

TRIBUTE TO MS. JUDY ENGLAND-JOSEPH

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Ms. Judy England-Joseph who retired from the General Accounting Office, GAO, this past March. Her departure from federal service is a great loss to the federal government as well as to all offices in the Senate. Judy was a superlative federal employee with a record of honesty and integrity as well as a commitment to a job well done.

Ms. England-Joseph had been with GAO since 1975 working on a number of important federal issues in the fields of personnel and compensation, human resources, and energy, to name a few. However, I think most of my colleagues would agree that Judy's most outstanding contributions came as the Director of Housing and Community Development Issues at GAO. As Director, she had the primary responsibility for overseeing for the Congress the audit and evaluation of all programs and activities at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Small Business Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including those concerning housing, community and economic development, and federal disaster responsibilities.

As Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies and the Committee on Small Business, I found Judy to be an invaluable resource for objective and timely information that was critical to fulfilling my responsibilities. Judy not only testified numerous times before my appropriations subcommittee and the Committee on Small Business, but also personally met with me and my staff to discuss pressing issues and provide us with the critical information needed to make policy decisions. Judy was more than a resource to my committees; I also viewed her as a teammate and partner who shared my goal of making government truly accountable and as efficient as possible.

To say that we miss Judy would be an understatement. Judy epitomized public service. Her energy was boundless, her knowledge of policy issues was rarely matched, and her commitment to doing the right thing underlined her approach to her job and responsibilities.

I am honored to have worked with Judy and commend her for the years of service she provided to the Congress and the American Taxpayer.●

DAVID BROWER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I note with sadness the passing of David Brower, a great conservationist who died last month at his home in Berkeley, California. David Brower worked for more than half a century to pre-

serve and protect the American landscape he loved so well. He served our nation in war and peacetime as a soldier, writer, and activist, and enriched the lives of many Americans.

Born in Berkeley in 1912, young David Brower learned to appreciate nature by guiding his blind mother on walks through the Berkeley hills. In the 1930s, he worked at Yosemite National Park and became a skilled mountaineer. During World War II he trained troops in climbing techniques, wrote the Army's alpine manual, and fought in northern Italy.

After the war he returned to California and volunteered at the Sierra Club, which was then a hiking organization with little involvement in public policy. After writing the first Sierra Club Manual, he became the club's first executive director in 1952. Under his leadership, the club's membership grew from 7,000 to 70,000 as it became the nation's leading environmental organization. After leading the Sierra Club for 17 years, Mr. Brower went on to found the Friends of the Earth and the Earth Island Institute, and he helped to establish the League of Conservation Voters.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. Brower led the Sierra Club's successful efforts to block the construction of dams in Grand Canyon National Park and Dinosaur National Monument. He often said, half jokingly, that "All I have been able to do in my career is to slow the rate at which things get worse."

But in fact he made things better. David Brower was instrumental in the creation of Redwoods National Park, North Cascades National Park, and Cape Cod National Seashore as well as the passage of the Wilderness Act and establishment of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Our Nation has lost a giant, but we must try to walk in his footsteps. David Brower's life and legacy will live as long as we continue to preserve, protect, and enjoy America's natural treasures.●

OUTSTANDING IDAHOAN

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Katie Kirkham, a high school sophomore from Century High School in Pocatello, ID. Katie represented Idaho's horse program at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 24-28, 2000. She was one of twelve teens in the nation honored with the responsibility of introducing a guest speaker at the event.

There are thousands of young people involved in 4-H in the state of Idaho. And as a former 4-H member myself, I take special pride in recognizing the 4-H program, which has been educating Idaho youth on agricultural issues for generations, and will continue to do so for generations to come. I congratulate

Katie on her outstanding accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5637. An act to provide that an amount available for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation shall be available to reimburse certain costs incurred for clean-up of former Coast Guard facilities at Cape May, New Jersey, and to authorize the Coast Guard to transfer funds and authority for demolition and removal of a structure at former Coast Guard property in Traverse City, Michigan.

H.R. 5640. An act to expand homeownership in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 126. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1972. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park.

S. 2594. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of non-project water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

S. 3137. An act to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1761) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conserve and enhance the water supplies of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the House Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 126. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 2, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 11. An act for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150. An act for the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Miftakhov.