

the unique challenges that face rural America, I believe that Katie Henio is an example of a volunteer in a rural community pulling people together and thriving. She has demonstrated that individuals working together make a difference. I wish to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Katie on a job well done, and encourage this wonderful organization to keep up the good work.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
ENSURING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST
MIGRATORY MOURNING
DOVES IN THE PACIFIC FLYWAY

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today a House Concurrent Resolution calling for a renegotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916 to promote fair and equitable hunting opportunities for sportsmen in the western United States.

Specifically, my legislation provides for a lengthening of the migratory mourning dove hunting season in the Pacific Flyway Region. This region includes the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The nationwide hunting season opening date for migratory mourning doves is September 1st, as established by the Migratory Bird Treaty. However, in the Pacific Flyway Region, 75 percent of the migratory mourning dove population has already moved south by this traditional opening day. Because of this naturally occurring event, sportsmen in western states, including my own State of Utah, are denied the same hunting opportunities for mourning doves as millions of other Americans.

This Resolution is the first step towards correcting this problem by urging the President to take immediate action to begin discussions for the necessary renegotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty with the appropriate counties who are signatories to this document. It is only through these modifications that sportsmen across the United States will be able to enjoy equally fruitful hunting experiences.

It is important to note that migratory mourning doves are the most widely distributed game bird in North America, as well as the most harvested. Current hunting regulations for mourning doves have been conclusively found to cause no significant effects on recruitment of fledglings in mourning dove populations. An extended hunting season of one additional week at the end of August will pose no threat to migratory mourning doves as game managers will be free to update any regulations necessary to allow for a lengthened season.

This resolution has already found approval with many sportsman groups and wildlife managers throughout the Pacific Flyway region, especially in the intermountain states of Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

Mourning dove hunting remains a time honored tradition in the Pacific Flyway region, and

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it is essential that more equitable harvesting conditions be established. Congress should pass this resolution as an act of fairness and as an expression of our gratitude to western sportsmen who have consistently demonstrated a commitment to conserving wildlife by contributing millions of dollars to the Federal Aid to Wildlife Conservation Fund. I urge the expeditious passage of this Resolution so that we can start the process of resolving this inequitable situation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEVERAL
HOSPITALS IN WESTERN PENN-
SYLVANIA

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to the floor today to congratulate several hospitals in western Pennsylvania that were just named as some of the best in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

Pittsburgh has a long history as a hub of research and development in health care. From the life saving work of tissue research, to their reputation as a world-renowned provider of pediatric care, Pittsburgh area hospitals continue to make breakthroughs in the care and treatment of the sick. Three local hospitals made U.S. News and World Report's annual assessment of the country's best hospitals, and I would like to pay tribute to them now.

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh was ranked as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the country, a testimony to their efforts to ensure that children are in playgrounds and camps during the summer, not hospital beds. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center was named as one of the top otolaryngology centers due to their commitment to curing disorders from hearing loss to neck cancer. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center also joined Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh as two of the best centers in America to treat cancer.

These hospitals are on the front lines every day, searching for more answers and providing more cures to some of the most painful and debilitating disorders known to man. I commend these and all other hospitals as they work to make our lives healthier and happier. It is through their tireless work and dedication that we continue to expand the quality of life and health of all western Pennsylvanians, as well as people throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL NEW YORK
BENEFACTOR SHERMAN SAUN-
DERS

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a neighbor who has generously given of his time, talent, and finances to benefit the Central New York community. Mr.

Sherman Saunders, a local businessman, was honored earlier this week at a surprise eighty-third birthday party in Syracuse, New York.

Mr. Saunders was born on July 10, 1918, in Syracuse to a local family that operated a stone and gravel business. Mr. Saunders' great-grandfather started the business as a livery stable on West Onondaga Street. After receiving a civil engineering degree from Syracuse University, Mr. Saunders ran the family business, eventually expanding it to sell sand and Redi-Mix in addition to stone and gravel. Many major Syracuse area landmarks and development projects utilized his company's services during their construction, and the Central New York community continues to literally rely upon him as it grows and prospers.

Mr. Saunders and his wife of forty-two years, Marie, have six children—Judith, Karen, Gail, Michael, Sandy, and Marilyn—and continue to reside in the Syracuse area. Their son Michael directs the family business today.

Besides Mr. Saunders' community contributions as a local businessman, Mr. Saunders has been a tireless advocate for good government. With a keen interest in politics, Mr. Saunders has given generously to local candidates for public office. Mr. Saunders has also been a generous benefactor to such local organizations as the Greater Syracuse Boys & Girls Club, various youth recreation organizations, the SPCA, and Syracuse-area Catholic Charities.

Mr. Saunders' longtime philanthropic work is deserved of such special recognition this week, but his modest and humble demeanor makes his generosity even more noteworthy. As his family and friends gather in celebration of his birthday, I wish him continued health and prosperity as he enters his eighty-fourth year and thank him for his numerous contributions to making Syracuse a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

IN MEMORY OF KENNETH HERMAN
BLOHM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Kenneth Herman Blohm, whose lifelong career of public service influenced many lives on the Central Coast of California. Mr. Blohm, who passed away on July 2, 2001, is survived by his two sisters, five children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His wife of 56 years, Agnes O'Grady Blohm, died in 1990.

Mr. Blohm was born in Watsonville, California on November 8, 1908. He worked as an auditor for the Railroad Express Agency from 1926–1963, and then served as a Monterey County judge for ten years. Mr. Blohm served in the California State Guard during World War II, and in 1942, he was President of the Spring District School Board in Salinas. From 1969 until 1974, he served as President of the North Monterey County School District, and in 1976, Mr. Blohm was elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, where he served until 1980. Beyond his contributions as

a public servant, Mr. Blohm dedicated himself to the broader community. He was a member, and leader, of the Salinas Elks, the Castroville Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, the Gambetta Little League, the Elkhorn School Parent-Teacher Association, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Blohm, known as a man with firm convictions, truly believed in his work, and worked towards improving the quality of lives on the Central Coast. Throughout his term on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, he was a frequent critic of county land-use policy and often voted in favor of property owners who appealed county planning decisions. He strongly believed in voting his conscience and believed that every citizen had the right to be heard on an issue before it became policy. Throughout his years of public service he remained loyal to his belief in less government control over land and property. Although Mr. Blohm was a critic of state Coastal Commission procedures, in 1978, the Board of Supervisors picked Mr. Blohm as its representative on the Coastal Commission.

Mr. Blohm remained strong in his beliefs, and was a supporter of programs that he believed would benefit the Central Coast. His admirable career of public service was dedicated to improving the Coastal Coast, and his contributions have made a significant impact. I, along with the Central Coast community, would like to honor the life of Mr. Blohm's whose dedication and contributions are truly commendable.

TRIBUTE TO WHITEMAN AIR
FORCE BASE 509TH BOMB WING
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to the Whiteman Air Force Base 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team. On July 12, 2001 the team successfully helped a TWA flight divert a tragedy by acting with precision and expertise.

The 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team is made up of firefighters, security forces, medics, transportation, chaplain, legal, public affairs, and services. Nearly every unit at Whiteman AFB played a role in the successful execution of this mission. After an emergency landing the team was on hand to help safely unload every passenger and transport them to the community center.

At the community center passengers were offered an array of services and support, including meals, free phone calls and entertainment. Members of the team did sign language for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese to three passengers that spoke no English and spent their own money on snacks for the travelers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the members of the 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team for such outstanding performances during the recent unexpected commercial landing. These men and women went above and beyond the call of duty and de-

serve our praise. I know that Members of the House will join me in sending the 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on Monday, July 23, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted: on roll 257, H.R. 2137, Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act of 2001, "yea"; on roll 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act, "yea"; and on roll 259, S. 468, James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, "yea".

I was unable to return to Congress on July 23, 2001 due to a funeral of a close family friend. Therefore, I respectfully request an excused absence for July 23, 2001.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that as a result of several unanticipated flight delays associated with my travel from South Bend, Indiana in my district, I was not able to be present in the chamber to cast my votes on Monday, July 23, 2001. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall No. 257—H.R. 2137, the Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act; "yea" on Rollcall No. 258—H.R. 1892, the Family Sponsor Immigration Act; and "yea" on Rollcall No. 259—S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, my vote was not recorded on rollcall votes Nos. 257–259. Had my votes been recorded, they would have been in the following manner: Rollcall vote No. 257 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 2137)—"yea".

Rollcall vote No. 258 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1892)—"yea". Rollcall vote No. 259 (to suspend the rules and pass S. 468)—"yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 257, Criminal Law Technical

Amendments (H.R. 2137), had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; and on rollcall No. 259, S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF WILLIAM N. GUERTIN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a community leader, Mr. William N. Guertin, who has served the interests of physicians and patients in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties since 1971. Mr. Guertin served as Assistant Executive Director of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) from 1971 to 1984 and in 1984 became Executive Director of the ACCMA. He continues to serve in that position. Today, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for his leadership in serving the public by promoting and improving the quality of medical care administered to patients throughout his tenure.

Mr. Guertin is well-respected among medical association executives across the country, having been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Medical Society Executives (AAMSE) in 1994. He will be installed as President of AAMSE on July 27, 2001, in Washington, D.C., due to his exemplary accomplishments in the field of medicine.

The Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) is the second largest county medical association in California, currently with a membership of approximately 3100 medical doctors. Under Mr. Guertin's executive leadership, the ACCMA has promoted the quality of medical care and the well-being of patients in the East Bay community in numerous ways.

Mr. Guertin has worked hard to protect physicians from impositions that interfere with their ability to practice medicine and to preserve their relationships with patients. This has directly benefited physicians by allowing them to maximize their abilities to provide quality care for their patients.

Mr. Guertin has also been involved with exposing proposals that would exploit patients and physicians for profit. His goal has always been to uphold the quality of care for patients by exposing any measures that might hamper this goal in any way. He has extensively reviewed and analyzed health plan contracts while educating physicians on the perils of signing unfair agreements. Often these contracts will contain provisions that conflict the relationship between doctors and their patients by refusing doctors the right to provide medically necessary treatment to patients. As a result of Mr. Guertin's efforts, many physicians refuse to sign contracts that withhold their right to make treatment decisions for their patients.

In his tenure at the ACCMA, Mr. Guertin has created programs and activities to promote public health, quality and access to care,