

America's leading scientists have repeatedly informed us that the roadless portions of our national forests are not only the most significant habitat for fish and wildlife, but are critical sources of clean drinking water for over 60 million Americans. As our population grows and open space succumbs to development, watersheds on public lands are increasingly important.

The forest conservation policy is the result of an unprecedented public input process and has overwhelming public support. Claims by opponents of this policy that it is just an 11th hour regulation by the previous Administration are unfounded. The debate over roadless area management has been fought in the courts and the Congress for over 30 years. The path towards an affirmative policy on roadless area management began in January 1998 with the Forest Service's announcement of a proposed road-building moratorium. The final policy released on January 12, 2001 received more public comment than any other federal rulemaking process in our nation's history. It is a product of over 600 public meetings, including several in every single national forest in the nation. At its conclusion, the agency had received input from over 1.6 million Americans, the vast majority of whom supported the policy, with a remarkable level of support for the inclusion of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

The Roadless Area Conservation Policy is not a partisan issue. It is about the future of our national forests and our ability as a nation to manage them in a sustainable manner and to the benefit of all the diverse interests who seek their use. We implore you not to cash in on the short-term and short-sighted opportunity to extract resources from our pristine forests in a manner that will permanently diminish them. Instead, we urge you to take the opportunity now before you to preserve these forests for future generations.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and we look forward to working with you to ensure that America's great forest legacy will be preserved.

Sincerely,

George Miller, Nick Rahall, Jay Inslee, Maurice Hinchey, Frank Pallone, James Moran, Richard Gephardt, David Bonior, Henry Waxman, Nancy Pelosi, Ellen Tauscher, Mark Udall.

Original cosponsors continued: J. Maloney, Blagojevich, Doggett, Kilpatrick, Capuano, Levin, Clement, Baldwin, Roybal-Allard, Clay, McKinney, Kennedy, Delahunt, T. Udall, Allen, Rangel, Hoyer, Honda, Harman, Eshoo, Schiff, Neal, Olver, Holt, Lee, Millender-McDonald, W. Jefferson, John Lewis, D. Price, S. Brown, Borski, E.B. Johnson, A. Smith, Tierney, Filner, Frank, McGovern, DeGette, Kildee, Markey, DeLauro, Ford, Farr.

Clayton, Solis, Evans, McCollum, Napolitano, Wexler, Crowley, Hastings, Blumenauer, McDermott, Nadler, Gordon, Matsui, Waters, Boucher, D. Davis, Towns, Woolsey, Rivers, Baldacci, Pascrell, Larsen, Hoeffel, Rush, Serrano, Kaptur, Stark, Conyers, Moore, Capps, Lantos, Sanders, Ackerman, S. Davis, Wu, McNulty, LaFalce, Berkeley, Larson, Cummings, Hooley, Menendez, Rothman, Velázquez, B. Thompson.

Abercrombie, Watt, Berman, Becerra, Matheson, Lowey, Kucinich, Deutsch, Schakowsky, Mink, Sanchez, C. Brown, Meehan, Scott, DeFazio, Gonzalez, Wynn, Bentzen, Langevin, Green, Gutierrez, Payne, Jones, Meek, Jackson, Jr., Hinojosa, Reyes, C. Maloney, C. McCarthy, Fattah, Sabo, Nor-

ton, K. McCarthy, Weiner, Andrews, Slaugher.

THE RETIREMENT OF SUZANNE S. KERR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an advisor, friend and national advocate for peace, Suzy Kerr. This month Suzy will be completing her responsibilities as Executive Director of PeacePAC at the Council for a Livable World after over 10 years of service.

While working with PeacePAC and the Council, Suzy has dedicated tremendous energy, common sense, uncanny political instinct, humor and the sheer force of her irresistible personality to recruiting, electing and supporting arms control champions in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As coordinator for outreach of the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, Suzy has worked closely with national coalitions and women's, human rights, environmental, health, budget and peace organizations to educate and promote combined efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear war and lower military spending.

PeacePAC is an affiliate of the Council for a Livable World, founded in 1962 by nuclear scientists concerned about the menace of nuclear war. Since its inception, the Council has helped elect over 104 U.S. Senators. The Council's ability to raise millions of dollars for candidates has helped it gain recognition as the electoral arm of the peace movement. In 1982, the Council organized PeacePAC to help elect candidates to the House. As a non-partisan, grass-roots political action committee, PeacePAC supports candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives who are committed to nuclear arms control, nuclear disarmament, the prevention of nuclear war, and significant reductions in military spending.

It is a pleasure to honor Suzy—a fellow Michiganian, who has served in and out of political life in Washington since 1966 when she worked as a personal assistant to Representative Seymour Halpern from New York. She was elected as a Udall delegate to the Democratic Convention in 1976, and went on to serve President Carter as the Assistant Director of the White House Visitor's Office from 1977 to 1980. While raising her two children, Sarah and Charlie, with her husband, Gordon Kerr, she worked for the New York State Assembly in Washington, D.C., and completed her Bachelor of Arts at American University.

In the mid-eighties, she became the Field Director, and later the Washington Director for Women's Action for a New Direction (WAND). During Suzy's tenure at WAND, it was the only national women's activist and grassroots PAC focused on advocating for nuclear arms control and disarmament and reductions in military spending.

In 1991, Suzy became the Executive Director of PeacePAC. During Suzy's tenure, PeacePAC has raised nearly \$1.5 million for

pro-arms control candidates. In the last few years, PeacePAC has contributed more to deserving candidates in critical House races than all other peace political action committees combined. Currently, 78 Members of Congress have been helped by PeacePAC.

Representing concerned voters and contributors from across the country, Suzy has used PeacePAC's substantive expertise and political power to ensure that strong voices in the House are committed to reducing the nuclear threat and defining national security in terms of domestic as well as military concerns.

As PeacePAC supporters know, the sweeping changes in the post-Cold War world have given us an unprecedented opportunity to elect members who will question "big-ticket" items such as the B-2 Stealth Bomber and a misguided missile defense that has yet to test successfully. I am confident and grateful that even as Suzy completes her service, PeacePAC will continue to work for the election of candidates who will fight for policies and budgets that reflect the new international realities of an increasingly inter-dependent global community.

Of course, we wish Suzy every success in her new endeavor: supervising the day-to-day progress of her first grandchild, Porter Jay Iselin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congress, the members and supporters of PeacePAC and the Council for a Livable World, and all who have benefited from her work, I thank you for the opportunity to give recognition to Suzanne S. Kerr, for her service to the nation and the world on behalf of peace and security.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY W. EARLE JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Harry W. Earle Jr., a great American, an outstanding and devoted citizen and a respected community leader who passed away on April 26, 2001, at the age of 76. He and his wife Barbara of 56 years have three sons and two daughters, David, Gordon and John, Penhryn Cook and Barbara Ballard, as well as 11 grandchildren.

Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, Harry Earle made Darien, Connecticut his home for over 50 years. Harry Earle attended Williams College until his induction into the United States Air Force in 1943, during which time he flew more than fifty B-17 missions over southern Europe, earning the distinction of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He began his career in the printing industry with McCall Corporation before becoming senior executive at J.W. Clement Company, Arcata Printing Company, and W.A. Krueger Company. He would later serve as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Banta Corporation for over a decade. In 1989, Harry Earle received one of the highest honors of his profession when he was inducted into the Printing Industry Hall of Fame.

Harry Earle was also a proud and active member of the public sector. Upon his return

from the Second World War, he became perhaps the youngest member ever elected to the Board of Selectmen in Darien. He would later serve on the Darien Police Commission, the Board of Finance, the Coastal Harbor Commission, the first and second Charter Revision Commission, Darien Library's Board of Trustees, and the Family Counseling Service. He also served as campaign director for the Darien United Way, and recently as chairman of the Darien Senior Men's Association.

Harry Earle was also known as a passionate student of art. The ease with which he mastered this subject is a testament to his considerable talent, with his work being shown, appreciated and celebrated in his community.

Harry Earle enriched the lives of countless people as an understanding and fair manager. With his intelligence, common sense, warmth, and wisdom, he earned the respect of everyone who crossed his path. I know this because I worked for him, and had the opportunity to see Harry Earle up close. His integrity, his grace under pressure, and his professionalism were instructive to me and have shaped my thinking, my approaches and my work throughout my adult life. For all his leadership qualities and corporate distinctions, Harry Earle was grounded in his faith and his family. These were the riches of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this good man and extend to his magnificent family our sympathy. Harry Earle was a man of many seasons. He was gifted leader, a great husband, a terrific father, a proud grandfather, a master sailor, and a fabulous tennis player. He was a proud American and a decent man. How privileged I was to have known him. How blessed our nation is to have had him as a son. We are a better people because of him.

TRIBUTE TO THE PENNSAUKEN
HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the hard work and effort of the Pennsauken High School Jazz Band. The Band has performed at the Inauguration of Christine Whiteman, Penns Landing in Philadelphia, Lincoln Center in New York City and various colleges and universities. They have won the Dixie Classics Championship and several other distinguished honors such as Best Rhythm Section, Best Trumpet Section, Best Trombone Section, outstanding soloist awards and many overall outstanding band awards. The Pennsauken Jazz Band secured 2nd place in the New Jersey State Finals, along with awards for the best trumpet section and rhythm section in the State. Additionally, the band has received a Superior Rating at every festival they have performed in. The members of the Spring 2000 Jazz Band are: Zachary Andrews; Frank Cuccio; Kristin Cuccio; Julia DePasquale; Anthony DiDomenico; Steven Engel; Eli Ferrer; Steven Forrest; Tim Gerard; Rob Hill; Chris-

tine Hinton; Rich Johnson; Ken Juray; Brian Kilpatrick; Nathan Kranefeld; Joe Lucidi; Jim MacKenzie; Ben Markowitz; Corey Mossop; Louis Muzyczek; Dominic Natale; Jeff Rivera, Rich Slack; Ernest Stuart; Perry Sutton; Vincent Williams. I wish you all the best and continued success in your endeavors.

IN HONOR OF 140TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE
SEA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 140th Anniversary of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea. The church has served the community of Bayonne, New Jersey since 1861. Saint Mary's will celebrate its anniversary with a special dinner dance and liturgy on May 5, 2001.

Saint Mary, Star of the Sea is considered the Mother Church of Bayonne. It was founded in a small, humble church to serve the needs of Irish and German Catholic immigrants. Today, Saint Mary's resides in a beautiful Gothic style church, the cornerstone of which was laid on May 22, 1880. Construction was completed and the church was blessed on November 8, 1881.

Saint Mary's has benefited from the continuous presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, who have worked with the church since 1879, when the parish school opened. Today, the school, which offers preschool through grade 8 instruction, has a student body of 300 children. Because of its record of academic excellence, the school is considered one of the best in the area.

The Church recently adopted a mode of management that focuses on mission and ministry, which is called a Pastoral Council of Ministries. Under this form of management, parish ministries are clustered into four different areas: Word, Worship, Community, and Service. This will help strengthen community outreach and spiritual guidance throughout the parish. In addition, the church is focused on revitalizing existing structures and the formation and construction of a Parish Center, which would provide places for meetings and offices for parish groups. To meet its goals, two new programs have been implemented: the Stewardship Renewal process and the Treasure the Traditional Campaign. Each will help raise needed funds for growth and revitalization.

Throughout the community of Bayonne, Saint Mary's is well known for its compassion and generosity and for its involvement in the parish. Saint Mary's stands poised to continue as caretaker of the spiritual needs of the residents of Bayonne well into the new millennium.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Mary, Star of the Sea, the Mother Church of Bayonne, on its 140th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MYRA OLSHANSKY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Myra Olshansky on her retirement after 38 years of dedicated service at Olney High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her fine example of professional dedication is truly admirable.

Myra is a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania where she received her degree in English in 1963. She has served as an English teacher, Acting Department Head, as Coordinator, Resources-in-Action Charter and the Coordinator for The Academy of Travel and Tourism, SLC. During her tenure she has taught some 10,000 students. Under Myra's direction, Olney High School has implemented a college prep program which partners Olney students with the Penn State Abington campus and this year with LaSalle University. The program has been a dramatic success.

Myra was the subject of an in-depth piece by the Philadelphia Inquirer's Today Magazine in 1982, which focused upon the daily rigors that teachers face. She was able to show the public the typical environment that one would experience in a day at Olney High.

Her dedication does not stop at the classroom but continues into her community. She is a member of the Golden Slipper Club & Charities, the West Point Parents Club of the Delaware Valley, the William Penn Charter School Community Association and the National Association of Teachers of English.

It is honor to recognize Myra Olshansky and the outstanding service she has given to the students of Olney High School. She has been steadfast in her belief that the youth are our future. I commend her for her decades of contributions and wish her well.

NURSES MONTH

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the services and benefits provided to the island by the members of the nursing profession, Guam has designated the month of May 2001 as "Nurses Month." This proclamation has added significance for it coincides with the golden anniversary of the Guam Nurses Association (GNA).

Incorporated in 1951, GNA will mark the fiftieth year of the organization's existence on July 20 of this year. Isabella Tremor, Maria C. Flores, Joaquina Siguenza, Maria S.N. Mateo, and Maria P. Blas, the first to serve as directors of the fledgling organization, were all employees of the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). In addition to nurses from the local mental health facility and the Naval Hospital, GNA membership today include nurses from