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her new position and wish her good luck in the future. She will be missed in the state legislature.

Senator Dennis has served the State of Colorado well in the state Senate and I know she will continue that record of leadership in her new capacity with the Department of Agriculture.

TRIBUTE TO LA VINA MARS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish a longtime Bayfield employee best wish-

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es during her retirement. After serving as town clerk of Bayfield, Colorado for 29 years, La Vina Mars has decided to retire to spend a little more time with her family and her horses. As she does, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her service and wish her well.

La Vina became the town clerk in 1972, when the town population was 300. At that time, she served as the town clerk, the librarian and the ticket agent for the bus line that stopped in Bayfield. "She's been the glue that's held the town together for 29 years," said Ed Morlan, a long time member of the Town Board.

La Vina will miss talking with residents the most when her career is over. "I have some qualms about not coming to work. I will think about it because I have enjoyed it."

La Vina has spent much of her 29 years as one of only two or three town employees. When she started, La Vina worked as a volunteer for a month to learn the job's ropes. Now that she's leaving, town officials say it will be hard to replace her. Many credit her with helping Bayfield make it through a tough period in the mid 80's when the town nearly went broke.

Mr. Speaker, La Vina will truly be missed by the town of Bayfield and the people she worked with. It is appropriate that this body say thank you to La Vina for her hard work and dedication.

La Vina, your community, state and nation are proud of you and thankful for your years of service. We wish you all the best during your well-earned retirement.