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a dedicated funding stream to address to the pervasive connection between parents abusing drugs and alcohol and the incidence of child abuse. Hopefully, that will be our next step after the passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, with nearly 1 million confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect every year, we must increase our Nation's commitment to helping at-risk families and to ensuring safe and nurturing homes for defenseless children. This legislation is not a magic wand that will singlehandedly eradicate child abuse, but it is an important step in our continuing effort to keep children safe and to help families succeed. I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

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COMMENDING THE GENEROUS  
GIFT BY THE HALLMARK CHANNEL  
AND JIM HENSON COMPANY  
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Hallmark Channel in partnership with the Jim Henson Company for their recent gift to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Their generous contribution of this license will help the Commission relaunch a national v-chip campaign utilizing Kermit the Frog as the official "spokesfrog" empowering parents with the tools they need to control the programming that their children view.

The Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company have recognized the importance of the v-chip and ratings initiatives in empowering viewers to control what comes into their homes over their television sets. Last year, these companies developed an award-winning promotional campaign that designated the world famous and beloved figure of Kermit the Frog as national "spokesfrog" for the v-chip and television ratings system. This year, the Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company have gone even further by giving the FCC a license to use Kermit in the informational materials that it distributes. The Commission just completed publication of this new brochure for widespread dissemination.

I am proud to have the world headquarters of Hallmark located in my home district in Kansas City, Missouri. The company has a long history of serving the metropolitan Kansas City area as well as other communities throughout the nation. Hallmark has repeatedly demonstrated its civic commitment through its Hallmark Hall of Fame television programs. The powerful message of these award winning programs bring meaningful and wholesome entertainment into our living rooms. Its leadership in partnering with the Salvation Army has turned the donation of greeting cards to a prison chaplain for distribution to inmates so they may stay in touch with their families into a national model of rehabilitation involving both the federal and state prison systems.

Hallmark not only provides millions of dollars annually to outstanding charitable causes,

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it has repeatedly been recognized as one of the most outstanding places to work in the country. Its creative environment is family focused, which invites its associates to excel and want to come to work each day. Clearly, Hallmark is an outstanding national model of corporate citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives in commending the Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company for this generous gift to the FCC. Their ongoing efforts to provide the viewing public with family friendly programming choices, and their helping in educating the public about the v-chip and the ratings systems are greatly appreciated.

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HONORING FRANK NELSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember the life of Frank Nelson who passed away on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Frank was the Director of Colorado's Commission for Persons with Disabilities for over a decade and I would like to recognize him for his contributions to the Denver community and for his diligent efforts and dedication.

Frank was born in New Hampshire and relocated to Denver, Colorado when he was 2 years old. In 1981, he graduated with a degree in education from the University of Colorado. Following his formal education, Frank was employed by the Montana Independent Living Project, but returned to Denver in 1984 to work as a social worker and vocational counselor.

During his tenure as the Director of the Commission, Frank and his colleagues strived to enhance the accessibility of municipal areas and sought to ensure that parking laws were enforced for the sake of the disabled. Besides these tasks, Frank's team also worked in conjunction with other parts of the city government to review new building plans and make them more accommodating for everyone. Whether it was the new construction of the Pepsi Center, Coors Field or the Denver Performing Arts Center, Frank always challenged the project for the benefit of disabled citizens. Due in part to his efforts, Denver was recognized as "America's most wheelchair friendly city" by New Mobility Magazine in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, Frank was an outstanding citizen who constantly watched out for the well being of everyone, particularly the disabled. His contributions in Denver have aided numerous people in living life to its fullest extent. I would like to take this time to recognize Frank's hard work on the behalf of others and extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to his family at this time of remembrance. Frank was a great man and will be missed by many.

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HONORING MR. JIM BRAY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and pay tribute to the passing of a valuable member of our community. The life of Jim Bray, a former resident of Snowmass, Colorado, was cut short at the age of 66 when he was hit by a car in front of his home in Prescott, Arizona. I would like his wife, Susan, and his sons, Alexander and Dennis, to know that many hearts are reaching out to them in their time of mourning.

Jim Bray was an accomplished man with a strong character. He was born in Halstead, Kansas in 1935. He graduated from high school in Houston, Texas in 1953 after which he attended both the University of Houston and the University of Hawaii. He then went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. His enduring drive led to a respected career as a professional hotel manager eventually bringing him to Snowmass, Colorado where he was a driving force behind the construction of the Snowmass Resort Association's Conference Center. Although he remained there for only 5 years, he had made a valuable contribution to the community that will endure for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, although the sudden death of Jim Bray is certainly unexpected, his memory will live in the hearts of many. His contributions and service to the community and the United States will not be forgotten. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Bray. He will surely be missed.

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HONORING CONNI LOGAN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to acknowledge the loss of a valuable member of our community. Conni Logan suffered from a brief illness that took her life on August 13, 2001, at the age of 59. Conni was a loving wife and mother who had a deep passion for the arts and dedicated her life to teaching that appreciation to others.

Conni was born in 1942 as one of seven children in a family that valued and encouraged diversity. She went on to graduate from college with a degree in psychology after which she received master's degrees in art history and exhibition design.

Although living in Santa Fe, New Mexico when she passed, she had made valuable contributions to the State of Colorado as an educator. In 1993, she was a Program Director at the Aspen Campus of the Colorado Mountain College, Center for Excellence in Arts. In addition to curating 30 art exhibits during her time there, she also developed and instructed art history and principles in art