

“A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER  
JAMES F. STADER”

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Marine Corps Officer, Major Stewart H. Holmes, who served with distinction and dedication for two and a half years for the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the United States Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in December of 1998, Major Holmes has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Marine Corps plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Marine Corps to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped marine forces attainable for our nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Holmes and his wife Deborah have made many sacrifices during his marine career, and his distinguished service has exemplified the Marine motto “Semper Fidelis.” As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Marine adventure, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success.

HONORING RYAN PATTERSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor one of the bright young minds of western Colorado. Central High School junior Ryan Patterson, amazed people for the second year in a row at a science fair for creating a compact device capable of digitally translating sign language onto a small electronic readout.

Ryan is no stranger at science fairs. He was the winner of last years science fair and went on to win first place and nearly \$10,000 at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit. In total, Ryan has won numerous science awards, \$192,000 in scholarships, \$15,750 in cash, two lap-tops, and two trips to Stockholm, Sweden, for the Nobel Prize ceremonies. Seventeen year-old Ryan recently won the top award in the International Science Fair in San Jose, California.

The device that brought young Ryan all this fame is a glove that translates American Sign Language into digital information that can be

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read on a portable screen. The device will assist those with speaking disabilities communicate anywhere without a translator. Ryan came up with this while in a Burger King. “I was in Burger King when I saw some people ordering their food in sign language with someone else translating for them,” “So I thought something like this would help them become more independent by being able to communicate easier.”

“For me, it's been an incredible journey,” said John McConnell, a retired physicist. “I'm 70 years old and he's one of the greatest joys of my life.” Tests for the device were promising enough that Ryan plans on seeking a patent and he hopes to manufacture it.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan has a bright future ahead of him, and I would like to congratulate him on behalf of Congress and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Ryan's family, classmates, and Western Colorado can be proud of Ryan for his accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
MARITIME DAY 2001

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today, May 22, 2001, as National Maritime Day. In 1933 the 73rd Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 7 designating May 22nd as National Maritime Day. Since that time every President starting with Franklin Roosevelt has issued an annual proclamation declaring May 22nd as National Maritime Day. I am pleased that President Bush has continued that proud tradition again this year.

With yesterday's passage of House Concurrent Resolution 109, this body took a positive step toward recognizing the significant contributions of the United States Merchant Marine to our maritime defense and national security. This resolution acknowledges the critical role played by vessels of the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet in transporting equipment, supplies, and personnel to support the nation's defense and recognizing the historical significance of May 22nd as National Maritime Day. It encourages the American people and appropriate government agencies to recognize the services and sacrifices of the U.S. Merchant Marine through ceremonies. And it requests that all U.S. ships prominently display the American flag on this day. As a co-sponsor of this legislation, I am pleased to see its passage in the House.

It is fitting to honor the past and present members of the U.S. Merchant Marine. To this end, I introduced legislation in the last Congress to authorize additional federal funding for the Merchant Marine Memorial Wall in San Pedro, California. This provision has been incorporated into broader legislation, H.R. 1098 and I am pleased with the legislative progress of the Maritime Policy Improvement Act of 2001 thus far. The House passed this measure in March by a bi-partisan vote of 415 to 3. The Senate Committee on Commerce recently approved this legislation. It is my hope that the full Senate will act soon on H.R. 1098 and that

we will send this legislation to the President shortly.

I am proud to acknowledge the U.S. maritime fleet on National Maritime Day. Each day U.S. mariners diligently transport tons of imports and exports from ports around the country, many working in my district at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. On this day, we thank those people civilian and military, who spend their days on the water serving the American people.

THANKING JEAN HULL FOR HER  
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and say thank you to a resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. For 45 years, Jean Hull has volunteered her time with the hospital auxiliary. Throughout these 45 years, Jean has been a warm, friendly face for not only visitors but hospital employees as well.

Jean started out volunteering at the information desk in 1956 when the Valley View Hospital Auxiliary was formed. “She has lent her support for literally the entire existence of Valley View,” said Gary Brewer, the Hospital Administrator. “Her gentle, competent and positive presence is valued by the hospital, and by our patients and families.” Jean now volunteers every Thursday in the gift shop, where she is known as a very persuasive seller. Jean also helps with fund-raisers.

Other groups have benefited from Jean's willingness to volunteer her time. Jean was part of the Parent-Teacher Association. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Glenwood Springs, and for the past 28 years, she has been a member of the P.E.O., which raises money to help young women finish their education. “It's a tremendous way for someone just moving into Glenwood to become acquainted. It's a wonderful way of doing something worthwhile. You feel like you're doing something for the community.”

During the month of May, Valley View Hospital named Jean “Volunteer of the Year”. “I was just overwhelmed, and very flattered of course,” Jean said. “Many volunteers have many more hours than I do.”

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and Congress will join me in congratulating Jean on her award and thank her for all she has done for the community of Glenwood Springs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for several rollcall votes on May 21st and May 22nd due to flight delays and cancellations. The votes were on