

restrict the ability of land managers and local governments to best manage these lands. However, there are certain areas where wilderness is the best way to assure the preservation of the land's natural beauty and the unique historical and geological nature of these lands. One of those areas in Utah is the Pilot Range in the west desert of Box Elder County. With that in mind, I am proud to introduce a bill which would classify certain areas in the Pilot Range as wilderness.

Mr. Speaker, when one hears the great conservationists of our day speak of the natural treasures of this nation, one could very well be hearing a description of the Pilot Range. The top of the range provides a majestic view of the sun rising over the Rocky Mountains and Great Salt Lake in the East as well as the spectacular view of sunsets across the flats of Nevada. Elk and deer roam the valleys and canyons of the range, and threatened cutthroat trout makes its home in the Bettridge Creek, the largest in the range.

This is land rugged enough to test the mettle of any hearty adventurer. These mountains served as a guide to the Donner Party as they crossed the great salt flats of the Great Basin. Its streams and springs provided refreshment and a place of refuge for weary travelers. When standing on these peaks, as I have done many times, one can sense the solitude that very few places in this country can match. As wilderness, this land will continue to offer those willing to challenge its rugged terrain a breathtaking view of nature's glory, as well as multiple recreational opportunities, such as hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Given the fact that these lands are adjacent to the Utah Test and Training Range, we have gone to great lengths to ensure that wilderness designation and the role and mission of the UTRR remains compatible. We have worked to ensure that valid existing rights and the traditional and historical use of these lands is protected while removing any remaining obstacles to wilderness designation.

I was proud to introduce the Utah Wilderness Act in 1984. In my 21 years in Congress, I have had the opportunity to designate and protect more wilderness across the country than almost any other member of Congress. I believe strongly in wilderness designation when it is compatible, when the lands fit the criteria according to the definitions of the 1964 Act and wilderness the highest and best use of the public lands. The bill I am introducing today reflects my belief that wilderness designation is the best way to protect the Pilot Range and I hope my colleagues will support me in that effort.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
OLMSTED FALLS BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 201

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a fine organization that has shaped and molded young men since 1926, the Olmsted Falls Boy Scout Troop 201, on their 75th Anniversary.

Boy Scout Troop 201 has a long and distinguished history of molding young men in Olmsted Falls into productive individuals in our society. The troop chartered in 1926 and consisted of 12 scouts that met regularly and attended summer camps together. Over the years the troop grew and flourished, gaining respect both in the International Scouting Association and the local Cleveland community.

As years turned into decades, Troop 201 began graduating Eagle Scouts, scouting's highest honor. Less than 2 percent of all Scouters attain this highest honor. Not only are scouts required to fulfill a minimum leadership requirement to attain the coveted Eagle Scout, but every young man must plan, develop, and implement an extensive community service project. Over the years Troop 201 has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to serving in the community, and scouters have selflessly given of their time and effort. The rank of Eagle is an achievement that requires years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Since 1926, Troop 201 has seen over 70 Eagle Scouts.

Olmsted Falls Troop 201 has always stood tall for the causes of righteousness and equity in our society. The original purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults, to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The International Scouting Association strives to instill values to develop leadership in young men, and teach them the benefits of a strong character. Scouts are taught to follow and uphold the 12 pillars of the Scout Law in their daily life and treat all people with respect and dignity. At the start of every meeting, scouts hold high their right hand and recite the scout oath, a pledge to remain physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. These three guiding principles instill strong values in young leaders and teach them of respect, dignity, and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and celebrating Boy Scout Troop 201 on their 75th Anniversary. This special Diamond Anniversary marks a milestone in this troop's distinguished career and celebrates the countless young men affected by this organization. Troop 201 has continually strived to develop young leaders in the Olmsted Falls community, and has earned the respect and admiration of the entire Olmsted Falls community.

HONORING JESSICA L. WRIGHT  
UPON PROMOTION TO GENERAL

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, a wise person once said, "All glory comes from daring to begin." This is certainly true of the person I rise today to honor. Jessica Wright is a constituent from my district who has just recently achieved the rank of Brigadier General.

This is an honor and a first. For you see, the newly appointed general is the first woman to achieve this rank in the Pennsylvania Na-

tional Guard. This achievement is the result of twenty-six years of dedication and duty.

General Wright has been a pioneer of sorts. Throughout her career in the National Guard she was daring enough to be the first to blaze trails where there were none. She was the first female aviator in the Army National Guard when she completed the officer's rotary wing aviator course at Fort Rucker in Alabama.

General Wright was also the first female to become a combat commander in the rank of colonel in the Army. She achieved this prestigious honor when she took command of the 28th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, General Wright has served her country with distinction. I ask that you join me in honoring this fine soldier for her service to the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE  
HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on June 1st, at the annual awards ceremony of the St. Albans School, 17 year old James Fisher was recognized and honored for his innovative project to feed the homeless of Washington, D.C. I am pleased to share his story, with the hopes that his example might inspire other teenagers throughout the nation.

Homelessness is one of America's most complicated and important social issues. In an effort to combat this complex problem, Congress continues to appropriate funds each year to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act which provides funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer programs which assist homeless children and adults. In addition, there are also countless acts of compassion each day among private citizens in their communities to help stem hopelessness and hunger among our homeless population. James Fisher's is but one story among thousands in which Americans across the nation are working to help the homeless.

After noticing that the breakfast period at a neighborhood McDonald's was the slowest period of the day for sales one morning, James Fisher approached the owner, Mrs. Neva Van Valkenburg, with an idea. Mr. Fisher proposed arranging for students at St. Albans School and its sister school, the National Cathedral School, to have breakfast at the McDonald's every day for one week. In return for this increased business, Mr. Fisher asked for 15% of each morning's sales, in the form of a food credit, to be set aside for low-income and homeless children. This credit would then be used to purchase meals provided by Martha's Table in the District of Columbia. Mrs. Van Valkenburg agreed with James' idea and the program became a stellar success. James Fisher's arrangement with Mrs. Van Valkenburg provided for 250 additional meals