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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

*Tuesday, September 26, 2000*

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

*Tuesday, September 26, 2000*

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.