of Colorado Counties, Inc., Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Executive Board and President of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Colorado State Association of County Clerks and Recorders.

Johnnette's drive and determination has not only improved her local community, but also earned her national recognition. Ms. Phillips received the well-deserved honor of being named among Who's Who in U.S. Executives in 1995 and Who's Who in Women Executives in 1996. What's more, her service has won her the admiration of an entire community.

On behalf of the State of Colorado and the United States Congress, Johnnette, I thank you for your service and wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Your immense contributions to Eagle County will not be soon forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ANGUIANO

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Robert Anguiano of Corpus Christi's Tuloso-Midway High School, for winning the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation National Youth Award for Sports. This young man has an enormous amount of discipline and endurance.

Robert has accomplished a great deal in the field of sports and academics, and I am proud that he was chosen for this honor. Robert is in the top 20% of his class, an athlete-scholar with a litany of associations including honors clubs, leadership awards and community service. He is precisely the sort of young person that the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation seeks to reward.

Robert has an unusual determination. This became particularly evident when he badly hurt his knee while playing tennis. He went through two and one half months on crutches and hours of physical therapy. His doctors told him he could play tennis again, but would not be competitive due to the seriousness of the injury. He did not let their admonitions deter him from his game.

Robert won this award, not because he had a particularly good year, but because he has been a steady, reliable athlete and has always been in it for the long haul. His coach credits him with holding his tennis team together during a transition and leading them to the regional level.

This young man is more than an athlete; he is a scholar, a young leader in his school and community, and he volunteers his time to teach tennis to younger people in the community. He is a National Honor Society member, captain of his tennis team, and has a grade point average of 3.74.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards celebrates the achievements of outstanding Hispanic Americans in the arts, literature, leadership, education and sports. The awards program provides an important service to the community and youth by profiling Hispanic American role models. The awards, which are endorsed by 34 national Hispanic organizations who serve as the nominating committee, is the only program co-hosted by all of these organizations.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Robert Anguiano for his accomplishments and his quiet leadership in the classroom and on the tennis court, and in commending the Hispanic Heritage Awards for their efforts in rewarding the excellence among our young people.

A TRIBUTE TO A VETERAN, HERB KING

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Herb King who is being honored on September 8th at the California Gay Veterans Memorial Dinner as the winner of the Sheila Kuehl Leadership Award.

Herb is a long-time friend. He was born in September, 1918 and graduated from the Boston Latin School, the oldest public school in the United States. He attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June, 1940 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Public Health.

He went on active duty as a reserve Army Second Lieutenant in October of 1940. When Pearl Harbor was attacked the following December, he volunteered for field duty, served in the North African and Italian campaigns, and reached the rank of Major and a Battalion Commander.

At the Quartermaster Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago, Herb developed the formula for a concentrated ration that was designated as the "K" Ration, based on his