

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contributions these young people have made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Ruffin and Mr. Woolery are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Ms. Ruffin and Mr. Woolery should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. As part of their recognition, they will come to Washington in early May, along with other 2000 Spirit of Community Honorees from across the country, for several days of special events, including a congressional breakfast reception on Capitol Hill.

I heartily applaud Ms. Ruffin and Mr. Woolery for their initiative in seeking to make their communities better places to live, and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others.

In addition, I also salute other young people in Georgia who were named Distinguished Finalists by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for their outstanding volunteer service. They are: Vidya Margaret Anegundi of Lilburn, Shamea Crane of Morrow, Lyndsey Miller of Atlanta, Jessica Nickerson of Savannah, Leslie Pruett of LaGrange, and Erin Shealy of Watkinsville.

All of these young people have demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world and deserve our sincere admiration and respect. Their actions show that young Americans can and do play important roles in their communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.●

GOREVILLE, ILLINOIS, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the great people of Goreville, IL, during their centennial celebration. Although Goreville was not officially incorporated until 1900, it has been a busy settlement since before the Civil War. A post office was established as early as 1886, after the Gore family migrated from Georgia to settle on the land they had purchased from the government in 1854. When the Civil War broke out, General John A. Logan visited the community to recruit volunteers for his 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which rendezvoused at Camp Dunlap in Jacksonville, IL, before moving on to Fort Defiance in Cairo, IL.

When the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad went through Johnson County in 1889, the village moved its businesses down the road. This flexibility proved beneficial to Goreville as the small village prospered.

In April 1900, the village was incorporated, and was formally recognized by the State of Illinois in a small ceremony on July 5, 1900. While Goreville's population has never been extremely large, it has gradually grown to 900 people. Goreville is nestled next to Ferne Clyffe State Park. In 1923, the State Park was declared "the most beautiful spot in Illinois."

The week of May 7–13 has been designated as the Goreville Centennial Celebration. As the people of Goreville hold a series of events to celebrate the 100th birthday of the village, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the centennial celebration of Goreville, IL.●

LOYALTY DAY 2000

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, the true spirit of Americanism cannot truly be captured in the pages of history. It is not found in our vast acquired lands, nor is it printed in our two-century-old Constitution. Americanism is felt and entrenched deep in our soul. It is the goose bumps we get when hearing the Star Spangled Banner and the emotional chills that run through our veins when witnessing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The undying passion and loyalty we have for our nation is Americanism.

John Adams understood this loyal, patriotic, American spirit when he wrote, "Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives." In fulfillment of that obligation, many lives have been sacrificed to guarantee our liberties for ourselves and our posterity. The loyalty and devotion demonstrated by the veterans of our Armed Forces must never be forgotten or discounted.

Every year on May 1, our country takes the opportunity to celebrate that passionate allegiance and pay tribute to those before us who unselfishly ensured the continued success of America and strength of our democracy. Thanks to the efforts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Congress mandated in 1958 that May 1 of each year shall be recognized as "Loyalty Day." Across the nation, VFW posts express their steadfast commitment by sponsoring parades, hosting banquets and replacing worn flags in their communities.

While Loyalty Day is an occasion to reminisce about past achievements, we should also take this opportunity to focus on our future. As history has repeatedly shown, challenges to our ideals of democracy are imminent. Each previous generation has shown valor in rising to face those challenges.

Now the continued success of our nation relies on instilling in our young people an ardent appreciation for our American ideals, so they may be prepared to face future obstacles.

Each of us in our own unique way can show our commitment to the ideals upon which this nation was founded. Whether flying the flag, visiting a monument, teaching a child the Pledge of Allegiance or simply thanking a veteran, I ask that you join me today in celebrating Loyalty Day. I encourage everyone to discover the passion of our forefathers and experience the pride of true Americanism.●

MARIE CASCONA ROTUNDA

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Marie Cascone Rotunda, an outstanding New Jerseyan who has dedicated her distinguished career to the service of others. A selfless individual and member of the Trenton community, she is being honored with the prestigious Community Service Award by the Grandville Academy National.

The revered American poet Walt Whitman once wrote "Behold, I do not give lectures or a little charity. When I give, I give myself." It is clear that Marie Cascone Rotunda's many years of community service is the embodiment of this notion. She has tirelessly given of herself through her dedication to many noble and charitable causes. She has served with the International Special Olympics, taken it upon herself to create an emergency food pantry in the Township of Lawrence and for the past several years, she has focused much of her effort in supporting the Sunshine Foundation, which helps chronically and terminally ill children realize their dreams and fulfill their wishes. Furthermore she has spearheaded fund raising efforts that have raised over \$2 million for charitable causes in her community.

The Trenton community is truly fortunate to have been graced by such a talented and caring person. New Jersey is proud of this distinguished individual who has touched so many lives. Marie is an exemplar of the coveted American ideals of compassion and community service, and it is my honor to recognize her tremendous achievements today.●

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE ASPINALL

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I honor a man who spent 48 years of his life serving the public as an elected official for the State of Colorado. A man who served 2 years as the president of Colorado's 35th school district, 6 years as a board member of the town of Palisade, 6 years as a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, 2 of those as House Speaker, 10 years as a Colorado State Senator where he was

both the Majority and Minority Leader, and 24 years as a member of the U.S. House of Representative where he was the Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. I am referring to the late Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall from the small peach and winery town of Palisade, CO.

Let me talk about Wayne Aspinall's time in the U.S. Congress. In 1956, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation, he created the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 which authorized Glen Canyon, Flaming Gorge, Navajo and Curecanti Reservoirs, plus several smaller projects authorized for construction and others designated for study. The act was signed into law by President Eisenhower on April 11, 1956.

In 1959, he became Chairman of the U.S. House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. The ensuing 14 years of his leadership was viewed by many as the most productive in history in terms of new water projects, national parks authorized, wilderness designated, redwoods protected, the States of Alaska and Hawaii were admitted to the Union, and so much more.

This remarkable Congressman's accomplishments continued. In 1964, he lead the way to the Wilderness Act, which became law September 3rd and designated 9.1 million acres of wilderness and set aside more for study. At the same time, the Land and Water Conservation Fund was established primarily for parks acquisition.

Then, in 1968, he created the Colorado River Basin Development Act, signed into law by President Johnson on September 30, which balanced development in the basin. On October 2nd of the same year, his bill was signed protecting 58,000 acres of California redwoods and the Land and Water Conservation Fund was further enhanced.

Finally, he returned to his hometown of Palisade, CO in 1973 to live in a new home over the Colorado River which his life's work had done so much to preserve as a valuable resource for the entire western United States. He died October 9, 1983.

Now the citizens in his hometown plan to honor his memory with a one-and-half times life-size bronze sculpture by noted North Carolina artist Thomas Jay Warren. The statue will be the central feature of a Memorial which will include the representation of a dam and river. Several adjacent Memory Walls will be inscribed with the major achievements of the man known affectionately today in Colorado as "Mr. Chairman." Members of the Wayne N. Aspinall Memorial created it as an educational one, designed as much to teach students and others of the importance of sound water conservation, good government, and the history of water in the West as a record of the Chairman's stellar accomplishments.

The \$165,000 Memorial will sit in the southeast quadrant of what is now known as Palisade Park, on a bluff above the Colorado River about 50 yards from the home to which he had retired.

I commend the people of Palisade and other Coloradans for their effort to honor a man who served the great State of Colorado and our Nation with such distinction. I am proud to say that I knew him as a young man. My father, Amos Allard, was chairman of his congressional district. My family is proud of the affiliation with the Wayne Aspinall family and count ourselves among his many supporters. I urge all of who can do so to support this project financially.

Mr. President I ask that a list of Commission members and a copy of Colorado House Joint Resolution 00-1030 concerning support for the Aspinall Memorial Commission be printed in the RECORD.

ASPINALL MEMORIAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tilman N. Bishop, Retired State Senator and Educator.

Greg Walcher, Executive Director Department of Natural Resources.

Charles J. Traylor, Attorney and former Aspinall Campaign Manager.

William Cleary, former Aspinall Washington Aide.

Dean Smith, Mayor of Palisade.

Rich Helm, Executive Director, Museum of Western Colorado.

Robert Helmer, Fruit Grower and President of Palisade Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Talbott, President of Talbott Farms.

Elvis Guin, Retired Engineer, representing Palisade Lions Club.

Don Taylor, former Aspinall student and Retired Military.

Mike McEvoy, President of the Palisade National Bank.

Mary White, sister of Mr. Aspinall.

STATE OF COLORADO—HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-1030

Whereas, The Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall of Palisade, Colorado, was engaged in public service to the people of Colorado for more than half a century; and

Whereas, Wayne N. Aspinall served with distinction in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1931 to 1934, including service as Democratic Whip in 1931 and 1933; and

Whereas, Representative Aspinall also served with distinction in the Colorado House of Representatives in 1937 and 1938, during which time he was Speaker of the House; and

Whereas, Senator Aspinall served with distinction in the Colorado Senate from 1939 to 1948, including service as Democratic Whip in 1939, majority leader in 1941, and minority leader in 1943, 1945, and 1947; and

Whereas, Wayne N. Aspinall served as the United States Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado during the Eighty-second through the Ninety-second Congress, serving as Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and as Chairman of the Public Land Law Review Commission from 1965 to 1970; and

Whereas, Congressman Aspinall was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation of the House Committee on In-

terior and Insular Affairs when Congress enacted the Colorado River Storage Project Act, which at that time was the largest reclamation authorization act ever approved by Congress; and

Whereas, The Colorado River Storage Project Act contained authorization to construct four large water conservation storage units (Curecanti, Flaming Gorge, Glen Canyon, and Navajo) and eleven participating irrigation projects in Colorado and her three sister states in the Upper Colorado River Basin; and

Whereas, It is fitting that one who has served this state long and faithfully should be recognized in a permanent and substantial way; and

Whereas, The Aspinall Memorial Commission, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, has been formed by a group of citizens in Palisade and Mesa County for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Wayne Aspinall; and

Whereas, A major component of the planned Wayne N. Aspinall Memorial is a series of "Walls of Accomplishment" to educate students and others about the water conservation needs of the State of Colorado and the entire western United States; and

Whereas, The town of Palisade has donated land for the Wayne N. Aspinall Memorial at a prime location in Palisade Park and has, by resolution, agreed to maintain the memorial once it is conveyed to the town by the Aspinall Memorial Commission; and

Whereas, The Honorable Wayne Aspinall is one of Colorado's most devoted and illustrious statesmen and citizens; and

Whereas, The faithful, dedicated public service of Wayne Aspinall provides an inspiring example for those who follow him in the difficult tasks of self government; and

Whereas, Wayne Aspinall deserves a substantial and lasting memorial for contributing so much to the improvement of the great state of Colorado; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

1. That the General Assembly encourages all private citizens, corporations, clubs, and other organizations to provide support and assistance to the Aspinall Memorial Commission.

2. That the General Assembly encourages private grant-making foundations and organizations to support the efforts of the Aspinall Memorial Commission.

3. That the General Assembly encourages all agencies of the State of Colorado to support, cooperate with, and provide assistance to the Aspinall Memorial Commission to the fullest extent possible.

4. That the General Assembly encourages Governor Bill Owens to use his best efforts to cause Colorado's neighboring states and their cities that benefit from the dams and reservoirs built as a result of Wayne Aspinall's tenure in the United States House of Representatives to provide assistance and support to the Aspinall Memorial Commission. ●

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH NASTASI

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Joseph Nastasi, who has been an advocate for the seniors of Monroe, Louisiana, for 18 years as executive director of the Ouachita Parish Council on Aging.

A veteran of World War II, and the wars in Korea and Vietnam, Joe honorably served his country in the Marine