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CONGRATULATING SAN LEANDRO FOR BEING CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN FEMA'S PROJECT IMPACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate San Leandro, California for being chosen as a participant in FEMA's Project Impact. San Leandro's hard work and dedication to preventing natural disasters has given this city the opportunity to participate in this important program that provides increased federal resources for further disaster mitigation projects. I would like to recognize the hard work on the part of the city of San Leandro to make their community safer in the event of a natural disaster.

Located at the apex of the two segments of the Hayward Fault, San Leandro is at risk primarily from earthquakes, although the risk of flood and other natural disasters is very real. Alameda County, in which San Leandro is located, has been declared a federal disaster area several times since 1950. This has included the Loma Prieta earthquake, two fires, one freeze, and eleven floods.

Following the Loma Prieta earthquake, San Leandro realized it needed to make a commitment to disaster prevention. The San Leandro City Council established a plan called the Partnership for Preparedness Program that, along with other actions San Leandro has taken, helped lead to its designation as a Project Impact community. The hard work of the local officials will provide San Leandro increased federal resources to further protect the city from natural disasters.

Local officials have also established a disaster council, a formal city council committee chaired by Mayor Sheila Young. This committee meets quarterly to discuss mitigation and preparedness issues. In addition, San Leandro has published a Hazard Mitigation Master Plan, which has resulted in plans to retrofit buildings to prevent damage in the event of an earthquake.

Project Impact operates on a common-sense damage-reduction approach. Project Impact encourages communities to develop disaster prevention programs by working with citizens and the private sector. Success depends on long-term efforts and investments in preventive measures. Communities benefit from their participation in the program from FEMA's expertise and technical assistance at the national and regional level. FEMA works with community officials to incorporate the latest technology and mitigation practices.

I am very proud that San Leandro has been able to build the public-private partnerships necessary to be chosen a participant in Project Impact. The hard work of the local officials will prevent the future loss of life and property. I congratulate San Leandro for working with the business community and citizens to maximize all available resources to make the community safer.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES R. TRIMBLE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles R. Trimble, former C.E.O. and Chairman of Trimble Navigation, who is receiving the American Electronics Association's (AEA) forty-seventh Medal of Achievement for his leadership in advancing and commercializing global positioning system (GPS) solutions.

Charles Trimble exemplifies the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit for which Silicon Valley is internationally recognized. In 1978, Charles Trimble left the comfort and security of Hewlett-Packard, where he helped develop significant scientific achievements in signal processing, high-speed analog-to-digital converters, and digital time measurement techniques, to establish his own start-up company, Trimble Navigation. Once housed in an old, reconstructed theater, Trimble Navigation now has 23 offices in 15 countries and annual revenues that exceed \$270 million. It was the first publicly held company engaged solely in developing and distributing GPS solutions. His business acumen and success persuaded INC Magazine to name him "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1991.

During his 20-year tenure at Trimble Navigation, Charles Trimble democratized the use of GPS technology, putting it into the hands of different constituencies that have employed GPS products in ways not originally imagined. Trimble's GPS technology now accompanies pilots in the air, climbers on Mount Everest, farmers in the Mid-West and merchants at sea. Trimble's products have increased the accuracy of scientific research, hydrographic surveying and even golf course construction. Charles Trimble's ability to communicate his vision is the source of Trimble Navigation's great success. For his work, he earned the 1996 Kershner Award and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' 1994 Piper General Aviation Award.

But Charles Trimble is more than just a voice for his company—he is also a voice for his industry. Since 1996, Charles Trimble has served as Chairman of the United States GPS Industry Council, unifying the industry behind a common message to policy makers, industry officials and the media.

Charles Trimble's expertise and influence extend beyond the GPS industry. He sat on the Vice President's Space Policy Advisory Board's task group exploring the future of the U.S. Space Industrial Base for the National Space Council. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering. Charles Trimble was also a member of the Board of Governors for the National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

AEA's Medal of Achievement award recognizes that behind all great scientific achievements are exceptional people. I join the Silicon Valley community and the electronics industry in recognizing Charles Trimble as one of the remarkable individuals that has shaped the direction of this new economy and this new era of technological advancement.

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I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I am proud to know and represent. We are indeed a better nation and a better people because of him.

HONORING THE ANIMAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor a truly remarkable group of individuals who risk their lives to protect the health and safety of their community. The individuals I speak of make-up the Animas Fire Protection District, a volunteer program that has worked to ensure safety in Southern Colorado for nearly three decades. It is the dedication and hard work from the members of the District that I would like to congratulate as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

Unlike many fire protection programs, this one is primarily volunteer. It began in 1970 under the name Durango Fire with \$12,000 and under two dozens volunteers. In the time since, it has grown to encompass a \$1.6 million budget, using over 100 volunteers in 12 different fire stations.

During the last three decades, through long hours and many perilous situations, the Animas District has maintained an efficient and effective program that guarantees rapid response and much needed protection from the harm of a fire. Whether it is fighting structure fires within town or battling the blazes at nearby Mesa Verde National Park, the volunteers of Animas Protection District have ensured that their community is as safe as possible from one of Mother Nature's most dangerous elements.

Volunteers and Staff of the Animas Fire Protection District, you have served your community, State and Nation bravely and admirably, and for that your neighbors are grateful.

On behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I thank you for your commitment to the safety and well being of the members the La Plata County and its surrounding communities. You make us all very proud!

TRIBUTE TO JOHN TROUTT, JR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan, and I am proud to recognize John Troutt, Jr. in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to our nation.

John Troutt, Jr. for many defines the daily newspaperman. Almost anyone can call himself or herself an editor or publisher, but few can fill the role of a newspaperman. He is an anachronism in this corporate-driven world that equates bigger with better.

A highly successful businessman, he has stood at the helm of The Jonesboro Sun for decades, guiding the growth of The Sun from a small afternoon daily newspaper to the largest, independent family-owned publication in Arkansas that serves as the regional morning paper in the Northeast area of the state. His recent announcement that The Sun will be sold to the Paxton Media Group of Paducah, Kentucky, was felt across the state of Arkansas. Other newspapermen have paid tribute to Troutt in recent weeks after learning The Sun was up for sale.

For two decades he has served as editor, overseeing the newsroom, and as publisher, overseeing the business side of the newspaper, in addition to assuming the role of night editor two nights a week, in charge of putting out the next morning's edition. Very few newspapermen have had the love of the business or sufficient stamina—he will be 71 in October—to fulfill his many roles, much less fulfill them with his energy and passion.

Every day he writes The Sun's editorials. Readers have no difficulty understanding where he stands. He has not hesitated to call on public officials and bodies to correct what he views as an errant course.

In newspaper circles, he is best known for his beliefs in the tenets of the first amendment. He has filed more lawsuits than any other Arkansas editor or publisher to enforce the provisions of the state Freedom of Information Act. "The public's business should be done in public" is his oft-repeated philosophy.

John has been a mentor, advisor, and friend to all of Northeast Arkansas. He has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his contributions. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to my good friend John Troutt, Jr. on his successes and achievements.

HONORING AL MOLITOR

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding achievements of an extraordinary man, Al Molitor. For 35 years, Mr. Molitor has served in the administration of public health and welfare programs for non-profit organizations and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, the contributions he has made within the Montgomery County community and particularly the Abington-Rockledge Democratic Committee are invaluable.

Al earned his bachelor of arts from Temple University and continued his studies at the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Research where he received his master of social service degree. Al has held leadership positions in state public health and social work professional associations. He has served on the Abington Township Library Board, in parent-teacher organizations and the Boy Scouts. He also organized the Old York Road Genealogical Society, and served as its president for nearly 4 years.

Al has been a prominent figure within the Abington-Rockledge Democratic Committee for a number of years and became chairman in 1994. He also served as chair of the Montgomery County Voter Registration Drive from 1992-1994. His work within the Democratic community in Montgomery County is unparalleled and much appreciated. With a solid Republican background, Al found himself as a non-partisan when he moved to Abington in 1958, but quickly found a home within the Democratic community in Montgomery County. In spite of an extremely busy public life, Al remains devoted to his family. He and his wife, Natalie, have two children, Elizabeth and Steve, and three grandchildren.

It is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge the dedication and contributions of Al Molitor who has served his community well.

VALUE OF ESTABLISHING THE
SWISS CENTER OF NORTH AMERICA

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, our nation was built on the dreams of immigrants who came here to create a better life for themselves and their families. The ethnic diversity of the American patchwork quilt makes this nation strong and has helped our nation become the envy of much of the world.

I am proud to be from a state whose ethnic heritage can be seen in our faces, our foods and families. Wisconsin is a state made up of settlers who came from the far corners of the world to build their businesses, raise their families and stake their claims for a piece of the American Dream.

There is an exciting new project underway in my congressional district that has national and international implications. The Swiss Center of North America is proposed to be located in New Glarus, Wisconsin. This new center will facilitate historical research, cultural exchanges and business partnerships extending beyond the beautiful rolling countryside of America's Dairyland.

Like many ethnic groups, the Swiss came to North America in large numbers in the 19th Century, settling in each state of this Union and every province of Canada. They brought their traditions, culture, languages, foods and a rich heritage that have made a lasting impact throughout this continent. The Swiss government helped these new immigrants by setting up colonies for their countrymen and women on this side of the Atlantic to ease the transition into the New World.

One such colony remains largely intact, located in New Glarus, Wisconsin. This community, which I am honored to represent in Congress, continues to celebrate its Swiss heritage, attracting Swiss immigrants and welcome visitors from around the world.

Many in North America are not aware of the accomplishments of their Swiss-American neighbors. The Swiss have brought a multi-cultural background encompassing elements from German, French, Italian and Roman her-

itages. Many thing of Switzerland as a land of Alpine meadows, decorated cowbells and colorful window boxes. Yet this fails to fully recognize the very modern, multilingual and multi-cultural aspects of this small, yet diverse, nation.

Those of Swiss descent in North America are very proud of their heritage, as Switzerland has made many important contributions to the world. Yet, unlike many other nationalities, there is

The Swiss Center of North America aims to be a state-of-the-art facility located in New Glarus, Wisconsin. It will highlight the contributions of the Swiss of yesterday, today and tomorrow. With historical exhibits, modern interactive displays, genealogical research facilities and premiere meeting space, the Swiss Center will help spread the word that Swiss living in the United States, Canada and Mexico continue to offer much to the North American melting pot. The State of Wisconsin has already committed \$2 million to this project and an international fund-raising drive is now well underway.

I support the Swiss Center of North America not just because it will be located in my district. I support it because those of Swiss heritage need a place to house their artifacts and tell their story. This is a valuable project, in part, because learning more about where we come from helps guide us to where we are going. The more future generations learn about this nation, the more they understand about our rich diversity. The Swiss Center of North America will help foster a better understanding between cultures and will offer us the promise of a broader appreciation of the heritage of our international ancestors.

THANKING WOLODYMYR LUCKHAN
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES DURING WORLD
WAR II

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank one of my constituents, Wolodymyr Luckhan, for the heroic action he took during World War II to save an American tank division from an enemy ambush near Swizel, Germany, in April 1945. Mr. Luckhan, seized by the Germans into forced labor, overheard the impending attack against an American tank force approaching the city of Swizel. Mr. Luckhan commandeered a boy's bicycle and peddled through German lines, risking his life to reach the Allied forces. Without his timely warning, the loss of American lives would have been considerable. Mr. Luckhan's example once again demonstrates that the virtue of selflessness merits recognition.

After the war, Mr. Luckhan came to the United States, became a citizen and raised a family. At age 91, Mr. Luckhan still recalls the event that changed the course of history for so many. Walt Whitman wrote that "To have great poets, there must be great audiences, too." I present Mr. Wolodymyr Luckhan as a spokesperson for freedom whose stage for