

with the Western Colorado Economic Development Council, the National Highway 50 Federation Commission, and Club 20. Don was also a member of the Rotary Club and the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Don's role in the banking business allowed him to provide assistance to local ranchers, small businesses, and college students. Don Eastman played a monumental role in the development of Gunnison and its surrounding community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Don Eastman. Don dedicated his life to serving his nation and fellow citizens. Don will be missed most by his family and close friends who knew him best, as well as the community that he so proudly served.

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HONORING CURTIS A. WERDEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Curtis A. Werden and his contributions to this country. Curtis began his service in the military in 1944, serving as a pilot in Italy during World War II.

Mr. Werden flew the P-51 mustang fighter-aircraft and was assigned to the 31st Fighter Group, 306th Fighter Wing of the 15th Air Force. During his tour, Curtis flew fighter escort missions for B-17 and B-24 bombers over Nazi-held territory in Western Europe. During these missions, Curtis was assigned with providing air cover for the squadron from attacking enemy fighters. Curtis flew 63 missions protecting bombers, and allowing the Allies to carry forward the mission of repelling and defeating the Nazis.

Mr. Werden retired from the Army Air Corps as a Captain in 1945. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters and the European Campaign Medal. As a member of the 31st Fighter Wing he received the Presidential Unit Citation, an award reserved for outstanding units in the European and Pacific theatres.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and privilege that I recognize Curtis A. Werden for his service to this country. He served selflessly in a time of great need, bringing credit to himself and this nation.

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HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF CAPCO INC.

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, our nation is now confronted with a challenge that we have never faced before—fighting an important war against terrorism. Following the terrible attack against our country on September 11, 2001, that struck New York City and Washington, DC, we have seen numerous heroes from all

walks of life emerge as we rebuild from this horrible attack. One of the unseen but critical contributors to this new battle is Capco Inc. located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Their efforts to further our success against an elusive enemy are greatly appreciated and I would like to recognize this company and its employees for their efforts.

As the U.S. flag drapes across workstations, the 128 employees of Capco are diligently working to produce rifles and other defense weapons that are currently being used by our military. But most noticeably, this firm produces modification kits that transform M16 rifles into the M16A2. Eighty percent of the construction for these weapons is performed at the Capco facility.

When Capco Inc. moved to Grand Junction in 1971, capacitors and electronic devices were the focus of their production. However, their focus changed first when it was a subcontractor for companies manufacturing military electronics, and then again in 1991 when it was awarded a contract with U.S. Department of Defense to produce smart mines. Since that time, they have become the largest maker of the M16 rifle in the United States and produce many other items used in battle, including impulse cartridges.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to defend freedom across the globe, equipping our troops with quality munitions is imperative. Capco Inc. has answered its call to duty by creating reliable and superior products that will ensure our success in the future of this conflict. I would like to extend my gratitude to the company for its role as an active supplier to our country's efforts to promote peace and security. They deserve this body's support, now more than ever, and I thank them for their diligent service.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY  
WALLEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the career of Nancy Wallen and her service to the citizens of Colorado who have flown on United Airlines. Nancy is a dedicated worker who has specialized in customer service by putting the needs of others first. It is my pleasure to honor Nancy Wallen for the work she has accomplished and congratulate her upon retiring from United Airlines.

Nancy Wallen began her career in the transportation industry when she joined United in 1968. Nancy originally worked as flight attendant before being promoted to an inflight supervisor the following year. Nancy's loyalty to United is admirable, giving the company eleven years before opting into a new career path. However, Nancy returned to United within a few years where she blossomed as a concierge in the Red Carpet Club at Stapleton airport. She has proven herself capable of managing a wide variety of responsibilities while serving in an important leadership role for those who worked with her. Nancy contributed

to a smooth transition from Stapleton to the Denver International Airport playing an integral role in the VIP/Special Services Program for United. Nancy has decided to end her career where it first flourished, in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy is a specialist in customer service and will be dearly missed by the many frequent patrons who looked forward to her smile, sincerity, and professionalism. I commend Nancy for her long and successful career and send her my best wishes and warmest regards in her retirement.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETER N.  
LONCAR

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize a serviceman from World War II. Peter Loncar, a current resident of Montrose, Colorado, fought courageously for the freedom of our great nation in the Philippines during World War II, Peter endured battle and made tremendous sacrifices to protect his fellow Americans.

Peter Loncar, along with the rest of the 108th Infantry Division, was sent to fight the Japanese soldiers in the Philippines. They made their way onto the shores of Luzon, an island north of Manila, and battled courageously until they gained control of the island. Each battle had its casualties, but the 108th remained diligent and was eventually able to defeat the Japanese forces.

Peter Loncar left the battlefield and the war with several citations recognizing the significant contributions he made to the war effort. Some of his distinguished accomplishments include: the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, combat infantry badge, and four bronze stars. These are all lasting symbols of the valor that he displayed in the face of danger during the war.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America called upon Pete during a time of significant conflict and he responded. This nation and this body are indebted to him for the perseverance and the bravery that he displayed in his service to our flag. I would like to extend my warmest regards and thanks to Peter for his commitment and sacrifice to our nation during World War II.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH  
FLOYD AND RITA FARRELL

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, our nation has been experiencing very difficult times since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, but we have pulled together out of patriotism and resolve from the losses that our nation has suffered. I would like to take a moment to recognize the significant contributions to the relief effort by two remarkable young ladies from Snowmass Village, Colorado.

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Elizabeth Floyd and Rita Farrell, both 14 years old, dedicated their time and effort to directly aid the relief efforts in New York and Washington D.C. Elizabeth and Rita circulated throughout their community selling white and blue lapel ribbons for one dollar apiece; the proceeds of their venture to be donated to the

American Red Cross. They have collected a considerable amount of money from their effort, sometimes meeting ribbon orders as high as two hundred.

Mr. Speaker, these two young ladies are wonderful examples of how our country has pulled together after the devastating attacks

on September 11th. They are role models to us all and worthy of the praise and admiration of this body. I would like to thank Elizabeth and Rita for the significant contributions they have made, not only to the American Red Cross relief effort, but also to the unity of our nation.