

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JIM ROBB

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and an honor to have this opportunity to pay tribute to Jim Robb as he steps down as United States Magistrate for Western Colorado. Jim is a personal friend of mine whom I served with in the Colorado State House of Representatives. Jim has been the embodiment of service, success and sacrifice during his time as Magistrate and he clearly deserves the praise and recognition of this body.

Selected as a Magistrate in 1990, Jim was one of six United States Magistrates for the State of Colorado. The only magistrate outside the City of Denver, his duties included hearing preliminary and detention cases and holding misdemeanor hearings for crimes on federal lands. He was also responsible for hearing pretrial conferences for civil cases that involved the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

During his time as Magistrate, Jim had the reputation of a fair and approachable judge. He would always take time to hear both sides of the story and had the ability to approach each case with an open mind. Perhaps his fairness is the product of his life as a "true Renaissance man". Jim embarked on a 12,000 mile road trip around the United States before he was to attend college. During this trip, he fell in love with the wonderful State of Colorado where he would eventually earn his bachelor's degree and law degree. Some of his other accomplishments include working for the FBI as a special agent, working as an administrative assistant for a United States Senator in Washington DC serving two terms in the Colorado State Legislature, and serving on the Colorado State Parks Board for 10 years.

Jim's future plans include spending time with his family and continuing to practice law in the private sector.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I congratulate Jim for his career as a United States Magistrate and thank him for his dedication and commitment to public service. It is a real pleasure to honor people of Jim's character and integrity. His formidable efforts deserve the praise and admiration of us all.

Good Luck, your honor.

HONORING LUTHER POSEY

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it makes me very proud to honor a remarkable human being, Luther Posey. Through hard work and

determination, Luther recently helped the Glenwood Springs Police Department earn the Silver Buckle Award. This award is presented by the Colorado Department of Transportation for a department's "outstanding contribution to the safety belt program". Luther's contribution has been credited with being a fundamental part of the department receiving this high award.

For the past few years, Luther has been the primary individual in charge of gathering safety belt data in the Glenwood Springs area. His data is compiled every few months and then is used to enforce compliance with the state safety belt law. In a recent article by Heather McGregor in the Glenwood Independent, the following was said: "Police Chief Terry Wilson made it clear that without Posey's help the award wouldn't have been possible: 'he does the sitting and counting of people using or not using belts.'"

Luther has worked very hard to collect data that has helped ensure that the seat belt laws are enforced and has in turn made the community of Glenwood Springs a safer place for all. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I would like to thank Luther for his efforts that helped the Glenwood Springs Police Department earn this prestigious award.

Luther, it makes me proud to know that individuals such as yourself are taking it upon themselves to ensure that our communities are safe and secure. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

HONORING MARY ANN ANDERSEN  
LEE

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor a very remarkable person, Mary Ann Andersen Lee. Mary Ann has been a part of the nursing community for over four decades and recently retired from San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. Mary Ann's leadership and expertise in nursing have benefited the San Luis Valley in immeasurable ways. Her retirement will not last long, as she has already planned to move on and donate her superb nursing abilities to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief.

Mary Ann began her illustrious nursing career with a group of friends that answered a want-ad in the American Journal of Nursing. After graduating from Bryan Memorial School of Nursing in Lincoln, Nebraska, they headed west to take a job in western Colorado. The rest, as they say, is history.

The moment she joined the medical center, then called Alamosa Community Hospital, she demonstrated her outstanding leadership by

becoming the supervisor of the emergency room. She led in this capacity for nearly fifteen years. She then moved on to become the director of nursing where she served for just over two decades. Her leadership has benefited not only the medical center, but the entire community as well.

Mary Ann has led by example and become a role model of what it takes to succeed in the medical field. Throughout her tenure at San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, she has helped literally thousands of citizens. Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann has earned respect and admiration of this body. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress I thank her for her incredible service to the San Luis Valley and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Good Luck!

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3621—A BILL  
TO PROMOTE WILLIAM CLARK  
TO THE GRADE OF CAPTAIN

**HON. BARON P. HILL**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Mr. HILL of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H.R. 3621 to urge its passage.

Granting William Clark the grade of captain is well-deserved and long overdue. Clark acted as a co-commander with Meriwether Lewis during their expedition and Lewis felt Clark deserved a rank equal to his. So with this bill, today, we can both recognize Clark's role in the expedition and carry out Meriwether Lewis's wish that Clark be given the rank of captain.

This issue is of more than passing interest to the people of southern Indiana. These historic partners began their expedition at the Falls of the Ohio, near Clarksville, Indiana.

On September 1, 1803, Meriwether Lewis began his journey down the Ohio River toward Clarksville, Indiana, where he eventually met his partner on the expedition, William Clark. By October 14, Lewis had reached the Falls of the Ohio, a set of dangerous rapids created by a drop in the river over a two-mile series of limestone ledges. The following day, Lewis and his crew safely crossed the falls on the north side of the river. They then set out to meet William Clark, who was living in Clarksville with his brother, Revolutionary War hero George Rogers Clark.

The noted historian Stephen Ambrose wrote this about Lewis and Clark's meeting in Clarksville in his best-selling book *Undaunted Courage*: "When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark expedition began." During the two weeks following the meeting, Lewis and Clark selected the first official members of the expedition, a group referred to as the "Corps of

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