

April 26, 2001

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE GULF OF
THE FARALLONES NATIONAL
MARINE SANCTUARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the creation of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GNFMS) and I rise today to pay tribute to this very unique marine Sanctuary off of the San Francisco coast. The Sanctuary includes 1,235 square miles of wetlands, intertidal, and deep sea resources and is home to a diverse population of fish, invertebrates, algae, marine mammals and seabirds. Throughout the year, The sanctuary is either the #1 or #2 spot in the world for numbers of endangered blue and humpback whales. In addition, the Sanctuary is the home for 33 species of marine mammals, including whales, dolphins and porpoises. In 1991, the area was designated by the United Nations as a United Nations biosphere reserve giving it global importance and status. It is situated in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

Management of this vibrant marine sanctuary has been led by an extraordinary individual named Ed Ueber. Ed has served as chief manager and steward of the Farallones since 1990. On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the GNFMS, I join the people of the Bay Area in extending our heart felt appreciation to Ed Ueber for his extraordinary work on behalf of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. As Manager, Ed has made it his mission not only to protect and preserve our nation's marine life but to bring ocean life to everyone's lives. Ed has succeeded in building public support and enthusiasm for the national marine sanctuary. His efforts to involve the public has led to the creation of the Nation's first sanctuary support organization—the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association.

Ed has also created an extensive volunteer program—The Beach Watch Program which enlists volunteers for beach and offshore monitoring. These volunteers actively participate in the monitoring of beaches and marine life, including, seals, birds and whales. In 1993, the Beach Watch Program graduated the first 40 volunteers. In 1997, the Sanctuary Education Awareness and Long-term Stewardship (SEALS) program trained volunteers in harbor seal monitoring and interpretation. In 2000, there were 260 volunteers collecting data, responding to oil spills, educating the public, and entering data.

In the Bay Area, we are blessed by the Marine Sanctuary and its steadfast steward, Ed Ueber. Ed serves the Sanctuary and the people of the Bay Area in the most exemplary way through his careful management of the resources and his special gift of sharing the importance of protecting this precious marine environment.

Congratulations to Ed Ueber and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary on its 20th Anniversary!

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, on April 24, we commemorated the 86th anniversary of one of the most harrowing events in modern day history—the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. From 1915 to 1923, over one and a half million Armenians were killed by Turks in inter-communal warfare.

Hundreds of Armenian leaders, writers and professionals in Constantinople were rounded up, deported and killed. Five thousand of the poorest Armenians were butchered in the streets and in their homes. Men, women and children were driven into the desert between Jerablus and Deir ez-Zor to die of starvation, disease and exposure. In 1915, the New York Times reported that families were burned alive in wooden houses or chained together and drowned in Lake Van.

To this day, the human rights abuses and atrocities that were committed against the Armenians by the Turks remain disturbing and continue to have a tremendous impact on the stability of this region.

During a campaign speech in February 2000, President Bush stated, "The Armenians were subjected to a genocidal campaign that defies comprehension and commands all decent people to remember and acknowledge the facts and lessons of an awful crime in a century of bloody crimes against humanity. If elected President, I would ensure that our nation properly recognizes the tragic suffering of the Armenian people."

It is important to remind the President of his pledge. As a Member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, I joined my colleagues in signing a letter to President Bush addressing the need to uphold his promise to recognize the Armenian Genocide as what it was—genocide. We cannot let this statement become an empty campaign promise.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress of the United States remembers the Armenians. It is time for the world to deal honestly with this senseless genocide and redress this tragedy. I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the genocide and honor the memory of 1.5 million innocent victims.

HONORING L. COOK JEWELRY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, for 73 years Coloradans have celebrated special events and occasions by buying that special piece of jewelry from L. Cook Jewelry on Main Street in Grand Junction. After 26 years of running the store, the Dan and Connie Rosenthal are retiring, leaving scores of memories and a legacy of service behind. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their years of service to the community and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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"Main Street is losing one of its highest-quality stores," said former state Senator Tillman Bishop of the oldest business on Main Street. "It's really an institution to our community. I've been buying gifts from there since even before we moved here from Denver. There's a lot of history there. It was always a great gathering place."

Dan and Connie are closing the store as they feel the tug of retirement's strings. Dan has been in the store every Christmas season of his life. Both of them look forward to getting out and enjoying life together and with their daughter. "It's very sad to saying goodbye, but we're going out on top," said Mr. Rosenthal. "We are really going to miss all of our customers."

Much of L. Cook's success has come from the same kind of relationships for 73 years. Tillie recalls spending time in the store discussing fishing and hunting with Dan's father. "People would gather here all day long to discuss their hunting and fishing war stories," said Tillie.

Mr. Speaker, although the community is losing a fine jeweler and a good friend, Dan and Connie have earned well the right to slow down a little bit, a move that will turn give them more time to spend with each other and their daughter. As they do, I want to wish them all the best in the future and say thanks for the service to our community.

Dan and Connie, yours was a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO BILL GEORGE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill George, an extraordinary American and one of our nation's most respected business leaders on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of Medtronic Inc.

I have had the privilege of knowing Bill George and working with him. In fact, were it not for his leadership, the landmark FDA Reform bill which became law in 1997 would not have been the successful effort it was.

As Chief Executive Officer of one of the world's leading medical technology companies, Bill George has displayed remarkable leadership and unparalleled vision. During his tenure, Medtronic has revolutionized its mission, transforming from a manufacturer of pacemakers to a diversified medical technology company with scientific, manufacturing, education, and sales facilities in 120 countries worldwide. Bill George plotted the course that has taken the company from revenues of \$750 million to more than \$5 billion, meeting analysts' earnings expectations time and again. The company now employs 25,000 people and has consistently won the praise of investors, analysts and employees. Medtronic has been ranked by Fortune Magazine as one of the "Best Companies to Work for in America," and first among its "Most Admired Companies."

Through its Foundation, Medtronic has also fulfilled its mission to restoring people to full lives through full health. Under Bill George's