

not the intention of the bills being introduced today. The language in these bills has been drafted to ensure that the cleanup is based on sound science, compliance with federal and state environmental laws and regulations, and public acceptability. The bills now tie the cleanup levels to the levels that will be established in the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) for soil, water and other media following a public process to review and reconsider the cleanup levels in the RFCA. In this way, the public will be involved in establishing cleanup levels and the Secretary of Energy will be required to conduct a thorough cleanup based on that input. In addition, the bills require that the establishment of the site as a wildlife refuge cannot be used to affect the cleanup levels—removing any possibility of arriving at a lesser cleanup due to this ultimate land use.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my thanks to Senator ALLARD for his outstanding cooperation in drafting this important legislation. I am very appreciative of his contributions and look forward to continuing to work closely with him and the other members of the Colorado delegation in both the House and Senate to achieve enactment of this legislation.

In the past, Rocky Flats has been off-limits to development because it was a weapons plant. That era is over—and its legacy at Rocky Flats has been very mixed, to say the least. But it has left us with the opportunity to protect and maintain the outstanding natural, cultural, and open-space resources and value of this key part of Colorado's Front Range area. This bill would accomplish that end, would provide for appropriate future management of the lands, and would benefit not just the immediate area but all of Colorado and the nation as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on February 27 and 28, I was unable to cast my votes on rollcall votes: No. 16 on motion to suspend the rules and agree on H. Con. Res. 39; No. 17 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 256; No. 18 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 558; No. 19 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 621; No. 20 on motion to suspend the rules and agree on H. Con. Res. 27; and No. 21 on motion to suspend the rules and agree on H. Res. 54. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

HONORING STEVE CASELDINE, 2000
RECIPIENT OF THE YMCA DIS-
TINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is ex-

tremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our city and county. These individuals work tirelessly to develop voluntary community action to improve the community's economy, its education, its environment and its overall quality of life. One individual, who is a member of this group, is Steve Caseldine.

On the 3rd of March, Mr. Caseldine will be honored with the Ira. D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Award by the Corona-Norco Family YMCA. The award is given in memory of my father, "Cal" Calvert, and his enumerable philanthropic gifts to the community and his efforts to encourage others to serve their community in a similar fashion. The award recognizes Steve for his exceptional devotion to developing community volunteerism.

A senior vice president and manager of the Corona office of Citizens Business Bank, Steve credits his employer's emphasis on community service for his own history of volunteerism. However, it is his love for fishing and membership with the Inland Empire Bassmasters, not employer, that has motivated Steve for the past three years to help area youth experience the traditional American hobby of fishing. To date, the Inland Empire Bassmasters have introduced more than 250 boys and girls to the joys of fishing. Many of these youth have come from the Corona Boys and Girls Club, Alternatives in Domestic Violence and the YMCA.

Since Joining Citizens Business Bank (then Chino Valley Bank) in 1981, Steve has also been an active participant in the community through the Corona Chamber of Commerce and Corona Rotary Club.

Mr. Caseldine met his wife Docia, while attending a small Christian college. In 1974, he earned a Business Administration degree and began his career in banking at Wells Fargo, in Orange County, before Joining Citizens. Steve and Docia have one son and daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank Steve Caseldine for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has aided in developing and maintaining community volunteerism in the Corona-Norco area and the Inland Empire. I know that we will continue to benefit from his experience in the 43rd Congressional District and deep commitment to the region. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Steve on his outstanding career and lifelong devotion to community volunteerism.

HONORING THE PEACE CORPS ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, when John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to put aside self-interest and go out and make the world a better place, he launched a crusade of service that continues today. Over the last four decades, thousands of Peace Corps volunteers have built bridges as well as friendships.

Peace Corps volunteers have helped children learn to read, helped villages obtain clean water, helped educate people about HIV/AIDS and other health threats, and helped farmers grow more food. In the process of these and countless other undertakings, what is most striking for many returned volunteers is not how much they taught, but rather how much they learned.

The Peace Corps embodies the highest principles of international and intercultural exchange. Peace Corps volunteers truly do think globally by acting locally. This grassroots program has made many lasting contributions to the world. John F. Kennedy called on Americans to ask what they could do for their country, but in fact, the Peace Corps mandate is much broader: it asks volunteers what they can do for their planet and its people.

I am proud to join my colleagues in congratulating the Peace Corps on its forty years of achievement and in reaffirming our national commitment to international service.

HONORING LUTHER F. (GUS) BLIVEN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the people of Central New York lost their personal reporter last Sunday in Syracuse. Let me emphasize the word *their* because Luther F. (Gus) Bliven was that person for every day of his 71 year career with the Syracuse Post Standard.

For someone to work for the same employer over a 71 year span is remarkable in itself. But to have earned both the respect and trust of the people who read your work over that same time frame is the trademark of greatness. Gus Bliven covered the state legislature in Albany for almost 50 years. During that time frame he reported on seven governors, hundreds of state legislators, countless hearings and more all night sessions than he ever wished. He was a "reporter's reporter" as he developed the earned reputation of a no-nonsense but fair writer. He expected honest answers to his questions and when he got them the story reflected it. If he felt the response was less than truthful the story reflected that as well. You didn't want to ever be in that category.

Gus covered my father when he was mayor of Syracuse. They didn't always agree but they respected one another as strait-shooters. My father paid him a high compliment when he said that Gus Bliven was the best but toughest reporter he had ever known.

On Wednesday, February 28, 2001, this fine newspaperman was laid to rest. I won't be at his funeral because the House is in session requiring me to be here in Washington, but many people will join to say farewell to this news legend from Central New York. It almost seems fitting that as Christians begin the season of Lent, known as a time of getting closer to the Lord, Gus Bliven starts his journey home to God. He would have enjoyed this parallel.