

The Tancredo amendment is a veiled attempt to paint immigrants as terrorists and security threats. These immigrants contribute to our economy. They harvest our food, work in our factories and only want to realize the American dream for themselves and their families.

I quoted it the last time I came to the floor, and I will quote it as often as necessary to make my point.

As is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, we need to remember here in Congress the generous invitation that the United States has always extended to the world: "Bring me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to be free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores. Send these, the homeless tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door."

I fully understand that we need a responsible immigration policy that enhances and ensures our national security. However, the Tancredo amendment is divisive and will, in fact, reduce our security. I strongly encourage my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

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TRIBUTE TO PAUL MENDRICK

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the notable accomplishments of Paul Mendrick. This remarkable gentleman merits both our recognition and esteem as his impressive record of leadership and invaluable service have improved the lives of countless people.

Paul Mendrick has devoted much of his time, skill and energy to making our State and our community a better place. Born to Joseph and Alice Mendrick in Pueblo, Colorado on October 23, 1948, he graduated from Pueblo South High School and attended classes at Southern Colorado State College. Paul enlisted in the United States Navy in 1970 and served as Yeoman to the Chaplin aboard ship until 1972.

Paul has been a labor leader, political activist and has remained in the vanguard of those dedicated to economic and social justice. During his distinguished career with the United States Postal Service, Paul served in various capacities with the Denver Metro Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU). He served as President from 1976 to 1992 and again from 1995 until his retirement in 2003. Under Paul's leadership, the Denver local became one of the most progressive locals, and he worked diligently to ensure that Postal Workers were represented fairly and their voices were heard in the United States Congress.

Those who know Paul know that fairness for the working people matters. He is well known for being forthright and a skilled leader not only within the APWU, but in the Labor Movement. For Paul, solidarity has meaning. In 1980, when the Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) were on strike, Paul and other labor activists opted to travel to the APWU National Convention in Miami, Florida, by motor home rather than cross picket lines to travel by air. As a board member of the Denver Postal Credit Union, Paul was instrumental in lob-

bying Congress against a proposed tax levy on credit unions which still stands today. In 1986, he was among the delegates selected by the AFL-CIO to travel to South America to be part of a grassroots movement to build a worldwide Labor movement.

Paul has also dedicated his life to his family and recently became a grandfather. But for all of life's demanding pressures, Paul has found the time to give back to the community, and he has supported numerous charitable causes. He has spent endless hours working on behalf of the Special Olympics in Colorado and for Muscular Dystrophy. The APWU in Denver has always been a yearly participant in the March of Dimes Walk and, under Paul's leadership, the APWU has continually raised money to feed the homeless and take care of those less fortunate.

It comes as no surprise that Paul was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado AFL-CIO and continues to lobby for worker rights and a decent workplace. He has dedicated his life to working people and has brought both respect and dignity to the Labor Movement. He has used his inestimable skills and talents to advance the public good and the well-being of all our people.

Please join me in commending Paul Mendrick, a distinguished citizen. It is the strong leadership he exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans.

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IN HONOR OF GEORGE W. DAVIS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George W. Davis, a longtime member of the Watsonville community, who passed away June 7th, 2004 at the age of 83. George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred Davis, his daughter, his sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

George served in the Navy as a blimp pilot in 1941 during World War II. He transferred to the Watsonville airport following the war, starting his own construction business in 1948. Throughout the next decades, George built more than 100 area schools, including facilities at Cabrillo College, University of California at Santa Cruz, Aptos High School, Salesian Sisters and Moreland Notre Dame School. He also built numerous churches and other public buildings, including the Watsonville Youth Center. George's dedication to the youth of our community is outstanding, a commitment that we will cherish always. His accomplishments have shaped the Central Coast into the strong community it has become today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely grateful for the tremendous gift George gave to our community. His legacy will be cherished for countless generations. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING JERRY WHYATT  
MONDESIRE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of journalist, former Congressional staffer, Pennsylvania State NAACP Vice President, Philadelphia NAACP President, and activist Jerry Whyatt Mondesire. Mr. Mondesire has consistently proven himself to be a proponent of civil rights and an agent of social activism here in the United States and around the world.

Mr. Mondesire's career as a journalist began in college, where he discovered that each of his school's four student newspapers intentionally overlooked the concerns and affairs of the school's African-American student minority. In response to this negligence, and to address the diverse needs of the student body, he helped found an Afrocentric magazine. Within a year, Mondesire took control of one of the campus' weekly papers and set up a fully integrated staff.

Mr. Mondesire's post-collegiate journalistic career was further marked by the activism that had so deeply characterized his years in college. After a decade in mainstream journalism, he concluded that the "glass ceiling" that denied African-Americans to work and excel to their full potential was present in that field. He left his editorial position at a major Philadelphia newspaper in order to become Chief of Staff for the Majority Whip of the U.S. Congress; there he was able to utilize his talents to combat both foreign and domestic social inequities. After spending 12 years in the most prestigious Congressional staff position, he rekindled his passion, revitalized his journalistic career and sought to address the issue of the journalistic glass ceiling by helping start The Philadelphia Sunday Sun.

In the past twelve years, Jerry Mondesire has become the host of a radio public affairs program on WDAS FM, the host of a cable television program called "Freedomquest", President of the Philadelphia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Vice President of the Pennsylvania state NAACP. This gentleman is clearly an example of social activism at its best.

It is a privilege to recognize someone whose ambition, motivation, and desire for social equality are an inspiration to all Americans. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Mondesire for his lifetime of activism, journalistic integrity, and perseverance.

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COMMERCIALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HEALTHY IT ECOSYSTEM)

**HON. TIM HOLDEN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Government's vital role in developing a healthy and growing information technology sector.

A variety of national and international studies indicate that the broad-based deployment