

PRISCILLA DONER REETZ, 72

CASEWORKER FOR REP. STUDDS, DELAHUNT;  
STORYTELLER; KAYAKER

BREWSTER.—Priscilla Doner Reetz, 72, a resident of Brewster, died unexpectedly Monday in Brewster.

She was the wife of the late Donald Reetz for 25 years.

Mrs. Reetz was born in Watertown, N.Y., and received an associate's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. She raised her family in Rochester, N.Y., and in the Finger Lakes region. At age 49, she began a career as a commercial actress in the Boston area.

She moved to Brewster in 1982. She was the proprietor of a small antiques business, and was a fixture behind the counter at the Brewster General Store for many years. She was a storyteller at the Brewster Ladies Library and the Brewster Book Store.

Mrs. Reetz was a caseworker in the Hyannis office of U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, and later Bill Delahunt, for nearly 10 years.

"Priscilla loved her work because she got so much satisfaction from helping people in need," Delahunt said. "From working with the disabled to those in need of housing, she moved mountains every day for countless Cape Codders."

Mrs. Reetz was very interested in Chinese and American history. She was at work on a collection of poetry for children and a novel at the time of her death.

She was an avid kayaker and loved kayaking on the bays and creeks of the Cape. She also hiked frequently with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

She is survived by three sons, David Reetz of Santa Cruz, Calif., Garin Reetz of Dallas, Texas, and Allan Reetz of Meriden, N.H.; a daughter, Sarah Reetz of New York, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 5:15 p.m. Saturday at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Route 6A, Brewster.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Route 6A, Brewster, MA 02631; or to Safe Harbor, c/o Community Action Committee of the Cape and Islands, P.O. Box 954, Hyannis, MA 02601.

IN HONOR OF JOAN RIVERS ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER BEING  
NAMED A WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
BY THE USO OF METROPOLITAN  
NEW YORK

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Joan Rivers, a distinguished resident of the 14th Congressional District which I represent and an internationally renowned entertainer, who will be honored by the USO of Metropolitan New York tomorrow at its Women of the Year Luncheon.

The USO is currently in its sixtieth year of existence, dedicated to improving the morale and welfare of our uniformed military personnel. For more than half a century, the USO has been providing a "touch of home" to our men and women in uniform overseas.

The USO Woman of the Year award has been given to an impressive list of past hon-

orees including such luminaries as Barbara Bush, Lady Bird Johnson, and Mamie Eisenhower. One of the greatest entertainers of our time, and a highly successful author and businesswoman, Ms. Rivers is a fitting choice for this distinguished honor.

Joan Rivers is currently acclaimed for her witty and engaging commentary on E! Entertainment Television's Fashion Reviews and E!'s live pre-shows for the Academy Awards. Her signature question, "Can we talk?" has become so well known that the United States government agreed to register it as a federal trademark.

An accomplished comedienne, Ms. Rivers worked her way up through small clubs and lounges, where she often relied on tips in lieu of a salary, to the international celebrity she has reached today. In 1983, "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson broke tradition to name Ms. Rivers its sole permanent guest hostess.

A prolific writer, John Rivers has authored nine books, and for three years wrote a thrice-weekly syndicated column for the "Chicago Tribune." Joan Rivers' volumes have been invariably successful; her first book alone sold over four million copies. Ms. Rivers' 1986 autobiography reached number four on the "New York Times" bestseller list in only two weeks. The sequel, *Still Talking*, published in 1991, was a Book-of-the-Month selection.

Mindful of her incredible success, Joan Rivers has been a role model in her charitable deeds. Ms. Rivers played the voice of the Honest Boy's Mother for an audio version of *The Emperor's New Clothes* benefiting the Starbright Foundation. In 1982, Ms. Rivers was the first celebrity to call attention to the impending AIDS crisis when she hosted and headlined the first AIDS benefit. Along with many other contributions, Ms. Rivers has also participated in the "Comic Relief" fund-raiser to end homelessness.

I am delighted that the USO has chosen to honor Joan Rivers. I ask my fellow members of Congress to do likewise by joining me in tribute to this truly outstanding woman.

HONORING CAPTAIN KENT  
ROMINGER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Del Norte's Kent V. Rominger for his induction into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The 44-year-old Colorado native is one of those lucky few that has had the privilege of traveling into the final frontier. I would like to thank him for all that he has done for the space program and to congratulate him on his introduction into the Hall of Fame.

Captain Rominger has served in the U.S. Navy since receiving his commission through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program in 1979. His Naval service included assignments with the Fighter Squadron Two aboard the USS *Ranger* and the USS *Kitty*

*Hawk* and Fighter Squadron Two Hundred Eleven aboard the USS *Nimitz*. Kent is now a NASA Astronaut and Shuttle Commander. He is the first to have commanded two shuttle dockings with the International Space Station Alpha. He holds the record for the most earth orbits and the most time in space.

Kent has traveled into space five times and has logged over 1,500 hours in space. He has piloted the STS-73 in 1995, the STS-80 in 1996 and the STS-85 in 1997 and has served as crew commander twice, on the STS-96 in 1999 and STS-100 this year. His last mission, the STS-100 on the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* was on April 19. The mission involved installing the Space Stations robotic arm.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Kent Rominger is an American Hero. Many kids grow up dreaming that they will one day be an astronaut, Kent is living that dream. I would like Congress to join me in congratulating Kent on his achievements and wish him good luck on future missions to space.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF  
2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, Dr. James E. Shanley, President, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, urges us to support an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

AMERICAN INDIAN

HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM,

Alexandria, VA, May 16, 2001.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Chairman, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. GEORGE MILLER,

Ranking Member, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BOEHNER AND RANKING MEMBER MILLER: On behalf of the 32 Tribal Colleges and Universities, I am writing to request your support for an amendment that is being proposed in the Senate to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), S. 1. The amendment addresses a serious matter involving two tribally-controlled postsecondary vocational institutions, United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) and Crownpoint Institute of Technology (CIT).

It is our understanding that the House of Representative's ESEA reauthorization bill has already been reported from your committee, and consequently a similar amendment may not be offered. Therefore, we ask that consideration be given to rectifying this serious issue either through an amendment on the House Floor or during any Conference session that occurs with the Senate on the ESEA reauthorization bill.

CIT and UTTC were founded to provide much needed vocational education opportunities to the American Indian students in