

INTRODUCTION OF THE COLORADO
WILDERNESS ACT OF 2001

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join as an original cosponsor of this legislation being introduced today by my colleague, Representative DEGETTE.

Representative DEGETTE has been a leader in the Colorado delegation in connection with the issue of wilderness designations of lands in our State managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and I am hopeful that the bill will serve to advance the debate on that issue. Conclusion of that debate is long overdue, and I am hopeful that we can get on with it.

I am sure some will object to this bill and find reasons, both philosophical and technical, to oppose it. I am also sure others will argue for its intact passage without change or amendment. I expect that the legislative process will produce results that are not completely satisfactory to either of those groups.

In my view, the bill outlines a good way to make progress—that is, through comprehensive legislation to address the majority of the BLM areas that have been proposed for wilderness. Of course, members of the delegation may also want to explore legislation dealing just with one or more of these areas, and I am ready to work with them on that approach as well.

All wilderness bills eventually are about compromise and map-drawing. Introduction of this bill obviously is not the end of the wilderness discussions in Colorado, and I look forward to working with the rest of my colleagues in the delegation to seek the maximum feasible degree of consensus that can result in wilderness designations for BLM lands in our State.

HONORING THE SYRACUSE
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 40th Anniversary Season of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, a fully professional residential orchestra of national acclaim, which serves the entire central and northern New York State region. The Orchestra includes 6 professional musicians and a conducting staff of international caliber and performs over 100 full-orchestra concerts throughout Central and Northern New York, reaching more than 200,000 audience members during its 38-week season.

Now the 45th largest orchestra in the United States, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra performs a vast array of programs including classics, pops, family, chamber orchestra, educational youth programs and free summer parks concerts. In addition, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra presents The Nutcracker with a visiting ballet company each December and

also plays for Syracuse Opera performances. Syracuse Symphony concerts are broadcast twice weekly on WCNYFM and the Orchestra proudly operates two youth ensembles—the Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra and Syracuse Symphony Youth String Orchestra.

Beyond its Syracuse-based activities, the Orchestra performs a heavy schedule of concerts in under-served regional communities. In addition to subscription series in Watertown, Rome and Cortland, the Orchestra frequently tours New York State and, in recent years, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. The Orchestra has made four trips to Carnegie Hall and produced several recordings, including the most recent compact disc release under the direction of Daniel Hege. The Orchestra collaborates with dozens of local organizations each year, including the Syracuse Stage, Syracuse University Oratorio Society, Syracuse Children's Chorus, Syracuse School of Dance, and the Center of Ballet and Dance Arts. In 1999, their excellence in the arts was recognized when The Orchestra received the prestigious New York State Governor's Arts Award.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra for its many accomplishments throughout the past forty years and recognize its service to Central New York and surrounding communities. We wish its members and patrons every success in all future endeavors.

HONORING CARROLL BEACH

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I salute my friend Carroll Beach, President of the Colorado and Wyoming Credit Union Leagues, on receiving the 2001 Herb Wegner Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement from the National Credit Union Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Credit Union National Association.

I feel that Credit Unions exemplify the great American ethic of pulling together with our neighbors to accomplish worthy goals that we could not hope to achieve individually. Credit unions help to foster a much-needed sense of community. They are member-owned cooperatives, where members typically receive their dividends in the form of more favorable interest rates and lower fees.

Since Carroll assumed control of Colorado's credit unions in 1973, the Colorado Credit Union system has grown from a handful of employees to 180 employees serving 1.4 million members. Nearly one out of three adults in Colorado belongs to a credit union. Credit union membership in Colorado has risen from 350,000 to 1.4 million under Carroll's leadership.

Over the last three decades, Carroll has worked to improve access to credit unions, striving towards his stated goal of seeing a day when every American can access a credit union and own the financial institution that serves them. I commend Mr. Beach on his innovative and creative leadership of the Colo-

rado and Wyoming Credit Union Leagues, and congratulate him on receiving this much-deserved honor.

MINORITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues to express my grave concern over the way minority students are treated by this Congress. On February 2, 2001, Republican Education and the Workforce Committee members voted to change the manner in which minority higher education issues are considered by the committee. Under these changes, consideration of issues affecting Historically Black Colleges and Hispanic Serving Institutions will take place in a new Select Education Subcommittee, while all other higher education issues will be handled by a newly formed Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Minority higher education institutions are an important part of our nation's educational system. Established under the Higher Education Act, these institutions continue to expand educational opportunities for financially needy and minority students. However, these new rule changes imposed by the Education and the Workforce Committee set minority education back at least 50 years, to a time when minorities were "separate but equal". When the 21st Century Competitiveness Subcommittee meets to discuss improving higher education and increasing the competitiveness of our college students, they will make crucial decisions that affect all students in higher education institutions, except those that are served at minority serving institutions.

These recent changes are unacceptable, and send a dangerous message to minority students throughout the nation. Congress must not support this blatant inequality, and I call upon the Majority to correct this injustice.

HONORING JOHN CLEGHORN, 2000
RECIPIENT OF THE YMCA DISTINGUISHED 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 extremely 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 John Cleghorn. He has been active in so many community groups and activities that it is hard to imagine how he found the time to become a career law enforcement officer with