

elected to office in the Corporation and she served as Treasurer, Vice Chair and two terms as Chair.

I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in commending Gloria Karpinski Battisti for her dedication, service, and leadership in the Cleveland Community. Our community has certainly been rewarded by true service displayed by Gloria Karpinski Battisti.

THANKS FOR TWENTY-THREE
YEARS, GARY LIEBER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Gary Lieber. He is a man who has given a lifetime of government service. After 23 years with the post office he has decided to retire and in his words, "Do what he wants to do when he wants to do it."

Many years ago, when Gary began his service at the Glenwood Springs, Colorado Post Office, one rural carrier and three city carriers delivered all the mail to the community. In his years of service, he has seen the city grow to three rural routes and seven city carriers.

Gary Lieber worked every position in the post office, from overnight sorter, to supervisor, to examination specialist at the front counter. In working those many jobs, he has encountered many people and been a wonderful influence on all of them. One of those people, his daughter Kelly, decided five years ago to follow her father's footsteps and join the post office.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Gary Lieber, for years of dedicated service to our government. For many years to come Gary's legacy of hard work and dedication will be remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAUL MARTIN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and remarkable individual, Paul Martin, and to recognize him for his commitment to riparian restoration and education on his Stemple Creek ranch in the community of Two Rick in Sonoma County, California, the district I am privileged to represent. I truly wish I were able to join Paul, his family and their many friends at The Bay Institute's "Partners Protecting the Bay" Celebration tonight as Paul accepts the Carla Bard Bay Education Award. Paul was the first rancher willing to work with the 4th grade students of the Shrimp Project of Brookside School. Today, because of his vision and enthusiasm, there are increasing numbers of students and teachers doing creek restoration on Sonoma and Marin ranches each year.

It was in the winter of 1993 when the fourth graders asked Paul if they could plant willows at Stemple Creek on his property. They had begun a project to help save an endangered species, the California Freshwater Shrimp. Paul allowed the students to come on his property and plant willows, blackberries and other native plants along the creek. He worked with them every step of the way, digging the holes with the posthole digger, and watering the new plants with a bucket. He fenced off part of this land to protect the new plantings, temporarily giving up the land for grazing.

I have been to his ranch on Stemple Creek many times and have seen the students' excitement as they plant the willow sprigs. Those sprigs are now full-grown trees, shading the creek and providing homes for Valley quail, yellow warbler, California freshwater shrimp, spiders, duck and more.

We have learned so much from Paul. He is a marvelous teacher, and a great supporter of education. He is always thinking about how a particular experience will best benefit the children's education. He has taught suburban students and teachers about a rancher's life—the complex problems, the joys and the hard, hard work. He is wise and patient always taking time to explain things that are important.

Paul is modest about his gifts and his involvement, preferring to allow others to shine, but his influence is widespread. He has affected people's ideas about what is possible in education, even at a national/international level. The collaborative work begun on Stemple Creek has received local, national and international media attention and awards. Paul made this possible. The Shrimp Project shows that people who might have differing views—environmentalists, ranchers, students, biologists, teachers, businesspeople—don't have to agree on everything, but can still work together to achieve some common goals. These new relationships result in increased understanding, tolerance and appreciation of everyone involved.

Because of Paul's generosity, his ranch is now a model of cooperation between a rancher and environmental project students and teachers. Because of his dedication to this community and to education, other ranchers and teachers are inspired to take part in this kind of cooperative effort. One class has become 90 classes. The Shrimp Project continues today as the STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed) Project, facilitated by The Bay Institute and the Center for Ecoliteracy. As the creek gets healthier, the community is enriched and enlightened. As the students plant at other ranches in Marin and Sonoma counties, Paul continues to be an important voice for collaborative restoration and is a model for so many others.