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PARK POLICE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I am today introducing the Park Police Enhancement Act. This legislation is long overdue and would help the United States Park Police solve two particular, albeit small, problems that have been plaguing this police force for a number of years, namely, medical payments and mutual aid agreements dealing with indemnification.

The first section of this bill clarifies that medical payments to qualifying Park Police personnel will be made by the Park Service. This will significantly speed up the process for reimbursements to the Park Police personnel. Currently, payments are routed through the District of Columbia, who eventually distributes the reimbursements. This process is overly burdensome and frequently takes months to complete.

Section 2 of the bill would provide express authority for the National Park Service to enter into mutual aid agreements with adjacent law enforcement agencies, for example those in Maryland or Virginia. Both of these states require that each party to the agreements be indemnified and hold the assisting agency harmless from claims by third parties dealing with property damage or personal injury.

Both of these sections will help the Park Police function better and is necessary to address identified problems that have hindered the effectiveness of the US Park Police. The Park Police deserve nothing less.

KRISTINA SEMOS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today I commend an outstanding student, Kristina Semos, for her commitment to excellence in academics and as a citizen. Next week Kristina will graduate from the Talented and Gifted Magnet High School at Townview Center in Dallas, TX, where she is valedictorian of her class. Her strong academic performance has led her to be named a National Merit Scholar, an honor for which she will receive \$1,000 annually. That should come in handy while she's attending Brown University this fall.

Kristina has also served her community in a number of ways, including fundraising for the AIDS Lifewalk, helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity and participating in various activities at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox

Church. She is a gifted math and computer science student, earning first place honors on multiple occasions from the Dallas Public Schools Mathematics Olympiad and honors from the Dallas Public Schools Computer Olympiad as well.

Additionally, Kristina is a talented musician, singing in her church choir, earning various awards in State musical competitions, playing in the all city band and participating in her school's German Folk Dancing Group. With all these achievements, Kristina is truly a well-rounded individual.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Kristina Semos for her truly remarkable scholastic, service, and leadership abilities. With confidence, I look forward to her future contributions to our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS A. JACOBSEN

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Tom Jacobsen, an individual of great importance to the Los Angeles trade community. Tom, president of Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc., will today be inducted into the World Trade Center Association Los Angeles-Long Beach (WTCA LA-LB) Hall of Fame.

Tom is being honored for his important contributions to international commerce. His professional achievements are numerous in the advancement of trade and economic success of the Los Angeles region. I congratulate him on receiving this prestigious honor.

The WTCA LA-LB is a prominent membership-based trade organization and a leader within the global World Trade Centers Association network of 320 offices in 97 countries. It is a leading provider of trade connections, resources, and trade assistance, helping companies expand their international contacts within the trade community.

Tom began working for the family business as a young man. Upon graduation from the California Maritime Academy in 1988, he spent several years gaining valuable experience at sea aboard oil tankers and general cargo ships. In 1992 he started the pilot training program and upon completion of over 1,500 piloted ship moves between 1992 and 1995, Tom stepped into management at Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. He soon became president of the business in 1998.

Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. has been a pioneer in piloting. They officially started piloting in 1925 in Long Beach, and they continue to be a leader in the industry.

I commend Tom Jacobsen for his commitment to trade and the economic vitality of the Los Angeles region. I wish him and Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc. continued success.

LOCAL TEACHER DAVID RAU PRESENTED WITH SAM'S CLUB "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Mr. David Rau for his tremendous contributions to educate children and improve our community. On May 9, 2000, SAM's National Wholesale Food Club awarded him with the honor of being their "Teacher of the Year."

"Teacher of the Year" is the highest honor that SAM's can present to an American educator. Nearly 3,000 teachers are honored nationwide every year. Each teacher receives an educational grant in the amount of \$500, for which he or she can designate how the funds will be spent. Since 1996, more than \$5.1 million in education grants have been given by SAM's to schools across the country. Each Wal-Mart store, SAM's Wholesale Club, Distribution Center and Transportation Office is allowed one winner. The Amarillo SAM's Club selected Mr. Rau from the Amarillo school district applicants, and the national headquarters named their finalists from these selected teachers.

As a middle school teacher at St. Andrews Episcopal School in Amarillo, Texas, Mr. Rau's motivation has inspired and encouraged students to pursue their dreams over the years. He is the kind of teacher who makes learning fun and exciting. He sets his students on a path for their future and steers them in a positive direction. I commend Mr. Rau for his dedication to providing the best possible education each child can get and congratulate him on being the "Teacher of the Year."

INTRODUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I'm pleased to introduce by request the Administration's Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (or WRDA 2000). The proposal constitutes the Department of the Army's Civil Works legislative program for the Second Session of the 106th Congress.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee works very closely with the Administration, particularly the Army Corps of Engineers and the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), to ensure that the nation's largest water resources program is effective

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and responsive to current and future needs. The Committee welcomes the transmittal of this proposal to Congress as a sign of good faith and genuine interest in facilitating the enactment of a WRDA 2000 before the year's end.

The Committee has held three hearings this year on proposals and priorities for a WRDA 2000. This is in addition to the six hearings on Corps of Engineers and WRDA projects and programs held last year before and after enactment into law of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-53). We will look very closely at the Administration's WRDA 2000 bill, requests from our Congressional colleagues, and recommendations from public witnesses and other interested parties. We intend to introduce and move through the Committee a bipartisan, widely supported bill.

The Administration's bill, which we introduced by request today, has numerous provisions that should be supported. At the same time, I must emphasize that some of the bill's programmatic and project-related proposals raise serious questions and, in some circles, strong opposition. I, myself, am particularly concerned that the importance of the Corps' traditional water resources missions is not adequately reflected in the proposal and that some of the environmental projects and provisions need further review.

I look forward to working closely with my colleagues and the Administration to ensure that a WRDA 2000 can move swiftly through the Congress and become law before the year's end. Based on our country's water infrastructure and environmental restoration needs and the growing competition, as well as opportunities, in the global marketplace, this is "must pass" legislation that must not be delayed.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. MCCARTHY,
C.P.P. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to John J. McCarthy, C.P.P. on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. McCarthy is an outstanding citizen of New York who has raised the city's quality of life and made great contributions to the criminal justice system.

Mr. McCarthy has devoted much of his life to public safety and justice through the field of correctional services. As the Inspector General of the State of New York Department of Correctional Services, Mr. McCarthy was responsible for the prevention of corruption, escapes and smuggling, among other duties within the department.

Before he was named Inspector General, Mr. McCarthy was the Director of the Bureau of Special Services of the State of New York Division of Parole. He has lectured at various police parole, correctional and training facilities throughout New York State.

As an active member of the community, Mr. McCarthy has contributed greatly to the quality

of life and safety of neighborhoods like Gramercy Park, Peter Cooper Village, Stuyvesant Town, and the 23rd Street vicinity in Manhattan. In fact, the First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Police Department has said that the unprecedented reduction in crime in this area could not have been achieved without Mr. McCarthy's long-term involvement and support.

Mr. McCarthy spent four years overseas during his military service. He served in the United States Army and the United States Air Force during World War II as an Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer, a First Sergeant, Intelligence Officer, Provost Marshal and a Company Commander. He also served as the Chief of Police and Security of the War Department in the occupied enemy territory of East Africa. When he left the armed forces, Mr. McCarthy was a First Lieutenant.

Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of New York University (1955), and he holds M.A. and M.F.A. degrees from New York University (1956, 1959). Mr. McCarthy also graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Mr. John J. McCarthy and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Mr. McCarthy's contributions to the New York community and to our country.

KILDEE HONORS MS. MANDY ARGUE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to pay tribute to Ms. Mandy Argue, of Lapeer, Michigan, who has received the American Ambulance Association's "Star of Life" award for her outstanding service as a Paramedic.

Extraordinary Emergency Medical Service professionals not only administer medical care quickly and effectively, but they bring compassion and understanding to their jobs. Ms. Argue exemplifies these characteristics.

Recently, when responding to a diabetic emergency, Ms. Argue found her patient alert and oriented. The patient refused transport to the hospital but no one felt comfortable leaving this patient alone. The patient did not have money for a taxi ride or a decent meal. While others talked with the patient, Ms. Argue quickly went out and purchased a dinner for the patient.

Another situation demonstrating Ms. Argue's caring service occurred when she responded to a Do Not Resuscitate cancer patient. Ms. Argue arrived to find the patient in end stage cancer and a family that was in crisis. The family wanted to keep the patient at home, but they were concerned that the patient was in serious pain. Ms. Argue immediately called a home health care service and arranged for a doctor to come over that same day. She then spent time talking with the patient, after which the patient agreed to take medication with the help of a family member. Later in the day, Ms. Argue followed up with the family and found

that the patient was resting comfortably and appeared to be pain free.

Ms. Argue shares my dedication to preserving, promoting, and enhancing human dignity. She goes the extra mile to ensure that her patients are given the best care possible.

Since this is Emergency Medical Services week, it is an appropriate time to think about the valuable role of EMS workers in our communities. I am grateful to have the opportunity to recognize the service that Ms. Argue delivers to my district, and I am proud to represent her in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on official business and missed rollcall vote Nos. 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, and 153. Had I been here, I would have voted "yea" on all of them.

WEST TEXAS A & M MEN'S BOWLING
TEAM STRIKES GOLD AT
THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I join West Texas A & M University and the West Texas community on congratulating the West Texas A & M men's bowling team for striking gold in the 2000 Intercollegiate Bowling Championship. Their triumph on April 29 marks the first time that the Buffs have brought home the national title, an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The West Texas men's bowling program has been built upon a firm foundation of hard work and sportsmanship. The program, which has produced four former Professional Bowlers Association Tour players, has been an esteemed runner-up in six previous national tournaments. This hard-fought victory catapults the bowling program onto a new level of national recognition. The six men who claimed the national crown displayed what can be accomplished when West Texas determination and teamwork get rolling.

It is with pride that I recognize the members of the West Texas A & M men's bowling team and their coaches for this accomplishment, as well as the faculty and fans that led them down victory lane. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, Canyon, Texas is now home to the 2000 Men's Intercollegiate Bowling Champions. I wholeheartedly extend my congratulations to the West Texas A & M Buffs for bringing home a national bowling title.