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area. As WAMU celebrates 40 years of broadcasting, we look forward to its continued presence for many years to come. WAMU remains an award winning resource for the residents of the Washington area.

HONORING MARY WALKER CLARK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, when Ms. Mary Walker Clark was asked to reveal her age, she replied, "A lady never tells that kind of information," then added with a smile on her face, "I was born in 1894, you figure it out." It brings me great pleasure to have this opportunity to offer my congratulations and admiration to Mary Walker Clark who celebrated her 107th birthday on July 16 in the town of Montrose, Colorado—making her the oldest living individual in the entire state of Colorado.

In quaint Angels Camp, California, Mary was born in 1894. When she was only 40 days old, her family relocated to Ouray, Colorado. Today, Mary lives at the San Juan Living Center in Montrose, Colorado. She was blessed with two sons—Jack, who is a business owner and lives in Ouray, and Lester who resides in Grand Junction, Colorado.

No day would be complete for Mary without her son Jack delivering a small soda and an order of french fries from the local McDonald's restaurant. Since she was old enough to have solid food, Mary has always loved french fries and her affection for these potatoes has sparked a keen interest in her community. She was recently been asked to perform the ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the new McDonald's in Montrose. Mary attributes her longevity to not only the french fries, but also the hard work and dedication that she has performed throughout her life.

When Mary was in junior high school, she quit her formal schooling to assist her mother in cooking, cleaning and washing for the local miners in order to feed the six children in their family. Since that time, it seems that she has never stopped providing for others. Mary often cooked for community dinners, aided her brother at his market, carried on her husband's moonshine business after he passed away, and operated a legitimate liquor store following Prohibition. In addition, she did numerous tasks at two hotels and also offered a helping hand at her son's bakery. Not surprisingly, at the age of 97, she was still carrying her own coal to her furnace—two buckets at a time. Mary often wonders "why such a fuss" is being made over her.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Clark is a phenomenal individual who has dedicated her life to the service of others through her hard work. French fries and a strong work ethic have contributed greatly to her longevity and it is with great pleasure that I honor her today. Happy Birthday Mary!

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of "National Therapeutic Week" in South Carolina as proclaimed by Governor Jim Hodges.

The purpose of this event, which was held July 8–15, 2001, was to increase public awareness of therapeutic recreation programs and services, and expand recreational and leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Physical therapists from all over the state met and worked together to eliminate barriers to leisure activities for many with disabilities and educate people in leisure skills and attitudes. These therapists constantly stressed the importance and advantage of having a clear understanding of how involvement in leisure and recreational activities improves physical and psychosocial health, and how recreation can provide individuals with a sense of self-confidence and satisfaction.

The theme for "National Therapeutic Recreation Week" was "Therapeutic Recreation . . . Examine the Possibilities." The theme suited the occasion perfectly, as the aim was to explore a variety of methods used by therapeutic recreation professionals to enhance the quality of life and well being of persons with disabilities.

This year's "National Therapeutic Recreation Week" will hopefully generate more interest and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive benefits of leisure and recreation.

Mr. Speaker, last week thousands of South Carolinians devoted their time and energy to improve their quality of life, and also the lives of others. Please join me in recognizing the gallant efforts of these individuals, and the wonderful accomplishments they made during "National Therapeutic Recreation Week."

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOBUS PHARMACEUTICAL'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO BARBARA MOORE

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a constituent of mine, Mrs. Barbara Moore of West Sacramento, California, to recognize Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, a small family-owned company based in Princeton, New Jersey. A few years ago, Laura Jacobus, Director of Quality Assurance for Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, reached out her hand to Barbara, who suffers from a rare condition called Lambert Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome.

Dr. David Richman, Barbara's doctor at the University of California at Davis Medical Cen-

ter, placed Barbara in a treatment program for her condition, thus leading her to Jacobus Pharmaceutical. Prior to the assistance from Jacobus Pharmaceutical, Barbara couldn't even move short distances without help. As a result of her treatments, Barbara has been able to watch her son grow up, and remain an integral part of his life.

In a time where money is viewed as the main motivating factor, I am deeply touched by the selfless actions of Jacobus Pharmaceutical. It is my wish to honor Jacobus Pharmaceutical and Laura for their benevolence and unsurpassed humanity within the pharmaceutical industry.

A SALUTE TO PAT AND BILL BENNETT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special husband-and-wife team from my home state of New Mexico. Pat and Bill Bennett of Placitas have spent the past decade strengthening and enhancing the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade. To recognize their dedicated service and commitment, this past Sunday the Brigade was renamed in their honor.

Volunteer firefighters provide one of the most valuable services imaginable to this country and its people—that of saving lives and safeguarding our precious lands. Firefighters preserve the integrity of the safety in the communities they serve. Every year, volunteer firefighters are injured, and even die, in the service of their esteemed duty. Volunteer firefighting is one of the hardest jobs imaginable, and it is frequently rewarded only by the knowledge that the service it provides is vital to its community.

In this unique case, Bill and Pat both made enormous contributions to the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade. Bill, who began as a volunteer firefighter and was later named Chief of the department, helped establish the standards the department uses to fight structural and wildland fires. Although he retired from the department last year, Bill is still active in planning and training of new firefighters.

Pat, a registered nurse and an emergency-medical technician, is currently the brigade's medical Captain, and was a major contributor to the development of the department's medical procedures and standards. It is also important to note that in 1999, the New Mexico Injury Prevention and EMS Bureau named Pat the state's Emergency Medical Technician-Basic of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that nothing is bigger than the heart of a volunteer. I think that is especially true for Pat and Bill and all the volunteer firefighters in New Mexico and across the country. For all their courage, their strength, their selflessness, and their dedication, I salute each and every one of them.

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