Public School system and went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the Inter-American University in San German, Puerto Rico specializing in Education and Political Science. As an undergraduate Bob was awarded a Minority Urban Education Scholarship and completed a Teaching Fellowship in both Urban and Rural School Districts on the Island of Puerto Rico. He received a scholarship to the prestigious Graduate School of Urban Affairs at Hunter College where he completed his Masters of Science Degree.

Throughout his career Bob has held positions of great importance in the City of New York and has demonstrated his ability to work extremely well under pressure. As Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Community School District Number 4, he took the district from last place (32nd) in reading and math to 13th among New York City School districts. This feat was achieved over a 7 year period and was considered one of the most successful educational accomplishments in America.

During the 1960s Bob was successful in organizing the East Harlem Community against attempts by the Mayor to close down Metropolitan Hospital Center which provided much needed services to the people of that community.

In 1981 Bob was appointed Vice President of Development and External Affairs at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, the second largest medical facility in the Bronx. During his 23 year tenure at the hospital, Bob was an important catalyst in securing over 240 million dollars in New York State guaranteed Bonds. These bond issues financed the construction of three new buildings and provided for the rehabilitation of the existing hospital buildings. In addition his department has raised approximately $15 million during the last several years for various hospital programs.

Mr. Speaker, what makes Bob such a unique an incredible person is that he is willing to put his knowledge and skills to work for causes that help everyday people. Such selflessness is hard to find in today's world. The great work that Bob does at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center inspires me to work harder in Washington for the people of the Bronx. It is my hope that he will continue to work to empower and protect those who need it most.

For his unyielding spirit and selfless dedication to the citizens of New York, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mr. Bob Sancho as he is recognized for his many achievements by the board of the Citizens Advice Board.

HONORING MADELINE DUCKLES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Madeline Duckles of Berkeley, California. A longtime peace activist and community leader, Ms. Duckles will soon celebrate her 90th birthday, an occasion which will coincide with the 90th Anniversary of a group in which she has been active for several decades, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

Born in Loomis, California, Ms. Duckles was the youngest of five children. After her older siblings left for school, Madeline went to live with her school music teacher in a household filled with opportunities to read books, learn music, and explore the outdoors. In this household she was encouraged to attend a university despite the opposition of her father, who felt that sending a girl to college was a waste of money. Ms. Duckles nonetheless went on to attend college, graduating in 1937.

At that time Ms. Duckles also became involved at the local YWCA, which at that time was the only place where she was able to discuss social issues. She received much of her early political education through the time she spent there, which coincided with the Spanish Civil War and a high incidence of labor strikes on the domestic front.

Upon her graduation, Ms. Duckles left California for New York City, where she married Vincent Duckles, who was doing graduate work at Columbia. Over the next several years they moved around to several different states while Vincent completed his studies and they both worked a number of jobs, working at different times as teachers, in retail service and other industries.

Eventually they returned to Berkeley, California, which is where Ms. Duckles became active in WILPF. Still outraged at the Japanese internment and the use of atomic weapons against Japan in World War II, she was part of a group of women who in 1961 went on strike across the country to protest atmospheric nuclear tests. Another issue of growing concern among these women was the increasing involvement of the United States in Vietnam, an issue regarding which Ms. Duckles would become progressively more active in years to come.

Even with five children to care for, Ms. Duckles devoted immeasurable amounts of time and energy into the movement for peace and justice in the years that followed. She attended meetings with the World Council of Peace in Europe and Asia, and even went on a speaking tour through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Even following the Vietnam War, Ms. Duckles has remained an outspoken advocate for peace and justice for all people throughout the world, continuing to travel and host international delegations of visitors to the United States as well.

This week Ms. Duckles' friends and family come together to celebrate her many years of activism, and the immeasurable impact she has had on our community. On behalf of the California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I salute and thank Madeline Duckles for her many years of work toward creating a peaceful world for all.

WINTER OUTDOORS MONTH RESOLUTION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as obesity and the associated health risks continue to increase it is important to encourage American's of all ages to participate in physical activity all year long.

To help spread this message, today I am introducing with my colleague from New York, Rep. JOHN SWEENEY, a resolution urging the President to declare January 2006 Winter Sports Month.

This resolution notes the increase in adult and childhood obesity along with the negative consequences of extremely overweight and obese people, including a decrease in the average life span and rising health care costs stemming from obesity related illness. It also includes the role winter sport activities can play in addressing obesity and the positive effects of participating in physical activity. It resolves that the House of Representatives urge the President to declare January 2006 Winter Sports Month.

Alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, not only offer excellent aerobic and anaerobic exercise but they also are activities that allow an entire family to play together in a natural environment. Colder temperatures and snow should not deter outdoor activities.

''Winter Outdoors Month'' would remind citizens of the importance to maintain a consistent exercise program and healthy lifestyle all year twelve months out of the year. Winter sports offer unique opportunities to allow all Americans a chance to be together outside, enjoy the season.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF ORENE SCHWEINLE JORDAN

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Orene Schweinle Jordan on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Jordan is a great example of the determination and dedication the citizens of America possessed in striving to improve their lives and the lives of their family members during the stressful years of the early 1900's. She has seen firsthand this great country develop from the horse-and-buggy era to the age of Internet.

Born in a remote area of rural Texas on December 4, 1905 into a family of seven children, Mrs. Jordan had limited formal education and learned early that hard work and self-improvement were her only avenues to a better life. She developed the philosophy that, ''You can do anything if you set your mind to it and never quit.'' That philosophy has sustained her to age 100 and she has set an example for her children and those around her.

Mrs. Jordan has been an outstanding mother to her children and is the recognized force that molded their lives. Her son, Don D. Jordan, became Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Houston Lighting & Power Company, Houston Industries, and Reliant Energy in which capacity he served for 23 years. He also served as the International President of the World Energy Council in London, England. Mrs. Jordan's daughter, Shirley A. Jordan Flanagan, perhaps made the biggest contribution as she energized young lives while serving as an elementary school teacher in the public schools of Texas for 35 years.

Married to W.G. Jordan for 60 years, Mrs. Orene Jordan was always a working partner. When the family moved from a small town in south Texas, they opened a small grocery store in La Marque, Texas even though they

had no real business experience. Mrs. Jordan put her ''hard work'' philosophy into action by working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week to make her family's business thrive. In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan sold their store and started a cattle ranch in Van Vleck, Texas in Matagorda County.

Mrs. Jordan still lives on the ranch, which she has helped operate for the past 49 years. During that time, she has developed as an artist, written several short stories, built her own furniture, become a recognized horticulturist, been active in her church, and touched the lives of numerous people.

Above all else, Orene Jordan is a patriot. She loves America and has never wavered from honesty, personal integrity, respect for the rule of law, and consideration of others. She has made the United States of America, Texas and Matagorda County a better place, and she is not finished yet!

IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH MONSERRAT

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to bid farewell to friends and mentors, especially those who have worked so hard and given so much to their communities and to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of and tribute to Joseph Monserrat, who passed away this week.

Joe spent his life in public service, both to his community and to his people. He was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, and like so many of his generation, moved at a very young age to the United States. He attended public schools and some of New York's most prestigious universities.

Joe served honorably in the Army Air Force, and upon returning, began his long career of public service. He quickly rose to positions of leadership in all his undertakings, making a significant mark as Director of the New York office and Deputy National Director of the Migration Division of the Puerto Rican Department of Labor.

This agency helped assist and smooth the transition for Puerto Ricans resettling in the United States by working to increase employment and business opportunities, increasing the number of major corporations that had employment programs for Puerto Ricans, and other vital services. After eight years in this capacity, because of his hard work and talent, Joe was promoted to National Director of the Division, where he served for another nine years.

Under his leadership, this agency was to become one of the most important national organizations devoted to the cause of helping Puerto Ricans gain a foothold in the United States. He later turned his attention to education, serving on the New York City Board of Education in the early 1970s and later teaching.

In his spare time, Joe served on the boards of many prominent civil rights organizations as well as service with many labor-related organizations. He also spent a great deal of time researching and writing some of the most influential scholarly works on issues affecting Hispanics, Puerto Ricans, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Mr. Speaker, Joe was a tireless leader, brimming with vision, energy and ideals. He was a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and, most importantly, the source of inspiration to countless leaders. The institutions that he touched were forever marked as they reached new heights of service and dedication to worthy causes.

Joe's legacy of service to others and his valuable contributions in all sectors of society will be sorely missed but his legacy lives on.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Joe's family, colleagues, friends, and all those whom he touched by his life and example.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Monserrat was an uncommon leader on the many different issues that he addressed during his life. He truly showed the way for many Puerto Ricans and Hispanics who followed in his footsteps in New York City and in the nation. Joe could truly be called one of the leading lights of the Hispanic community in the United States, and his commitment to public service should be honored. Fortunately through his leadership, he created a generation of people who will ensure that his vision for the betterment of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic community will not be lost.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to report that even with his passing, his light was not extinguished; instead it will shine stronger than ever among all those he inspired. I ask my colleagues to join me and all who had the privilege of knowing Joe Monserrat in paying tribute to him for serving his community and our nation with uncommon wisdom, generosity and dignity.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Act included a provision authorizing the Bureau of Reclamation to work in cooperation with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD), and local entities to initiate a Water Supply Augmentation Feasibility Study at Lake Thunderbird near Norman, Oklahoma, and appropriating $300,000 to the Bureau to initiate this study. Unfortunately, due to current fiscal constraints and the difficult decisions that had to be made in light of these constraints, the conferees were forced to remove this provision in the final conference report.

Mr. Speaker, since its construction in 1965, Lake Thunderbird has served as a reliable source of municipal and industrial water for three communities in my district, including Norman. Preliminary findings by the OWRB and the City of Norman indicate that the City's water demands will exceed its current combined supply from groundwater and Lake Thunderbird within 5 years. In fact, since 1988, Norman has exceeded its proportional allocation 12 separate years. Today, all projections show that the annual allocation afforded Norman will always be exceeded without additional supplies being made available. It is anticipated that the two other communities served by Lake Thunderbird may also need additional water in the future.

Appraisal level studies initiated by the Bureau of Reclamation in Fiscal Year 2003 support the need for additional water supplies to meet the region's future needs. This provision was included in the Senate bill to enable the Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the OWRB, the COMCD and its member cities, to initiate a more in-depth feasibility-level study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the COMCD and its member cities. I look forward to working with the Chairman and the Bureau of Reclamation to identify any unobligated balances within the Bureau's budget that may be released to initiate this study.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VICE ADMIRAL ARTHUR K. CEBROWSKI, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a visionary leader, a dedicated naval officer, and a true gentleman. Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski passed away on November 12, 2005 after a lengthy illness and a lifetime of service to this Nation.

Most recently, Vice Admiral Cebrowski served as the Director of the Office of Force Transformation in the U.S. Department of Defense. He was charged with helping transform the Nation's military capabilities from the post-Cold War Industrial Age to a more agile Information Age military force. But his legacy is much greater than just the leader of an office within the Pentagon.

Admiral Cebrowski was, for many years, a driving force for change—an intellectual whose ideas mattered and found their way into the battlespace, the hands of the troops, and the nooks and crannies of the Pentagon. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski who first introduced the idea of Network Centric Warfare, now a critical term of art in military strategy. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski whose ideas on defense procurement are changing the types and quantities of ships the Navy buys and how the Department of Defense will buy satellites and services in the future. It was Vice Admiral Cebrowski who identified the need to move technology more quickly into the hands of the war fighter. He was able to push innovative equipment and tools to the troops for operational experimentation during the War on Terrorism.

While intellectual honesty and vision were his trademark, he was also able to express those ideas in simple and understandable terms to others. As the Director of Force Transformation and as President of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, he was able to share his vision to educate and shape a new generation of leaders. It was a vision based on combat experience in Vietnam and Desert Storm and as a commanding officer of fighter squadrons and ships.