

consecutive terms. Two of the contracts were cost reimbursable with incentive fees, during the terms of the contracts from 1981–1995, the firm never received a rating of less than superior.

Ree's Contract Services, Inc., was incorporated on March 1, 1992. As founder, owner, president and operator of the firm since its inception, Ms. Foster has always believed that the actions of her employees are a personal reflection of herself, and that for her business to be successful, her employees must provide the highest quality service. Since her employees are her most valuable assets, Ms. Foster wants each one to know they are important and cared for by her.

Ree's Contract Services has developed into a successful contracting firm, ultimately growing to approximately 400 employees. The firm has held contracts providing services in 17 different states. Most recently, the firm was awarded the Heartland Regional Contract for guard services at all federal facilities under the management of the General Services Administration within Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

As the result of Ree's Contract Service's employees' professionalism and provision of quality services, the firm has developed a reputation for excellence in government contracting. B. Marie Foster and the firm's employees should be extremely proud of this reputation and I know they will continue to expend every possible effort to maintain and improve that reputation. In 1996, the firm was nominated for the Small Business Administration's Prime Contractor of the Year Award; subsequently, for 1996 and 1997, the firm received the SBA Director's Award of Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to B. Marie Foster and Ree's Contract Service. I am proud to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives and I wish Ms. Foster and her staff continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING ALLEN C. BARTEL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Allen C. Bartel who served as the

Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 31 in Edwardsville, IL. His service to scouting spanned over 15 years of his adult life. Mr. Bartel is retiring at the end of the year.

During that time, he guided 17 young men to the rank of Eagle and countless others through the wonderful experience of scouting. The role of the scoutmaster is more than teaching young men to tie knots and start campfires. They provide an educational program for boys and young men to build character, to participate in citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Those character issues emanate from the Scout Laws—A scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. Scouting is an excellent way to instill leadership qualities in our young men. Without the time and commitment of people like Allen Bartel, some boys may not be exposed to these important life lessons.

That is why I am honored to recognize the hard work and volunteer efforts of men like Allen. Thank you for making a difference.

HONORING DAVID BROWER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2000*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my final respects to David Brower, one of the true heroes of the environmental movement. David Brower was utterly devoted to the health of our planet. He affected America's physical and cultural landscape with his staunch defense of the Earth. He changed the way Americans view the environment and changed the environment in which they lived. David Brower was one of the Earth's greatest friends.

When David Brower joined the Sierra Club in 1933, the group was mainly an association of hikers interested more in enjoying nature than in preserving it. An able mountaineer, he spent a great deal of time climbing the peaks in Yosemite and nearby areas. During World War II, Brower joined the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, where he wrote a training manual on mountaineering and taught climbing techniques.

In 1952, after having published the Sierra Club Handbook and having served on the

Board of Directors, Brower became the first Executive Director of the Sierra Club. Under his leadership, the group, and indeed the conservation movement, changed dramatically. The organization of 2,000 hikers became a national political force with 77,000 members. Its budget grew from \$75,000 to \$3 million.

Brower turned the Sierra Club into an uncompromising defender of the Earth. One of his first campaigns was to stop the federal government from building dams in the Dinosaur National Monument on the Utah-Colorado border. Brower won by building public support for the cause through an array of innovative means; he produced a film about the area, conducted boat tours on the river, and published a book that supported his position. Over the years, he became known for these and other creative techniques including full-page newspaper advertisements and coffee-table books.

In the 1960's, he vigorously fought efforts to build two hydroelectric dams in the Grand Canyon. He also worked to create new national parks and national seashores and to pass the Wilderness Act of 1964 in Congress.

In 1969, he left his position as Executive Director of the Sierra Club. He immediately founded Friends of the Earth and co-founded the League of Conservation Voters and carried on with his work. In 1982, he founded the Earth Island Institute to support environmental projects in other countries. Most recently, he founded the Global Conservation, Preservation, and Restoration Service to work to restore damaged areas. Through these groups, he continued to be in the forefront of the environmental movement.

David Brower can never be replaced, but his work will live on in the people he inspired and the groups he founded. His principles dictated his every action, and his commitment was contagious. His impact was felt across the country and around the world. David Brower was the greatest conservationist of modern times, and he will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Anne, his children, Kenneth, Barbara, Robert, and John, and all of his family.