

Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia. At Fort Monroe, she worked with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management in the planning, execution, and overall management of resources totaling 4.2 billion dollars.

As a reflection of the leadership skills and financial management expertise that have allowed her to shape the future of financial services for soldiers and their units serving worldwide, Colonel Berard has received numerous awards and decorations. Eight Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals are only a few of the many distinctions that she received throughout her career. Upon her retirement, Colonel Berard will be awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit, an honor reserved for members of the Armed Forces who have displayed exceptionally outstanding conduct in the performance of meritorious service to the United States. This tremendous award is a fitting tribute to Colonel Berard for her courage, patriotic service, and exemplary dedication to her profession.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Berard for her service to the Nation and the United States Army, and wish her and her family all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DON MOFFATT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of a great citizen from my district. Don Moffatt of Crested Butte, Colorado recently passed away at the age of 58, and as his family and friends mourn Don's passing, I would like to pay tribute to his life and memory.

Don was an active member of his community. He served on the Board of the Adaptive Sports Center, where he worked hard to secure funding to help physically-challenged adults and children. Don was also an avid golfer and was active with the Crested Butte Open. Throughout the community Don was widely admired and respected. Don treated everyone he met with courtesy and respect, and he will always be remembered as someone who looked for, and found, the best in those around him.

Mr. Speaker, Don Moffatt was a beloved member of the Crested Butte community. His love for life and dedication to his friends and neighbors touched many lives. While Don has passed on, his legacy will continue to live. I am honored to join with my colleagues in honoring Don here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, I missed four votes due to

a funeral for Omaha Police Sergeant Jason Pratt, who was killed in the line of duty. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on: Roll Call Vote #509—The Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1308 and Roll Call Vote #510—The Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1.

I would have voted YES on: Roll Call Vote #511—The Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1588 and Roll Call Vote #512—H.R. 1409—To provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

HONORING REV. SCOTT R. PILARZ ON HIS INAUGURATION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the inauguration of Rev. Scott R. Pilarz as the new President of the University of Scranton. I am pleased to be joining the entire community of Northeastern Pennsylvania in welcoming him to the area this Friday, September 26, 2003.

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D. has a remarkable background and career. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and was ordained a priest in 1992. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University, and a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and in divinity and theology from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English at the City University of New York, CUNY, and his dissertation won the 1997 CUNY Alumni Achievement Prize for Dissertation Excellence.

As he was completing his studies at Weston, Father Pilarz served as a lecturer in the philosophy department of St. Peter & Paul Seminary at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. While completing doctoral studies, he was appointed to the English faculty of St. Joseph's University in 1994. In 1996, he joined the Georgetown faculty as an assistant professor of English. In 2002, he was appointed interim University Chaplain, where he served as a member of the President's Cabinet and was responsible for leading campus ministry efforts on Georgetown's Main, Medical and Law campuses. He worked with the President to promote Georgetown's Catholic and Jesuit character, sponsored inter-religious dialogue and coordinated interfaith activities on all three of Georgetown's campuses.

He was recognized by the Georgetown Alumni Association in 2002 with the William Gaston Award for Outstanding Service and was chosen by the graduating class of 1999 to receive the Edward B. Bunn, S.J., Award for Faculty Excellence, an award that recognizes outstanding teaching and service.

As a scholar, Father Pilarz has delivered numerous papers at scholarly conferences on various aspects of Medieval and Renaissance literature. He has also lectured and published on topics related to Jesuit education. His articles on John Donne, Robert Southwell and Medieval drama have appeared in academic

journals and collections of essays, and his book, Robert Southwell, S.J., and the Mission of Literature 1561–1595: Writing Reconciliation, will be published by Ashgate Press.

In 1998, he received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and he has received three research grants and a competitive junior faculty research leave from Georgetown.

Father Pilarz serves on the boards of Boston College, Loyola University of Chicago, the Community Medical Center, Scranton, and Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J., from which he graduated. His professional memberships include the John Donne Society, the Renaissance Society of America, the Shakespeare Association of America, the Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society, the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, and the Modern Language Association.

Father Pilarz has served as a member of The University of Scranton's Board of Trustees since 2000. In April of 2003, The University of Scranton's Board of Trustees completed a national search and announced the selection of Father Pilarz as the next President.

Father Pilarz became the twenty-fourth President of The University of Scranton on July 1, 2003.

Mr. Speaker The University of Scranton is, by tradition, choice and heartfelt commitment, a Catholic and Jesuit university. Founded in 1888 as Saint Thomas College by the Most Reverend William G. O'Hara, D.D., the first bishop of Scranton, it achieved university status in 1938 and was entrusted to the care of the Society of Jesus in 1942.

On the inauguration of its newest President, I would like to pay tribute to the University of Scranton, its administration, trustees, faculty, alumni, and students. I would also like to wish Father Pilarz the best of luck as he leads this university into the future. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes 509, 510, and 511, Representative Ryan (OH) Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308, Representative Stenholm Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1, and Representative Rodriguez Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1588, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, I would have voted "no."

During rollcall vote 512, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003, H.R. 1409, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO TRI-COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay