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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, on June 27, 1996, we lost Mollie Beattie, a friend and an ally, to a battle with brain cancer. Head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Mollie worked diligently to preserve our ecosystem and protect it for the future of our Nation. As the first woman to head the USFWS, she worked wonders shrinking budgets while still expanding the Federal refuge system.

A philosophy major at Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y. Mollie later found herself involved in an Outward Bound course, through which she rediscovered her love for nature, which led her to a career as an environmental official. Her philosophy on the environment

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changed the way that the USFWS worked, by providing for the ecosystem as a whole instead of dividing the country into parts.

In particular, Mollie was instrumental in helping me create legislation to authorize the purchase of Shadmoor in Montauk, Long Island. When acquired, this land will be preserved as a national wildlife refuge. Thanks to her help and dedication, this legislation is now law and we are one step closer to the preservation of Shadmoor.

The entire Nation may not realize the extent to which Mrs. Beattie has touched our lives, but those who knew her personally and knew what she worked for will miss her dedication and her spirit. May she rest in peace.