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photographic analysis, traditional tribal methods and recording the oral traditions of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, the Northern Cheyenne and the Northern Arapaho.

Once the location of the site was identified, the next task was to determine national significance and suitability and reasonability of the site as a unit of the system. To be eligible for consideration, National Park Service management policies state that an area must possess nationally significant natural, cultural or recreational resources; be a suitable and feasible addition to the system; and require direct NPS management instead of protection by some other governmental agency or private sector. The Special Resource Study for the Sand Creek Massacre site, completed in July 2000, concluded that the area is nationally significant.

I agree with that assessment. The Sand Creek Massacre site possesses exceptional value in illustrating and interpreting the history of U.S.-Indian relations in the American West. The massacre of nearly 150 Cheyenne and Arapaho people who believed they were under the protection of the U.S. Government was a major turning point in the relationship between whites and Indians. Virtually all Indian and army conflicts that ensued were rooted, at least partly, in the massacre.

Thus, a National Park System unit at Sand Creek would provide an opportunity for Americans to better understand the significance of the massacre, the chain of events that led to it, the relationship between Indians and whites during the mid-to late-19th Century, the devastating effects of the massacre upon the Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples, and its far reaching repercussions, many of which linger today. The site also retains a high degree of physical integrity, and its isolated setting will give visitors an opportunity to contemplate the complexities of the human tragedy that unfolded there.

The Interior Department's Special Resource Study also concluded that Sand Creek is both suitable and feasible as a unit of the National Park System—suitable because it represents a cultural theme that is not already adequately represented in the system, and feasible because the area taken as a whole is of sufficient size and configuration to ensure long-term resource protection and accommodate public use.

S. 2950 would authorize the establishment of Sand Creek National Historic Site. The unit would be established once the Secretary of the Interior determines that sufficient lands have been acquired to provide for the protection and commemoration of the Sand Creek Massacre. Lands are identified on a map dated July 1, 2000 and would be acquired through donation, purchase from willing sellers or exchange. Priority for acquisition is given to the site containing the historical member. Keys to managing the site would be protection of the natural and cultural features that and critical to telling the story of Sand Creek; and cooperation and consultation with the tribes in the development of management plans and educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by commending the senior Senator from Colorado, Senator Campbell, for introducing this bill and

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for all he has done to make it possible for this bill to be before the House today. I urge its passage.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT J. BLOUGH, FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HENRY COUNTY, OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from the State of Ohio. Dr. Robert J. Blough retired from his family practice in Ohio's 5th Congressional District after nearly five decades of distinguished service.

Dr. Blough joined the U.S. Air Force following high school. It was while stationed in China that he decided to become a doctor. A bomb blast occurred costing many lives with countless injured. The terrible incident inspired him to spend the rest of his life helping people.

Dr. Blough has combined his sound medical skills with his compassionate, personal, and dedicated approach to the practice of medicine for nearly 47 years. One of his patients remarked on his dedication by stating, "Dr. Blough was on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. He's touched the life of everybody in this community for miles around, either themselves or their family member." His medical career alone distinguishes him as a most valued citizen, but Dr. Blough has contributed so much more.

Dr. Blough has worn many hats throughout his life. Previously, he piloted his own private plane traveling from coast to coast on vacations. He also served as an examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration and as manager for Deshler Airport.

The doctor recently retired from 35 years of service as the on-call doctor for Oak Grove Nursing Home. And Dr. Blough will retire soon as coroner of Henry County when his term expires at the end of the year.

Dr. Blough's dedication to his community is second only to his great love for his family. Along with Celia, his loving wife of more than 55 years, he is blessed with three children.

Mr. Speaker, I have known of Dr. Blough's dedication and service that has earned him the highest regard for his character and abilities as a physician. At this time, I would ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to join me in paying special tribute to Dr. Robert J. Blough. His professionalism and service to his community is an example for all citizens of Ohio and across the country. We thank him, and wish him and his wife, Celia, the very best in all of his future endeavors.

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HONORING ERIC FONOIOMOANA

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Fonoimoana from my district. On Tuesday, September 26th, Eric and his teammate Dain Blanton captured the Olympic gold medal for beach volleyball.

Eric has excelled in the sport of beach volleyball for more than a decade. A lifelong resident of the South Bay, Eric was the star player on both the Manhattan Beach Mira Costa High School and University of California Santa Barbara volleyball teams. Following a storied collegiate career, he turned pro in 1993.

For eight years, Eric has been a dominant beach volleyball player. The endless training and competition culminated with the victory in Sydney. I congratulate Eric Fonoimoana on this outstanding achievement. I commend his commitment and dedication to athletic excellence. He has brought honor to the South Bay. He has brought honor to the United States. Congratulations to one of the best beach volleyball players in the world.

PAY IT FORWARD

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention a concept that I believe has the potential to inspire all people, but particularly middle-school children. It's a unique idea called "Paying it Forward." I am only too pleased to tell my colleagues about this idea.

The idea I am referring to has been encapsulated in the book by Catherine Ryan Hyde entitled "Pay it Forward." This book was also recently released as a motion picture. It is the tender yet powerful story of Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy with a vivid imagination and a paper route, who takes to heart the challenge of an extra-credit assignment for his Social Studies class: Think of an idea for world change, and put it into action. Responding to the challenge, Trevor chooses three people for whom he will do a good deed. Then, rather than allowing them to pay him back, he tells them to "pay it forward" by doing something good for three more people. In turn, those three people are to help three more people and so on. In this way, Trevor believes his acts of kindness will multiply out, geometrically, until the world is a different place. Mr. Speaker, in the end, "Pay It Forward" is the story of seemingly ordinary people participating in the extraordinary through the simple faith of a child.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a Pay It Forward Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to encourage middle school children to get involved in their local communities and to "pay it forward." As children create their own ideas for how to pay it