Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the creation of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) and I rise today to pay tribute to this 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 GFNMS, I join the people of the Bay Area in extending our heartfelt 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 national 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 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!

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 Dez 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, it is time for the Congress of the United States to remember 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.

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.

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