currently in the process of a major expansion of the park to include a regulation soccer field, loop trail and a plaza with additional parking. Another service to residents is the drop-off recycling program that was begun in 1991 for the Mountain Top area.

The community has planned an extensive celebration of its 150th anniversary and America’s independence that includes a concert, fireworks and a festival with food, entertainment, games and crafts.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Wright Township, and I am pleased to call their community and patriotic spirit to the attention of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the township’s 150th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA STEWART HAMILTON

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Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate SkiHi Enterprises, Ltd., for 20 years of success. I know that the next 20 years will be even more productive.

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