

TRIBUTE TO JOY FISHER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to both honor and thank Ms. Joy Fisher for her astounding dedication to her volunteer work. Over the past decade, Ms. Fisher has spent many hours volunteering at the Colorado Bureau of Land Management, the Seniors' Resource Center and the Library of the Blind. The time she has dedicated to the BLM, alone, totals more than 15,600 hours.

Beyond the numerous hours Ms. Fisher has donated, this 89-year old woman deserves credit for her courtesy, professionalism, optimism and her love of life. She has earned the respect of those who know her and made all those whom she has helped feel welcome. Her dedication and hard work should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Ms. Fisher's selfless commitment to volunteerism, her passion for life and her dedication to those organizations she works for is admirable. Mr. Speaker, I would again, like to thank her on behalf of the people of Colorado.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES ITS SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize today a group of very special young men and women from Central New Jersey. One of the most important duties of a Member of Congress, as well as one of the most enjoyable, is nominating students to the United States service academies. In an age when media portrayals of young people are increasingly negative, getting to know students through the nomination process is an important reminder of the patriotism, sense of purpose, dedication to service and excellence of America's youth.

From a pool of over 40 students from my district who went through the rigorous and time-consuming process of applying for a Congressional nomination, I am very proud to say that twelve young women and men from Central New Jersey will be enrolling in America's service academies this year. They are the very best of an exceptional group, and I was proud to nominate them.

Five young men from the area will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, to be commissioned as officers in the United States Army. I would like to recognize Kenneth Elgart of Montgomery, Ivan Eno of Interlaken, Chris Larsen of Princeton, Eric Schlieber of Raritan, and Balint Simsik of Ringoes.

Four young people from Central New Jersey will be attending the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, to be commissioned as officers in the United States Navy. I would like to recognize Brant DeBoer of Monroe, Brandis Kemp of Pittstown, Brian

Richards of Sergeantsville, and Joshua Wort of Tewksbury.

One young man from my district will be attending the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. I would like to recognize Bryan Kelly of South Brunswick.

Two young women from Central New Jersey will be attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy. I would like to recognize Lindsay Elgart of Middletown and Victoria Millar of Princeton.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the House joins me in noting the accomplishments of these young men and women, and in wishing them the best of luck at the service academies and in their careers.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER EVERETT H. MORGAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Corporal Everett Morgan, of Lafayette County, Missouri, recently retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 35 years of outstanding service.

Corporal Morgan has dutifully served the citizens of Missouri for three decades. He was born in Corder, Missouri, and later graduated from Corder High School. Corporal Morgan then attended Central Missouri State University. In 1963 Everett joined the U.S. Army and served for six years at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Still, Oklahoma. While serving in the U.S. Army, Corporal Morgan attended and graduated from Missouri State Highway Patrol Recruit Training.

Corporal Morgan's first assignment was to Troop A, in Jackson County, Missouri. He served Zone's 1 and 4 before being promoted to Corporal and assigned to Zone 7. Corporal Morgan served the last five years in the Gaming Division until retiring on April 1, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Morgan has dedicated 35 years to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, serving with honor and distinction. I know that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members and leadership of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police for the vital role they play in supporting law enforcement throughout the state and for their far-reaching volunteer efforts and unparalleled generosity.

The National Fraternal Order of Police is well-known for standing sentinel for more than

290,000 men and women in law enforcement across America, including 12,000 members in more than 50 lodges in Michigan. For many years, the organization has protected and defended the interests of its members and their families in public policy debates and other forums that help formulate rules and legislation affecting the way police officers do their job, including recently spearheading an effort for tuition waivers for survivors of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Under the strong leadership of Executive Director John Buczek and President Kevin Sommers, the organization, does much more than address the critical concerns of its members. It also has a well-deserved and laudable reputation for responding to local communities and charities with donations and service that greatly enhance the image of police officers as the trusted, kind and dependable keepers of the peace that children and others in need can turn to for assistance.

In particular, members of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police deserve high praise for their collective and individual support of many charities, sports teams, scholarship programs and post-prom parties on behalf of young people statewide. Each year, the organization awards \$20,000 in scholarships to Michigan eighth-graders for an essay contest designed to encourage students to say no to drugs and alcohol. They also operate a children's identification program in association with Wal-Mart Corporation and just began a Kids and Cops at the Circus program, which allowed them to take 1,000 children to the Shrine Circus. Additionally, the group fields a team of runners in the Special Olympics Torch Run, raising over \$10,000 for people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to the members and leadership of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police for their good will and big-heartedness and in wishing them continued success in all their noble endeavors.

THE OHIO LATINO ARTS ASSOCIATION 2001 CONFERENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Ohio Latino Arts Association 2001 Conference, "El Milenio Latino," to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

This year the Ohio Latino Arts Association, OLAA, will be celebrating a year in the arts in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio at the Museum of Art. Their theme, "El Milenio Latino," the Latino Millennium, embodies the diversity and ethnicity involved with this very special conference.

The organization's mission is to "identify, preserve, promote, and develop Latino cultural expression." This conference will further that mission through keynote speakers, art workshops, panel discussions, and many other activities. Cultural expression and diversity will be a key theme throughout the entire weekend, as people from all walks of life gather to celebrate their differences.