

HONORING CHARLES M. MONROE  
ON OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Charles L. Monroe for his 38 years of dedicated service to the California Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Monroe is retiring this year from his distinguished 14-year career as the regional patrol chief for the Central Coast Region of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Charles Monroe was born on January 12, 1939 in Montrose, CO. He moved to Southern California as a child in 1947, where he resided until 1956. He later attended Lassen and Stockton Colleges in Northern California, and graduated with an A.S. degree in criminal justice from College of the Redwoods in Humboldt County, CA.

Charles Monroe's career with the Department of Fish and Game began 38 years ago when he became a seasonal aid for the Department. His first job was working on the Honey Lake Refuge in 1958. Over the years he worked his way up within the department. From 1962 through 1964 Charles worked as a Fish and Wildlife assistant in Bishop, CA and at the inland fisheries hatchery at Mt. Whitney. In 1964, he became a fish and game warden, working the Marine Patrol in Eureka, CA and the land patrol in Williams, CA. He soon became the patrol captain of Hunter Education for the Central Coast Region in 1972. Later, in 1975, Charles became patrol captain of the Northern Squad of the Central Coast Region, a post he held for 11 years. In 1986, Charles Monroe was named as regional patrol chief for the Central Coast Region of California, a distinguished title which he held for 14 years, until his recent retirement on March 31, of this year.

In addition to his career with the Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Monroe has dedicated himself to helping his community. He served for 3 years with the U.S. Coast Guard reserve and assisted in the development of the first comprehensive pollution response plan for the 12th Coast Guard District. He also served as a police officer in Susanville and Needles, CA for 4 years. He also dedicated three summers to U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Mr. Monroe's life has been one of great public service and participation. In 1973, he established the Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement curriculum at Napa Valley College and has taught there ever since. He has regularly been an instructor at the California Department of Fish and Game Academy, as well. For the past 8 years he has served as chairman of the Napa County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. From 1980 to 1995, Charles also served on the Napa County Chamber of Commerce Law and Fire Committee. He is known for his various committee work for Ducks Unlimited and the California Waterfowl Association, where he had numerous stints as chairman and co-chairman.

Charles Monroe is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife Sonia for 39

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years. Together they have three children: Michelle, Chuck and Shari, as well as five grandchildren.

In his spare time, Mr. Monroe enjoys hunting, fly fishing, wildlife art, and the study of U.S. history.

Perhaps the best example of Charles Monroe's dedication to his community came in 1965 when he was awarded the California State Medal of Honor for his rescue activities during the 1964 floods in Humboldt County, CA. Obviously, Mr. Monroe is a man of great courage as well as dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Mr. Charles L. Monroe, first as his State Senator and now as his Congressman. Clearly, his life has been one of great public service, dedication, and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this man for his great work for the wildlife, people and State of California.

IN TRIBUTE TO SIMI VALLEY HIGH  
SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
TEAM

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2000*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team—champions this year in Ventura County and the State of California, and silver medalists in the national competition.

After winning the Ventura County and State of California titles, the Simi Valley team last month traveled to San Antonio, Texas, for the U.S. Academic Decathlon competition, competing against 37 other schools from across the United States. The rivalry was fierce. Simi Valley lost to the team from Katy, Texas, by a mere 460 points. Each team scored more than 52,000 points in the match-up.

The nine-student Simi Valley High School team is representative of the best and brightest our country has to offer. They have been accepted to such universities as Harvard and Stanford. Seniors David Bartlett, Steve Mihalovitz, Cary Opal, Jeff Robertson, Jennifer Tran, Michael Truex, Justin Underhill and Randy Xu, and junior Kevin White, are truly America's future leaders. Their coaches, Ken and Sally Hibbits, are dedicated educators who deserve equal praise for a phenomenal job of preparing their students.

Last year, Moorpark High School became the first Ventura County team to win the national title. By winning the silver medal this year, Simi Valley High School has proven that Ventura County is an educational powerhouse. They have also proven that Ventura County students and teachers have the dedication and perseverance to be the best they can possibly be. It takes months of studying from early morning to late at night to prepare for these competitions. Jobs, friends and family are place on the back burner.

If they had won no medals, their dedication to a common goal alone would have made them champions.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating the National Silver Med-

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alists, California State Champion and Ventura County Champion Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team for its impressive wins, and in wishing team members great success in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BRONX COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2000*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy that I once again pay tribute to Bronx Community College, which will hold its 22nd Anniversary Hall of Fame 10K Run on Saturday, May 6, 2000.

The Hall of Fame 10K Run was founded in 1978 by Bronx Community College's third President, Dr. Roscoe C. Brown. Its mission is to highlight the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, a national institute dedicated to those who have helped make America great.

The tradition continues under the stewardship of Dr. Carolyn G. Williams, the first female President of Bronx Community College. Dr. Williams has endorsed the race and will continue the tradition initiated by Dr. Brown to promote the physical fitness as well as to highlight higher educational opportunities.

As one who has run the Hall of Fame 10K race, I can attest to the excitement it generates. The race brings the entire city together. It is a celebration and an affirmation of life. It is a wonderful way to enable over 400 people to run in the Bronx. It is an honor for me to join once again the hundreds of racers who will run along the Grand Concourse, University Avenue, and West 181 Street, and to savor the variety of their victories. There's no better way to see the Bronx Community.

For most of the past 22 years, Professor Henry A. Skinner has coordinated the Hall of Fame 10K race, a healthy competition which brings together runners of all ages from the greater Metropolitan area. This year he has passed the mantle to Robert Hill, assistant track and field coach at Bronx Community College.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals and participants who are making the Bronx Community Colleges's 22nd Annual Hall of Fame 10K run possible.

10TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO  
100 WOMEN FOR MAJOR OWENS

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2000*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I pay special tribute to a group of dedicated community activists in my 11th Congressional District of Brooklyn, NY.

Founded in March, 1990, by Council Member Annette Robinson, Margaret Wiseman, Mary Eccles, Linda Breakenridge, Celeste Green, Sylvia Whiteside and Lorrelle Henry,