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LEGISLATION TO INTERCHANGE THE ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS BETWEEN THE FOREST SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill to facilitate a land exchange between the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to allow for consolidation and more streamlined administration of the Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area in the northern California district I represent. The Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management but also encompasses a parcel of land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

This legislation is a simple and straightforward land exchange that would allow the Bureau of Land Management to consolidate the management of the OHV area to achieve more efficient management and a better experience for the area's users. In addition to consolidating the OHV area this bill will also place an equal amount of scattered wilderness parcels and other Bureau of Land Management lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, allowing for improved management of those lands as well. Passage of this non-controversial legislation will result in a win-win for the taxpayers and the Federal Government.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in order to move this legislation through Congress.

IN HONOR OF MARY GREEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great woman and model citizen. Mary Reese Green, of Monterey, California, lived her life to make the world a better place. She was many things: civil rights activist, mother, wife, political campaigner, and friend. On January 9, 2009, Mary passed away at the age of 81. Mary was a fearless fighter during the civil rights movement and an active advocate for art throughout her life. She held a passion for politics and played instrumental roles in numerous political campaigns over the years. She was a real spark plug whose personal motto was "Yes, we can!"

Mary was born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, where she developed a lifelong love of art. She went on to study at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia and to teach art at George School in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. There she met her husband, Ross Green, a fellow teacher. Her first brush with politics came when she and Ross moved

to Berkeley. Mary campaigned for the right of students to post political flyers on university bulletin boards. When she and her husband moved to Atlanta, she fought for civil rights alongside her friends, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, and Vernon Jordan. A notable story from Mary's life centers on a public meeting held in Atlanta to discuss voters' rights after the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Despite death threats and the hostile presence of the Ku Klux Klan at the meeting, Mary bravely spoke as scheduled, while many others backed out and retreated.

Mary continued to play an active role in politics throughout her life. She served as the central California chair for Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, the northern California co-chair for George McGovern in 1972, and worked on the presidential campaigns of Gary Hart in 1984 and 1988. Back in Monterey County, she promoted the arts. She helped raise funds to revitalize the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art's La Mirada wing and took the lead in founding the Pacific Street branch's sculpture garden. Mary also helped produce two award-winning documentary films: *Time Captured in Paintings: The Monterey Legacy* and *The Roots of California Photography: The Monterey Legacy*.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in extending our deepest sympathies and condolences to Mary Green's daughter, Alice Green, son Mitchell Green, her three grandchildren, and many friends.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SENIOR CORPORAL NORMAN SMITH, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, GANG UNIT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Senior Corporal Norman Smith of the Dallas Police Department. He was shot and killed on January 6, 2009 while trying to serve a felony warrant in South Dallas.

Senior Corporal Smith had over seventeen years of service with the Dallas Police Department; fourteen of those years with the elite Gang Unit, facing some of the toughest criminals in Dallas. Although he had many years of service, Norm approached the job with the fire and drive of a rookie, never giving less than one hundred and ten percent. He was deeply committed to fighting crime and his passion and dedication were evident to all who knew him. His fair treatment made him one of the most respected officers in the City of Dallas as well as among former gang members. Underneath his tough demeanor, he also offered hope to those seeking a new life outside of gangs. Different parts of the city affectionately referred to him as the General, Soprano, Big Swede, Normando, and the White Russian. Norm is considered irreplaceable by his fellow officers in the Gang Unit. He was by definition a true warrior.

Prior to his tenure with the Dallas Police Department, Norm proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and worked with Kaufman and Dallas Counties Sheriffs Departments. He is survived by his wife of eighteen and half

years, Lieutenant Regina Smith; a daughter, Clenique L. Williams; and a son, Karlis Smith. Norm loved Regina deeply and treated her like a queen. He was her best friend and did everything with her. It was evident to all that the love they shared was special.

The Dallas Police Department and the Dallas community have suffered the loss of a remarkable officer, dedicated crime fighter, and an outstanding American that committed his life to public service. May the peace of God be with those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

TWO ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA GEOLOGISTS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that in St. Petersburg, Florida, I represent one of the world's foremost centers of marine and geological research. We have created a thriving hub of academic, government and private sector facilities whose professional staffs work together on a daily basis to study and help to solve some of our state's, our nation's and our world's most challenging environmental, marine and geological problems.

The University of South Florida College of Marine Science on the University's St. Petersburg campus has been the linchpin of our efforts to bring together the best and brightest scientific minds. With the addition of the U.S. Geological Survey 10 years ago and the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and the Florida Institute of Oceanography, and in the private sector SRI International, we have at Bayboro Harbor a thriving research community.

Recently two of those researchers have been honored for their work in the field of geology. The first is Dr. Albert C. Hine, the Associate Dean of the USF College of Marine Science, who received the Francis P. Shepard Medal for Sedimentary Geology at the annual Society for Sedimentary Geology meeting in Denver, Colorado. The award is given to those who have a sustained record of outstanding research contributions in marine geology.

In addition to being recognized for his prolific research and his 140 peer-reviewed publications in the field of coastline studies, carbonate platforms and coral reefs using an array of geophysical tools, Dr. Hine was also recognized for his commitment to teaching. He is a major advisor to 11 Ph.D. and 22 M.S. candidates.

He is a perfect example of the type of collaborative research that goes on every day at USF's Bayboro campus, where he has worked and taught since 1979. That includes his work with the U.S. Geological Survey where the second award recipient Dr. Eugene A. Shinn worked for more than 31 years. Dr. Shinn was recently awarded the Society for Sedimentary Geology's William H. Twenhofel Medal for his outstanding contributions in the areas of paleontology, sedimentology and stratigraphy.

Now retired from USGS, Dr. Hine is a Courtesy Professor at the USF College of Marine

Science where he continues his research and teaching.

Madam Speaker, following my remarks, I will include from the USGS publication *Sound Waves* two articles about both of these eminent researchers, which includes much more detail about their lifetimes of work in the field and about the special collaborative relationships among these outstanding St. Petersburg organizations.

Dr. Al Hine and Dr. Gene Shinn are two shining examples of the energy and enthusiasm we have captured in St. Petersburg that makes our city the center of international work in marine science and geology. Please join me in congratulating them on these great honors and in thanking them for their continuing efforts to impart their knowledge and enthusiasm to future generations of their students and colleagues.

USGS COLLABORATOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS SEPM SHEPARD MEDAL, SOUND WAVES, DECEMBER 2008

Barbara Lidz

Albert C. Hine, a close collaborator with scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) office in St. Petersburg, Florida, from its inception in 1988, will receive the Francis P. Shepard Medal for Marine Geology at the 2009 Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) annual meeting in Denver. Hine is currently Associate Dean in the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida (USF) in St. Petersburg, where he began his career in 1979. He has worked extensively with USGS personnel for many years, including Gene Shinn (who will receive SEPM's Twenhofel Medal at the 2009 meeting; see article, this issue), Bob Halley, Barbara Lidz, David Twichell, Kevin Cunningham, Jack Kindinger, Lisa Robbins, Terry Edgar, and Kim Yates.

Hine received his B.S. degree from Dartmouth, his M.S. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. For his dissertation he investigated modern carbonate-bank-margin sediment on the Bahama Banks with high-resolution seismic profiling. He studies coastlines, continental shelves, carbonate platforms, and coral reefs, using an array of geophysical tools. Hine has been heavily involved in the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) and served on the program's Ocean History Panel, Site Survey Panel, and U.S. Science Advisory Committee; he was also selected to be a Joint Oceanographic Institutions/U.S. Science Advisory Committee Distinguished Lecturer for 2005-2006 (URL <http://www.oceanleadership.org/usssp/dls/hine>). Hine has had extensive seagoing experience on many research vessels, including as co-Chief Scientist on ODP Leg 182 to the Great Australian Bight and as a member of the scientific crew on Leg 194 to the Marion Plateau of northeastern Australia. He currently serves on the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) Fleet Improvement Committee.

Hine has written approximately 140 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. He is major advisor to 11 Ph.D. and 22 M.S. candidates, including 2 from the USGS. His former graduate students are spread far, wide, and deep. In recent years, he has focused on deep-water coral reefs and drowned barrier islands; with Bob Halley and others, he mapped the deepest coral reef in the United States, off the southwest coast of Florida (see related *Sound Waves* articles, "USGS Scientists Use the SeaBOSS to Explore What Could Be the Deepest Coral Reef in the Continental United States" and "Coral Reef Off Florida Determined to be Deepest Known on U.S. Continental Shelf").

The Shepard Medal is given to persons who have a sustained record of outstanding research contributions in marine geology. Francis Parker Shepard (1897-1985), known as "The Father of Marine Geology," is one of the field's true heroes. Shepard began his career studying structural geology but is best known for his work on, and understanding of, submarine canyons. A short story of his life is available as a PDF file (76.4 KB) at URL http://gsahist.org/gsat/gt01dec20_21.pdf.

GENE SHINN WINS PREEMINENT SEPM TWENHOFEL MEDAL, SOUND WAVES, DECEMBER 2008

Barbara Lidz

Eugene A. Shinn, carbonate geologist with Shell Oil in the 1960s and then with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for 31 years, will receive the 2009 William H. Twenhofel Medal from the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM). The highest recognition given by the SEPM, the Twenhofel Medal is awarded annually to a person for his or her outstanding contributions in sedimentary geology. Albert C. Hine, Associate Dean of Research at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg, made the announcement in August. Shinn received an honorary Ph.D. from USF in 1998 and was a commencement speaker. Since retiring in 2006 from the USGS Florida Integrated Science Center office in St. Petersburg, Shinn has been seated as a Courtesy Professor at the USF College of Marine Science next door.

Nominees for the Twenhofel Medal are chosen for their outstanding contributions in paleontology, sedimentology, stratigraphy, and (or) allied scientific disciplines. The contributions normally entail extensive personal research but may involve some combination of research, teaching, administration, or other activities that have notably advanced scientific knowledge in the field of sedimentary geology. Shinn has devoted his career to each of these areas and more, and has excelled in all. As a researcher dedicated to working in the field, he is recognized as a pioneer in studies of carbonate sediment, tidal flats, diagenesis, coral-reef ecosystems, and, in recent years, the effects of transatlantic African dust on corals and human health. Shinn has an innate ability often to perceive truths before others do, and he encourages discussion and innovative thinking. He is not afraid to speak his mind or to get on the hot seat amidst controversy; he also knows when to avoid controversy. Shinn has led numerous modern-carbonate field trips to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas for SEPM, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the Geological Society of America (GSA), and many universities and local societies. He has published more than 150 scientific papers, produced training films, won several "best paper" awards, and received the USGS Meritorious Service Award, as well as the USGS Gene Shoemaker Award for Excellence in Communications. Shinn joins the ranks of other very distinguished geologists who have shaped major concepts in understanding Earth processes and history in the realm of carbonate geology. The honor is long overdue. Shinn will receive the award at the Society's annual meeting in Denver in June 2009. Congratulations, Gene, for a meritorious job well done!

William H. Twenhofel (1875-1957), Ph.D. Yale (1912), is regarded as the patriarch of sedimentary geology. Twenhofel, who was a member of the National Research Council, retired in 1945 from an illustrious academic career at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where the Department of Geology and Geophysics has offered one of the top Earth-science programs in the United States for

decades. Twenhofel cofounded the *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, now the *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, one of the premier journals in the field of sedimentary geology.

HONORING BARBARA E. HERRING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing from this life of Barbara E. Herring, who served as the first female law director for the city of Toledo. Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner appointed Mrs. Herring law director in August 1999, after 4 months as acting law director. She retired as law director in December 2005, as the administration of Mayor Jack Ford was drawing to a close. As Mayor Finkbeiner said to the *Blade*, "If you're going to be a first-rate city in this country, you have to have leaders that come from every sector of the community." Mr. Finkbeiner said at her appointment, "Barb is going to be a very strong law director and a strong component to the leadership of the city."

Most of her tenure was in the succeeding administration, and "I was honored to serve with her," Mayor Ford said to the *Blade*. "She was the best director I had. [She] helped draft the ethics statement we all lived under during the 4 years I was mayor. She helped set the tone."

One issue in which she played a big part was the city's smoking ban, which preceded the statewide ban by several years. On other issues as well, "in those days, Toledo was setting the tone for the State as far as home-rule rights," Mayor Ford said. "She wrestled through a big case in the [Ohio] Court of Appeals with respect to [off-campus] student housing. I had full confidence in her. She was ethically driven. Early on, we had an understanding that we would do things by the book and do it right and not try to be politically cute."

While she was honored to be chosen as the first woman to serve as law director, her husband, David, said, "she was more concerned about being considered the best law director. She built that department up and was so aggressively fighting for them and trying to do things to get new talent in there," he said to the *Blade*. She had a calming effect, even in demanding circumstances, said Kelly Bejaige, who was her secretary. "She was very dignified and caring, and that carried her through," Ms. Bejaige said. "She had great respect from many people. She saw the best in everybody, and she tried to bring that out in people. She was no nonsense. She expected a lot, but nothing less than she was willing to give herself."

Mrs. Herring was a partner in the law firm of Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer in 1991 when then-law director for the city of Toledo Keith Wilkowski hired her as a staff attorney. She later became the city's general counsel. She joined the law firm after graduating cum laude in 1984 from the University of Toledo law school.

Mrs. Herring taught English and psychology about 8 years at Springfield High School near Toledo, Ohio. Before that, she taught about 6 years at Springfield Junior High. "She was