

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## INTRODUCTION OF THE 1998 U.S. FOREST SERVICE ORGANIZATION REFORM LEGISLATION

**HON. JOE SKEEN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that is long overdue and desperately needed. My legislation, the 1998 U.S. Forest Service Organization Reform bill is simple legislation. Under this proposal the current Regional Offices of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) would be eliminated. In the terms of organization structure they would be replaced by state USFS offices. Each state would have a state director, just as several other agencies within the U.S. Department of Agriculture operate. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in the Department of the Interior also is organized in this manner.

Authority would be granted for the establishment of up to six technical support centers as well as allowing the USFS to have multi-state directors where the Federal presence is minor. The Forest Service office for a state would be responsible for the administration of National Forest System lands within the state.

I have come to the conclusion that I can no longer wait for the USFS to do the right thing. I can no longer wait for them to solve their management problems. I can no longer wait to see our Forests suffer from neglect, mismanagement and misuse. This administration's record on addressing the major issues facing our Forest on these issues is dismal. Reinventing government in the USFS today means that nobody is in charge. It means forest plans that nobody can understand. It means lawsuits and court decisions that destroy people's livelihoods and damages their families irreparably.

USFS state offices will be the first step in bringing accountability into this agency of government. This office will be closer to the people in the state. The Director will interface directly and often with state officials, local government and concerned citizens. The Director will be accountable for what happens in the forest of the respective states. No longer would the USFS be able to hide in their regional offices. No longer would they be able to ignore problems in the respective states. The BLM manages more land than the USFS. The BLM planning program has been a model of unbridled success when compared to the disastrous Forest Service process. Part of the reason for this success is having a more responsive State office.

I would add at this point I have met numerous excellent USFS employees and I have been continually puzzled as to why these good people cannot make this agency work? Why, year after year, do we have study after study that talks about the mismanagement? I have finally decided that it is the structure of the USFS that is smothering the abilities of the individual employees and stopping them from

solving the problems on our Forest Service lands. Today, we have "teams" and "team leaders" in government but not supervisors. Let me repeat, we have teams and team leaders, but not supervisors. Our forests deserve attention not unsupervised teams. We need people who will be responsive to the needs of our natural heritage—not to the faceless bureaucracy that currently exists in the Forest Service.

There is no doubt that the USFS will say the cost of implementing this legislation is too expensive. It will not be too expensive or more expensive. Not if they do it right. They need to stop trying to protect their sacred regional office turf. If USDA agencies can do it and BLM can do it, then so can the USFS.

## THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREYSTONE PARK ASSOCIATION GREYSTONE PARK, NJ

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Greystone Park Association. Founded in 1948, the Greystone Park Association is an auxiliary to the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. The association was formed to augment the services provided by the state and is dedicated to working for the welfare of the patients.

The Greystone Park Association was founded through the efforts of Mrs. Eads Johnson of Morristown, New Jersey. The main focus of the organization was to interest the public in the needs of mental hospitals, particularly Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital and to interest people in volunteering for service either in the hospital proper or in the association.

Since its establishment in 1948, the association has been dedicated to serving the needs of patients at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. The Greystone Park Association is directly affiliated with the State Hospital. The association's membership is drawn from Morris, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen counties, which the hospital serves.

Many people have benefited from the 50 years of tireless work of the members of the Greystone Park Association. The members continue to operate shops containing clothing, jewelry, antique treasures, etc. two days a week on a year round basis. Also, they hold an Annual Fall Festival, which is the most ambitious fund-raising project and reflects the combined efforts of the hospital, community and the Greystone Park Association.

The Greystone Park Association provides admission packets, clothing, good grooming items, games and books to patients throughout the year, and each patient receives a personal gift during the Holiday season. The Greystone Park Association is committed to improving the quality of life of the patients at the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Greystone Park Association for providing 50 years of important service to the community at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week to recognize the service of all the law enforcement officers in the 5th Congressional District of Washington who have answered the call to public service.

Society places large responsibilities on our law enforcement officers and they perform tasks well beyond the call of duty. They are often the first contact individuals have with government. They should be commended for the great wisdom and compassion they show when assisting individuals during times of great personal sorrow.

By nature of their profession, law enforcement officers encounter individuals every day who reject every moral and ethical code of conduct. In some cases, police risk their lives, emotional well-being and future happiness to ensure that our laws are enforced. They should be commended for their samaritan service.

Mr. Speaker, law enforcement is not a profession for everyone, but it is a worthwhile calling. I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to take some time this week to thank a law enforcement officer in their community for all the hard work and dedication they give us all.

## MICHAEL J. BURKE: BOYS HOPE/ GIRLS HOPE HEART OF GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Michael J. Burke, a constituent and community leader who will receive Cincinnati's Boys Hope/Girls Hope's highest honor, the Heart of Gold Award, on May 26, 1998.

Mike Burke's personal commitment to numerous charities in our region reflects his philosophy of giving back to our community. For over 10 years, Boys Hope/Girls Hope has been blessed by Mike's tireless energy, talent and dedication. Boys Hope provides talented, underprivileged grade and high school children and young men with a safe, wholesome living environment from which they can pursue their studies and prepare for college. The goal of

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Boys Hope/Girls Hope is to overcome the obstacles of poverty, abuse and neglect and provide a structured, caring educational experience for students through high school and college.

Through Mike's leadership, Boys Hope is concluding a successful effort to bring Girls Hope to Cincinnati. Girls Hope will permit the expansion of services to include young women in Greater Cincinnati.

Mike's vision has provided so many young people in our area with an exceptional opportunity to succeed. All of us in Greater Cincinnati owe Mike a debt of gratitude and congratulate him on receiving the Heart of Gold Award.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

##### HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the outstanding performance of the Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Richmond, Virginia in the "We the People \* \* \* the Citizen and the Constitution" national finals held in Washington, DC, over May 2-4.

After beating other school teams on the State level, these talented, hard-working students went on to compete against 49 other classes from across the nation. The performance demonstrated their remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values embodied in the Constitution and the United States government.

I commend students Anne Carpenter, Tiffanie Chan, Amy Depcrynski, Beky Dohogne, Chris Farrell, Melanie Forbes, Shannon Goodwyn, Jennifer Gunter, Lauren Hamilton, Mason Hedgecoth, Zoe Heiberger, Serena Homes, Chris Kessler, Mat Reynolds, Takeisa Rowlett, Derick Russell, Sada Smith, Anne Sommers, Amol Tripathi, Mei Hwa Yeh and their teacher Philip Sorrentino on this achievement.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT HARVEY TOMLINSON

##### HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Harvey Tomlinson for providing 30 years of meritorious law enforcement service to the community. Sergeant Harvey Tomlinson is retiring May 27, 1998. Sergeant Tomlinson has saved 15 lives in his career and is respectfully deserving of this honor.

Sergeant Tomlinson started his career by volunteering for the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse in 1968. He was hired as a deputy by Mariposa County in 1969 and later attained the position of undersheriff before leaving the department in 1975. He then joined the Madera County Sheriff's Department where he became promoted to sergeant in 1981. Ser-

geant Tomlinson served as the coordinator for both the Search & Rescue and the Posse, and has served in these departments up until his retirement.

During his career, Mr. Tomlinson worked in the Madera County Jail, served as a patrolman, served as a detective, served as a detective sergeant, and for all but two summers, was in charge of boating operations on Bass Lake.

The highlights of his career are his Search & Rescue accomplishments. He directed and executed over 500 missions, directly saving 15 lives by his actions. Additionally, he has located and helped more than 900 people who have been lost or injured.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Sergeant Harvey Tomlinson. Sergeant Tomlinson's accomplishments in law enforcement and devotion to saving lives should serve as a model for anyone interested in a career in law enforcement. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Sergeant Harvey Tomlinson continued success with any future endeavors.

#### GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONORED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the students, faculty, and administration of Greenfield Elementary School, whose outstanding performance was recently honored by the Department of Education and the National Association of State Coordinators of Compensatory Education. Greenfield Elementary is one of only 109 schools nationwide to be recognized by the Title I Recognition Program. The Title Recognition Program honors schools that have set and reached high student achievement goals, fostered professional development, and built partnerships with parents and the community.

Greenfield Elementary School is a great example of what our public schools can accomplish with a lot of effort and some additional resources. Eighty percent of Greenfield's students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches. Their ethnically diverse student body is 65% African-American and 20% foreign-born. 95% of the students are bused to school. Title I has allowed the school to reduce its first-grade class size to 18 students and provide instructional assistants to all grade levels. The people there believe this lower adult-to-child ration, which increases the interactions children have with caring and sensitive adults, is critical to creating a productive learning environment.

The results at Greenfield are impressive. The children are in school 91% of the time. They are ranked among the top five schools in the district in communications and mathematics. They have used the diversity of their student body as a teaching resource, which allows students to learn about other countries, places, and customs.

I applaud Greenfield Elementary School for its accomplishments. I know their success is a result of a great deal of hard work by teachers, students, administrators, parents, and the Pittsburgh community.

TRIBUTE TO GENE CAPLINGER,  
RALPH CARTER, BOBBY G.  
MILLS AND RAYBURN SMITH

##### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four great Americans.

Gene Caplinger, Ralph Carter, Bobby G. Mills and Rayburn Smith are veterans of World War II and have been members of the American Legion post in Harrisburg, Arkansas, for 50 years.

As members of the American Legion, these men have been tremendous supporters of the community. The contributions they have made to future generations are immeasurable. Arkansas Boys State, the American Legion baseball program, and countless scholarship funds have flourished in Harrisburg due to the leadership of these four individuals.

Our nation is fortunate to have been represented in times of trial by men of character like Gene Caplinger, Ralph Carter, Bobby G. Mills, and Rayburn Smith. When their tours of duty ended, these men chose to return home and serve their hometown as they had served their country. Mr. Speaker, the people of Harrisburg could have asked for nothing more.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. MARK SCHOENROCK

##### HON. BILL BARRETT

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 1998*

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, Lt. Colonel Mark A. Schoenrock of Fairbury, Nebraska, completes 20 years of service in the United States Army this month. After being posted in Washington, DC, for the past 7 years, Lt. Col. Schoenrock and his family will be moving on next month to new challenges in Denver, Colorado, where Lt. Col. Schoenrock has received a new posting as the Inspector General of the Colorado National Guard. Having gotten to know Lt. Col. Schoenrock in his capacity as a legislative liaison with the Army, let me share with you some of Lt. Col. Schoenrock's career milestones.

He was commissioned an officer in the United States Army on May 13, 1978, in Lincoln, Nebraska, upon graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UN-L) and the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). He was a 4-year Army ROTC scholarship winner, graduated from UN-L with distinction, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He completed the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, with honors and was assigned as an Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battalion Logistics Officer with the 25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. While assigned to the Tropic Lightning Division, Lt. Col. Schoenrock deployed three times to the Republic of Korea. Following his three years in Hawaii, Lt. Col. Schoenrock completed the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, again graduating with honors. He was selected as the Outstanding Logistician for the