

groups that have expressed their support for its enactment.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PITKIN COUNTY (RYAN PROPERTY) LAND EXCHANGE  
UNITED STATES GETS

35 acre Ryan Property in the White River National Forest near Ashcroft and Aspen, Colorado. Forest Service acquisition of property will complete the Ashcroft Preservation Project, which was initiated by the Forest Service in 1980 to consolidate National Forest land ownership in and around the historic Ashcroft Townsite. The Ryan Property and surrounding lands are: (1) an extremely popular sightseeing and recreation destination; (2) heavily used for nordic skiing on public and private trails associated with the Ashcroft touring center; (3) about the popular Cathedral Lake Trail and Trailhead; and (4) contain historic structures associated with the World War II 10th Mountain Division.

18.2 acre Grand Turk and Pontiac patented mining claims on Smuggler Mountain directly above Aspen. Smuggler Mountain is a heavily used recreational area where the Forest Service is trying to consolidate its ownership, where feasible.

PITKIN COUNTY GETS

5.5 acre "Wildwood" parcel south of Aspen, which will re-conveyed by the County into private ownership. Conveyance will be subject to a permanent public easement for the East of Aspen Trail.

5.92 acres in 12 scattered mining claim remnants on Smuggler Mountain. The 12 parcels (ranging from 1.5 to 0.02 acres in size) but or are near existing County owned lands.

40 acre BLM parcel (Parcel 79) along the Crystal River near Carbondale, Colorado. Pitkin County must grant BLM a permanent conservation easement on the parcel for continued public access, and limiting future use to recreational, fish and wildlife and open space purposes only. Easement requirement will not reduce parcel's exchange value.

ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE PROVISIONS

Exchange values will be deemed equal if Forest Service appraiser determines approximate equal value. If the appraiser determines value is owed by Pitkin County, the County will additionally convey to the Forest Service the 160 acre Sellar Park property, a Forest inholding currently owned and managed by Pitkin County as open space.

Endorsements: As of September 7, 2004 proposed the exchange has been endorsed by: Aspen Valley Land Trust; Aspen Historical Society; Ashcroft Ski Touring; The Conservation Fund; Crystal River Caucus; Friends of Ashcroft; Wilderness Workshop; Aspen Center for Environmental Studies; Aspen Skiing Company; Board of County Commissioners, Pitkin County; City of Aspen; Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Assn.; Roaring Fork Conservancy; Crystal-Maroon Caucus.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FRAN-  
CISCO GONZALEZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the important contribution of United

Independent School District Board Member Francisco Gonzalez in Laredo, TX in my Congressional District.

Francisco "Pancho" Gonzalez works for Webb County as the Center Director for the Larga Vista Community Center. Besides overseeing the center's operations, a large part of Gonzalez's job consists of meeting with the people in the community he serves and helping them solve a variety of problems. Gonzalez regularly intervenes on behalf of families having difficulties paying their utility bills, or buying food for their families. He is a man who goes out of his way to help others.

Gonzalez says, being on the United ISD Board gives him the chance to help the district move in a positive direction. Gonzalez likens the Board to an eight member team that must work together to realize its full potential. He also realizes that not all ideas come from the top. Gonzalez likes to listen to people's concerns and ideas. "I'm open minded to suggestions. I don't mind giving credit where credit is due."

Gonzalez, a Laredo native, earned a Bachelor in Business Administration degree from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. Despite his early business training, Gonzalez says he has always been attracted to social work. "I'm going on 20 years in the social services field," Gonzalez said.

He has worked for the Housing Authority of Laredo as a Drug Elimination Program coordinator. In that position, he organized drug prevention workshops and anti-drug activities for housing development residents. He has helped prisoners get their G.E.D.s when he worked with Laredo Junior College while stationed at the Corrections Corporation of America. As an employee with the Laredo-Webb County Health Department, he counseled people and referred them to agencies that could help them with their transportation and medical needs. Gonzalez has worked for the Texas Department of Human Resources, and the Texas Employment Commission. He has also spent time in the private sector, purchasing materials and parts for his father's auto painting business.

He says he enjoys doing community service work. "If it's for a good cause, I'll do it." He was a previous board member with the Gateway Community Health Center where he served as president of the finance committee. He serves as a board member for the Salvation Army and is a court appointed special advocate-CASA. He has also donated time to Cancer Patient Services, United I.S.D.'s anti-drug program, and the Bringing Everyone Special Together organization. Gonzalez says one of the best ways to put his knowledge to good use is to help others in need. "One of my goals is to continue helping people. When I get tired, I seek guidance from the Lord."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize the contributions of United Independent School District Board Member Francisco Gonzalez.

STANLEY WARREN REMEMBERED

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2005*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the loss of a tremendous community leader in San Francisco, Mr. Stanley E. Warren. Stan Warren sadly lost his battle against a brain tumor on January 31, 2005. He led our community with great distinction as the Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council.

Stan Warren dedicated his professional career to helping his fellow workers build a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities. Born in Fresno, Stan moved to the Bay Area where he attended Sequoia High School and Canada College in Redwood City. At 18, he became an apprentice with the Roofers and Waterproofer's Union, Local 40, in San Francisco and worked his way up to Journeyman. Dedicating his efforts to union affairs, Stan was elected business manager for Local 40 in 1994. In 2000, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council with 30 affiliated union locals.

We were all stunned when Stan was diagnosed with a life threatening brain tumor a few years ago. He fought back valiantly and we were encouraged by the improvement he showed. Yet, in recent months the struggle overcame him.

Stan was a powerful advocate for labor in the Bay Area and worked in Washington as an effective voice in support of worker safety, better health care, protecting pensions and the Davis Bacon Act ensuring prevailing wages in federal contracts.

I have always been proud to represent working people in the Bay Area and have worked closely with organized labor. My job has been made easier because I have had the privilege of representing and working with dedicated citizens and leaders like Stan Warren.

Many friends and neighbors recently shared our loss at a memorial service for Stan in Redwood City, CA. Stan's wife Geri, their three sons, Tren, Spencer, and Gage and Stan's parents Troy and Maria Warren proudly know him as a wonderful husband, father, and son. I was proud to know him as a friend. I extend to his family and friends our deepest condolences and ask my colleagues to join me in this expression of sympathy.

HONORING DON DEMERS

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2005*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Don DeMers of Fresno, California. Mr. DeMers, Fresno County Transportation Authority Executive Director, recently lost his battle against cancer.

Mr. DeMers had a long list of work experience in various places. Prior to becoming Administrator of the Fresno County Transportation Authority, Don was the Manager of