

The congressional district I represent would not be such a wonderful place without organizations such as this one, many of which are inspired by the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary. Most notably, the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary takes a keen interest in enriching the lives of young people. By sponsoring participants in Missouri Girls State and contributing to programs like Sikeston's Teacher Appreciation Week and the YMCA, the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary makes a profound investment in our future leaders. Neither does the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary forget those who served, supporting efforts at the Missouri Veterans Home, the John J. Pershing Veterans Hospital, the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, and conducting an annual drive to benefit local disabled veterans. There are so many other ways in which the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary lends its support to our community, they are too numerous to list today.

Ultimately, the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary embodies the virtues of service. They are an active organization which is well-known throughout the region for its year-in, year-out commitment to the care, enrichment and betterment of the Sikeston community.

As a way of recognizing and honoring the important contributions of the Sikeston American Legion Auxiliary, I am proud to commend them for 80 years of philanthropy in the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri and to wish them all the best as they continue to endeavor in the charitable service of our community.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RETIREMENT OF
ALETTE LUNDEBERG

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the contributions and well-deserved retirement of Ms. Alette Lundeborg. Alette has served the County of Santa Clara for 23 years, and has worked tirelessly for decades as an advocate for poor and indigent peoples, founding numerous programs for the underserved population in the community. Alette has been a leading figure on welfare and refugee issues at the local, state, and national levels.

Alette Lundeborg began demonstrating her leadership ability through teaching in the 1970s as an instructor at San Jose State University and De Anza College in Cupertino. She taught a graduate-level social science course focusing on public service. In addition to teaching, Alette worked as the Community School Director for the Sunnyside Elementary School District, where she established city-wide community education programs for women.

From 1977 to 1979, Alette worked in the County Executive's Office of Santa Clara as an Associate Management Analyst. She investigated and mediated complaints of discrimination, analyzed legislation, and prepared funding proposals.

In the 1980s, Alette started working with the Social Services Agency's Refugee program. She was responsible for the \$16 million dollar annual budget and managed 130 staff mem-

bers while collaborating with local counties and states on legislation issues.

In the late 1990s, Alette was appointed as Administrator of Benefit Services for the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency. She has been responsible for the Agency's Employment Support Initiative, which has been the planning arena for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, a welfare program that assists California families through services and cash aid. Aside from working as the Administrator of Benefit Services, Alette has also been a Board Member for numerous local community groups including the San Jose Development Corporation, Planned Parenthood of Santa Clara County, and Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor this wonderful role model and mentor: Alette was my teacher on women's issues. Alette has spent countless years enriching the community through her leadership and dedication. Alette Lundeborg's work has been inspirational to many in the community and I offer her my best wishes for her much deserved retirement and thank her once again for her work serving the people of Santa Clara County.

HONORING GEORGE E. STEPP

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George E. Stepp for 38 years of dedicated service to the youth of Fairfax, VA.

Mr. Stepp began his career in 1969 as a social studies teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools. He quickly and eagerly made the transition to the administrative side when he was promoted to become assistant principal at Falls Church High School. Mr. Stepp went on to serve as principal at West Springfield High School for 6 years and Lake Braddock Secondary School for 3 years. In 1989, he became the superintendent of schools for area IV in the Fairfax County Public School system. He served in this position until he retired to become superintendent of schools for the city of Fairfax.

Over his career, Mr. Stepp has demonstrated an interest in his students, a desire to help them succeed, and the ability to put these aspirations into policies that create positive tangible outcomes. All students, faculty and parents who have been through one of his school's have expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the tireless work he has undertaken on their behalf.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate Mr. George E. Stepp for all of his accomplishments. His legacy of success is found in each and every student who has traveled through his halls, taken his tests, and is now a contributing member of our community. While he will be greatly missed, his retirement is well deserved. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding George for these past accomplishments and in wishing him continued success in the years to come.

HONORING ARIZONA'S WILD HORSES

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arizona's wild horses living in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

The residents of the State of Arizona deeply value these magnificent wild horses.

These beautiful wild horses are truly the "Living Symbols of the West," as described by the Wild Horse and Burro Act passed by Congress in 1971 to protect the wild horses of the United States.

The Rim Country wild horses date back to mounts brought by Father Eusebio Kino, who began his 1653 mission to eastern Arizona by setting out from the lands of my constituency in southern Arizona and traveling across our State northeast to the "borders of the lands of the Apacheria which border on New Mexico."

These original Spanish horses are the great ancestors of the Mogollon Rim country wild horses. They were the mighty Andalusian war horse, whose origins go back more than 28,000 years to the original Iberian horse; the magnificent Spanish Barb; and the graceful and fluid Spanish Jennet, the mount of many of the great kings of Europe; and the strong bloodlines of these original horses appear almost unchanged in our Rim wild horses 400 years later.

Our Arizona Rim wild horses are the direct descendants of the Spanish horses prized by the conquistadors so highly that the foals were carried in hammocks to protect their legs until they were old enough to travel on the forced marches; and prized by the early cattlemen for their endurance and heart and were the very mounts of the U.S. Cavalry as they rode to protect and expand the American west.

The Arizona Rim Country wild horses living in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are a most precious natural resource to be preserved for our children and grandchildren who will be able to see them for generations to come.

THE PGA OF AMERICA/DISABLED SPORTS USA MILITARY GOLF PROGRAM

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an excellent new project to improve the lives of American soldiers who were wounded serving our country: the Disabled Sports USA Military Golf Program. The Wounded Warrior Project, Disabled Sports USA, America Supports You and the PGA of America have created a new program that aims to help rehabilitate veterans severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. By instructing these wounded warriors how to play golf, the PGA and Disabled Sports USA teaches our disabled veterans a fulfilling recreation pursuit.

These organizations provide invaluable services to our veterans. Wounded Warriors