

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) and the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 456.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous material.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 456 to express the sense of the House to acknowledge and highlight the efforts of the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol. Since 1957, the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol has been helping shape the lives of young adults in and around the community of Littleton, Colorado.

Over the past 43 years, this organization has assisted in over 2,000 rescue missions throughout the State and participants have volunteered over 50,000 hours of work.

Young adults from around the community volunteer their time to aid and make a positive difference in their communities. They assist in every aspect of emergency response from fires to automobile accidents to searching for missing people.

I want to give special recognitions to Stan Bush, who in 1957 started this program in an effort to organize a group to assist in rescue missions. The problem was that no one was interested, anyway no adult. Stan had originally sought adults to assist in this program but when there was a complete lack of interest, he turned to the community's youth and the youth responded.

In fact, over 1,000 adolescents have responded over the last 43 years. Young people can start in the spring of their eighth grade year. They must provide their own equipment and that usually amounts to a cost of about \$500. They begin their training with a 3-day excursion into the Rocky Mountains and 3 days at a search and rescue school and

then another 3 days living in the mountains, and then there is a 6-month probation period.

Only after they successfully complete this rigorous routine, they are made members.

The students must also maintain a C average in school to be part of the organization. After completing this program, many students have gone on to become leaders in their own communities, from sheriff to fire chief to military academy graduates.

The Rescue Patrol has proven itself to be a positive influence in the lives of these students. This program represents what is so good about American young leaders and young people. We have so many good kids who make up this Nation, Mr. Speaker, I often worry why we do not take time to recognize them more often.

Just over a year ago, my community was rocked by the events of Columbine and we have all spent the last year asking why, and also asking what could be done to prevent crimes like this from happening again.

One factor that we have found to be of interest here is the preventive, and something that can prevent destructive behavior is after-school programs, or extracurricular activities.

The committees on which I have sat, Mr. Speaker, time after time after time have come back with a variety of different suggestions to the House and to community members as to what we can do to avoid these kinds of situations, and the one common thing that ran through every single response was that there is a time period from about 3:00 to 6:00 every single day that is not filled with positive stuff; that so many kids come home to empty houses; and this is a time when so many young people get into trouble.

This is a program that can help fill that particular void.

Long before the tragic events at Columbine, Stan Bush instituted the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol and the program has been paying dividends ever since. We may never know how programs such as this impact upon the actions of youth. We know it is positive in the long run. We do know that those who participate in the program admire, not disdain, the communities in which they live.

These kids are provided with a sense of belonging and also provide a direct connection to the communities in which they live. We spend countless

hours examining and reexamining the actions of those who do harm to our communities but we forget about the vast majority of our youth that want to participate positively. It is time to acknowledge what is good about young people.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation to do just that. I want to recognize all of those who have participated in the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol over the 43 years and say thanks to all of them, and at this point I insert into the RECORD the names of those who have served.

ARAPAHOE RESCUE PATROL EARNS CONGRESSIONAL PRAISE

U.S. Representative Tom Tancredo (R-CO) presented the organizers of the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol of Littleton with a copy of a Congressional Resolution on April 19 in Englewood, praising their efforts within the community.

"I wish every child in Colorado could participate in this program," Tancredo said. "When many young adults are crying out for role models, the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol has filled that important void for over a thousand Colorado children."

Stan Bush, director of the Emergency Planning Department for the city of Littleton, founded for the Patrol in 1957 as a non-profit organization that assists law enforcement agencies, fire departments and search and rescue missions. The volunteers gather in the basement of Fire Station 12 in Littleton, headquarters of the Patrol

Most important, over one thousand students have participated in the program and been involved in more than, 2,200 reduce missions. Each student works approximately 10 hours a week assisting with emergencies, from fires and automobile accidents to searches for missing people.

Tancredo introduced House Resolution 456 on April 3 "to acknowledge and highlight the efforts of the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol." The resolution states:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress recognizes the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol of Littleton, Colorado for its 43 years of service to the local community, strong commitment from young adults, and selfless acts of community service to encourage positive outlets for young adults, teaching them a sense of commitment, responsibility, and belonging, all qualities essential to provide youth with the tools they need to succeed in the future."

"The children who have participated in the program are lucky, they have been associated with what I hope will be a model for every city in Colorado," Tancredo said. "I want to say thank you to the Patrol on behalf of all the citizens in the Sixth Congressional District and Colorado. I consider all of you heroes."

ARAPAHOE RESCUE PATROL, INC., LITTLETON BASED, MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, AS OF 13 NOVEMBER 1999

[Key: S—Senior Officer, C—Charter Member, MA—Member + Associate or Advisor, W—Warrant (1999+); D—Director; DM—Director/Former Member; NA—Not Member/Associate; \*—Deceased. Tally: Member—Any young person who applied for membership and was accepted—first by the Captains, and later by the Board of Officers, 975; Adult—Men and women who have been directly involved over the years—in many capacities, but were not formally accepted as members, 42. Totals: 1,017.]

Name	DOB	Joined	Status	Comment
Abbey, David	04-29-64	05-78		
Abbey, William, Jr	00-00-00	06-79	NA	
Abbink, Darrin	06-25-70	05-85		
Abbott, David	10-08-54	05-69		
Abbott, Jack	12-03-63	05-79		
Abbott, Steve	05-21-51	06-67		
Abbott, Virgil	00-00-00	05-76	NA	Fire Captain.
Acuna, Brandon	06-22-84	05-99		
Adams, D. Bruce	01-29-57	05-72	DM	Secretary.
Adams, Jeff	06-19-68	05-83		
Adkins, Steve	08-19-57	05-72		
Ahlgren, Robert	01-12-65	05-80		
Akins, K. Mike	01-12-54	05-71		
Aksamit, Lance	07-18-69	05-84		
Alden, Richard	07-04-64	05-81		
Alder, Christian	06-03-76	05-90		
Allen, Rowan	09-13-72	05-88		
Alter, Paul	12-12-56	05-72		
Amidon, Doug	10-31-56	05-72	S-*	