

on missionary activity and a requirement for state involvement in the selection of leaders for any religious group."

Because these drafts have been "unofficial," even local representatives of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Almaty have been unable to obtain any official texts. Nevertheless, on March 6, the head of OSCE center, Herbert Salber, communicated his concerns to the chairman of Kazakhstan's Senate (the upper chamber) of parliament. Mr. Salber described the drafts as having "masses of shortcomings" and running "counter to international legal norms."

Mr. Speaker, if these draft amendments to the religion law are passed, the effect could be to make only Islam and Russian Orthodoxy the permitted religions in Kazakhstan. Other faiths and religious organizations would be severely restricted if not actually outlawed.

It appears that attempts are being made to pass this legislation on March 16, 2001 without even a public reading. Mr. Speaker, I hope the Bush administration will join me in conveying to the leaders of Kazakhstan that we are deeply concerned by this initiative to turn the clock back and to limit the rights of religious believers in Kazakhstan.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DONALD G.
CARLSON

HON. JOHN CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, our greatest asset as individuals is our good name, and few people in the United States Congress have earned as good a name as Donald G. Carlson. Today marks a very important occasion in the history of this great institution because this is the final day of Don Carlson's thirty four years of public service to the United States House of Representatives.

Don Carlson's work as Chief of Staff for Congressman Bill Archer and for me has established a standard of excellence and integrity and dedication that we should all aspire to maintain. Since 1970, every challenge or problem encountered by the people of Congressional District Seven or their Congressman has been answered by Don Carlson. He has labored tirelessly and quietly to improve the lives of the people of our district and to strengthen the accountability and integrity of the Congress, and he has always worked to achieve these noble goals without any thought of thanks or recognition for himself. His service to his country and to this institution truly exemplify the noble ideal of selfless public service.

On behalf of Congressman Archer and all of the members of the Texas Congressional Delegation and the people of Congressional District Seven, I express here today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD our profound and perpetual gratitude to Don Carlson for his unparalleled service to the United States Congress. His good works and his worthy example as a leader and role model will continue to influence the Congress for many years to come because he has touched so many lives here

and inspired so many leaders here in so many ways. Don Carlson's good name is a priceless treasure here in the United States Capitol, and all of us who know him and love him will always be uplifted and inspired by the standard of service he established. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for all he has done for this nation and this institution, and we wish him God Speed and good luck in his new endeavors alongside Chairman Archer.

TRIBUTE TO ANN HOLMES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Ann Holmes of La Jara, Colorado for her service to the elderly in her community. For 21 years Ann has dedicated her time to make sure the residents of the Conejos County Long Term Care Unit were comfortable and receiving top care. That is why I would like the 107th Congress to take a moment and recognize Ann for her work.

Ann worked in the district for five and a half years and recently decided it was time to slow down. Her dedication and hard work won her excellent ratings from the State Surveys. And because of these ratings the Conejos County Long Term Care Unit was able to participate in the ResQuip Program, which offers money for specific projects that will enhance the lives of area residents. Ann always put patients first.

The funds that came from the ResQuip Program were used to build a gazebo. One of Ann's goals, which she achieved, was to purchase a lift to transfer residents in comfort.

Ann also formed the Ethics Committee for the Conejos County Hospital. All of her staff members and residents will miss her tremendously. "It has been a privilege to work under her direction. I will miss her both professionally and personally," Julia King-Smith said.

Mr. Speaker, as Ann moves on to new pursuits, I would like to thank her for her remarkable work. In my opinion, Ann will long be remembered as a servant in the medical field, and for giving so much time to make sure that the elderly are comfortable.

For these things, Ann deserves the thanks and praise of this body.

W. JOE TROGDON POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 821, a bill to designate a facility of the United States Postal Service as the W. Joe Trogdon Post Office Building. This legislation, which was cosponsored by every Member of the North Carolina Delegation, is a worthy and appropriate tribute to one of North Carolina's finest mayors.

Joe Trogdon was born on November 19, 1932 in Asheboro, North Carolina and is a graduate of North Carolina State University in my Congressional District. We honor Mayor Trogdon today because of his unique bond with the city of Asheboro. He grew up in Asheboro, was educated in its city schools, and with the exception of his college years in Raleigh and a brief stint in United States Army, he chose to live his life in the town where he was born.

Mayor Trogdon began his career in public service as a member of the Asheboro Planning Board in 1964 and then was elected to the city council in 1973. After ten years on the council he was elected mayor, a position he would hold for the next 18 years. During his tenure as mayor, he served on the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors and as chairman of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments.

Trogdon is more than a mayor or member of the city council. He is an exemplary small businessman and father. As President of S.E. Trogdon & Sons, Inc., Joe continues to run the business his family started in 1928. He married the late Anne Peoples in 1955. Together they raised four children in Asheboro, and their family has now expanded to include six grandchildren. He is also a member of the Asheboro Jaycees, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs.

Mr. Speaker, in this age of mobility and change it is refreshing to recognize those who give their entire lives to their community. Joe Trogdon was a fixture in his community and a citizen in the truest sense of the word. He cared deeply for Asheboro. It is his hometown, the place where he was raised and where he chose to raise his own family and he served it well.

It gives me great pleasure to pay this fitting tribute to a great North Carolinian by naming the Post Office in Asheboro after that town's favorite son, W. Joe Trogdon. I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 821.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAL
PRIVACY PROTECTION RESOLU-
TION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Medical Privacy Protection Resolution, which uses the Congressional Review Act to repeal the so-called Medical Privacy regulation. Many things in Washington are misnamed, however, this regulation may be the most blatant case of false advertising I have come across in all my years in Congress. Rather than protect an individual right to medical privacy, these regulations empower government officials to determine how much medical privacy an individual "needs." This "one-size-fits-all" approach ignores the fact that different people may prefer different levels of privacy. Certain individuals may be willing to exchange a great deal of their personal medical information in order to obtain certain benefits, such as lower-priced care or having information targeted to their medical needs sent to