

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS WEAVER—
HOLLYWOOD ACTOR AND AVID
ENVIRONMENTALIST

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Dennis Weaver, who have recently suffered the tragic loss of a great man. Mr. Weaver passed away on Friday, February 26th at his home in Ridgeway, Colorado.

Mr. Weaver was perhaps most famous for his role as Chester Good on "Gunsmoke" and for the T.V. series "McCloud," though he appeared in many T.V. movies, films, and even released his own country music album. As a fan of Western classics, I was continually impressed by Mr. Weaver's talent on screen and his ability to bring laughter and happiness to millions of Americans.

The passing of Mr. Weaver strikes a more personal chord because he was such an involved member of the Colorado community. In addition to his work as an actor, Mr. Weaver was also a dedicated activist for many environmental and humanitarian causes. He assisted in founding Love is Feeding Everyone, a program which currently helps to feed 150,000 hungry people a week in Los Angeles County. He has been honored by Haven Hills, a shelter for battered women, and the Pacific Lodge Boys' Home. In addition, he was on the Advisory Board of the "Center for Environmental Solutions," and even resided in his own environmentally friendly solar-powered house that he and his wife built in my Congressional District.

Though I only had the good fortune of meeting Mr. Weaver once, I was struck by his sincerity and his dedication. His talent as an actor is to be admired and his role in the community has been invaluable. He will be greatly missed, not only by his close friends and family, but also by the millions of lives he touched through his work onscreen and his role in the community.

HONORING CSEA ON ITS 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the California State Employees Association on the 75th anniversary of the organization's founding.

CSEA currently represents over 140,000 California state employees and retirees. Members include a wide variety of hardworking state employees, from front line service providers to university professors. California residents depend on CSEA members for a wide variety of state services, members ensure everything from a safe drinking water supply to the speedy processing of our tax returns. Without their hard work the business of the state would not get done.

It is a testament to the organization's importance and leadership that it continues to thrive

75 years after its formation. Since its inception, CSEA has been instrumental in making certain state workers have the protections and benefits they deserve. CSEA helped create the first retirement system for state workers, advocated for a mandated forty hour work-week and helped obtain voter approval of the Merit System for state service, all of which has contributed to a well qualified and motivated state workforce.

CSEA has also contributed to the health care of public sector employees. Since 1938, they have provided state workers with medical insurance, as the state did not provide such benefits until 1962. Today, CSEA serves its members by offering California state employees access to affordable homeowner's, life and dental insurance.

As an organization, CSEA has also played a pivotal role in ensuring state and university employees are entitled to collective bargaining. CSEA successfully lobbied for passage of the Dills Act and the Berman Act in the 1970s, both of which extended collective bargaining rights to public employees.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate CSEA President J.J. Jelincic, as well as the association's thousands of members on CSEA's 75th anniversary. I ask all my colleagues to join me and honor CSEA, as well as the fine work that California state employees do everyday

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the city of Fortuna in Humboldt County, California.

Originally named Slide, later Springville, Fortuna, was incorporated on February 20, 1906. Meaning "good fortune," it is an appropriate name for this unique and vibrant community situated on the banks of the beautiful Eel River in the heart of the Eel River Valley.

After its incorporation the town became well established with a city council, a night watchman and a fire and water committee. The Eel River Valley Lumber Company and the Humboldt Milling Company were two of Fortuna's largest employers and in 1909 the prominent Rohner family donated land for the first city park. Fortuna became a regular railroad stop between Eureka and San Francisco in 1914. The railroad provided an important link to the rest of the world and allowed travelers easy access to this verdant region.

Fortuna was known for its agricultural excellence and fish from the Eel River, but timber was the proud and primary industry of the area. Logging and lumber mills provided many jobs and the area became more populated as the town became more prosperous. People moved to Fortuna with the prospect of good jobs and a pleasant town in which to raise their families.

Fortuna remains a family community with a rich cultural heritage, excellent schools and beautiful parks. The citizens are proud of their town and volunteer to enrich Fortuna's daily

life. Known as the "Friendly City," Fortuna is host to a wealth of events, including the annual Fortuna Rodeo, Auto Expo, Paddle to the Headwaters, a vibrant farmer's market and Daffodil Festival.

Fortuna contributes to the economic vitality of the region and is an important partner in Humboldt County. As Fortuna continues to grow and flourish it will certainly enjoy another one hundred years of prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the city of Fortuna on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF DENTON BIODESEL INDUSTRIES OF GREATER DALLAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Denton Biodiesel Industries of Greater Dallas and its achievement of being awarded the 2005 Project of the Year by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Landfill Methane Outreach Program. The award acknowledges outstanding landfill gas recovery projects that make energy out of this otherwise harmful air pollutant.

Biodiesel fuels are primarily composed of renewable and recycled vegetable oils. This project serves as an innovator since it is the nation's first public-private partnership of its kind for biodiesel production. This relatively new Biodiesel Industry has the largest network of company-owned and operated biodiesel production facilities in the world.

I am proud to represent a company that is so strongly committed to quality products and a positive work environment. I congratulate Denton Biodiesel Industries and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY: RESIGN FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR COUNTRY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce into the RECORD an opinion piece by Bob Herbert in the February 16, 2006 edition of The New York Times entitled "Mr. Vice President, It's Time to Go."

Anyone who has been a long-time reader of Mr. Herbert's columns in the Times as I have knows Mr. Herbert has deplored the unshared sacrifice of this war, the fact that it is one small percentage of the people of this country who bear the burden of the war. He has been consistent in his criticism of the hubris of this administration and the secrecy surrounding everything it does. This is the most secretive administration in the Nation's history. Mr. CHENEY is if not the designer of this secrecy policy, is certainly the most prominent member of the administration using the policy which he clearly believes allows him to keep secrets not only from the Congress, but also from the President.

Before the hunting incident now before the public's very interested eye, there are many