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The Maglite is a beloved tool of police officers, firefighters, and E.M.T.'s nationwide. Military units often replace their service issue flashlights with Maglites. Engineers at the USS *Cole* credited this flashlight with helping them to save lives and to keep the ship from sinking.

That is why I am proud to introduce this legislation today along with 10 of my colleagues, and the support of the National Association of Police Organizations, its 52 affiliates and my hometown police organization, the San Bernardino County Safety Employees' Association.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me by cosponsoring this bill. We need to make sure our police officers and first responders have this nearly indestructible American-made steel flashlight instead of a fragile foreign knock-off flashlight made of aluminum or plastic.

We need to keep the seal "Made in the U.S.A." on this great all-American flashlight.

ON BEHALF OF DR. CHARLES  
HAMILTON

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2005*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and recognize the achievements and accomplishments of a great and beloved physician from Lafayette, Louisiana. Dr. Charles Hamilton passed away on Friday, October 22, 2004 after a battle with cancer of the esophagus. On his retirement, Dr. Hamilton was asked, "What are the most memorable events of your medical career?" His response was simple, "Practicing in Lafayette."

From 1954 to 1988, Dr. Hamilton practiced pediatrics as a partner in the Hamilton Medical Group. Dr. Hamilton worked as a physician field representative for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organization from 1989 to his retirement in 2003. Dr. Hamilton's special interest remained in the delivery of high quality medical care and it is toward that end that he pursued further education and practice in the field of healthcare administration. Dr. Hamilton was acutely aware of the treatment of children because he was the parent of a chronically ill child. His son, Charles Hamilton, was born with the blood-clotting disorder, Hemophilia.

Dr. Hamilton was special for many reasons but one reason was his embrace and protection of the hemophilia community. Dr. Hamilton developed a reputation for his diligence, sensitivity, and resourcefulness in treating children with hemophilia; these characteristics are often missing in hemophilia treatment. In fact, one single parent brought her son with hemophilia to see him after moving to Lafayette. Dr. Hamilton later married that single mother, Janice Hamilton and adopted her young son, Charles. In a community where fathers often abandon children with hemophilia, or otherwise are not involved with treatment, Dr. Ham-

ilton embraced a family with this dreaded disorder. Sadly, Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton lost their son Charles in 1979 due to complications from a bleed.

Because of their son's illness and untimely death, Dr. Hamilton worked side by side with his wife in her determination to improve the quality of life for people with hemophilia and their families in the United States. For their efforts Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton were given the inaugural Charles Stanley Hamilton Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Hemophilia Federation of America.

Dr. Hamilton served numerous local, state and national organizations because community service was an important aspect of his overall beliefs. Dr. Hamilton worked with the Louisiana Epilepsy Association, Louisiana Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation, which he served as President, the National Hemophilia Foundation, and the Hemophilia Federation of America. His wife, Janice Hamilton, and three surviving children and 5 grandchildren survive Dr. Hamilton. Louisiana has lost a great public servant with no equal.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON  
STEWART

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Stewart for his many years of public service and the many contributions he has made to the people of Colorado. I want to thank him on behalf of all Boulder's citizens for the depth and diversity of contributions he has made to ensure that Boulder County remains a very special place to live.

A lifelong resident of Longmont, Ron has been active in Colorado politics for over 30 years. During college he organized the Young Democrats in Longmont for several years and was elected Chair of the Boulder Democratic Party at the age of 21. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado and did graduate work at the University of Colorado in Denver in Public Administration. He served as Executive Director of the Colorado State Party from 1972 through 1975 and was elected to the Colorado Senate in 1976 where he served two terms, retiring as Senate Minority Leader.

Before being elected as Boulder County Commissioner in 1984, Ron was a member of the Mile High United Way Board of Directors and Chairman for the Political Action for Conservation. From 1977-1982 he served on the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, and he was a member of the Colorado Environment Lobby Board of Directors from 1985-1986.

He has earned several honors, including "Outstanding Senator" in 1984 from the Colorado Social Legislation Committee and "Friend of Education Award" from the Colorado Education Association in 1986, and has received awards from PLAN Boulder County, Boulder County Audubon, and the Colorado Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He also has been recognized nationally for his work on intergovernmental

cooperation. This year, the American Planning Association bestowed upon him the very prestigious Distinguished Elected Official Award.

As a county commissioner, Ron has served with distinction from 1985-2005. He has been a visionary in the development of Boulder County's Open Space Program, leading the effort to protect the county's natural beauty and preserve its agricultural heritage. Commissioner Stewart has gained nationwide respect and admiration for his commitment to orderly land use planning that is built on cooperation and consensus, particularly through the Super-IGA. In presiding over an era of de-centralization of services, Commissioner Stewart has been a vigorous advocate for improving county government accessibility. In developing new ways to involve stakeholders in the county's policy making process, he has done much to make government more understandable to its constituents. In trying to find ways to lessen the impacts of policy changes on those constituents least able to adjust to them, he has shown his compassion for the less fortunate.

I am particularly appreciative of the work Commissioner Stewart has done to invigorate the Boulder County social services delivery system, by fostering collaboration in program development and management, leading the way to innovative problem-solving, the most notable examples being the Genesis and IMPACT programs. Commissioner Stewart's advocacy for enhanced funding of social programs has made all the difference in a number of ballot questions, notably the Worthy Cause Tax, and as a result, Boulder County's nonprofit human service agencies get the support they need.

Commissioner Stewart has been a careful custodian of the taxpayers' dollars, managing the county's budget with restraint and according to the highest ethical standards. He has consistently represented the Office of County Commissioner with grace and dignity.

On a personal level, I know Ron to be a remarkable leader, a dependable colleague, and a kind person with an infectious laugh. It is my sincere hope that his retirement from the office of County Commissioner will open the door to a future of rewarding experiences. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking Ron Stewart for all of the good and important work he has done for Boulder County and Colorado.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAMUEL STEPHEN DRUCKER UPON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2005*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent Samuel Stephen Drucker of Eagle Scout troop No. 204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21