

## THANKS TO DALE CRANE

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Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to publicly thank and acknowledge the efforts of Dale Crane, who recently left as staff director of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands which I've had the privilege to chair the past three sessions of Congress. For over 14 years Dale Crane has been an integral part of the decisionmaking policy process on nearly every land issue and question that was considered by the U.S. Congress. With his guidance the subcommittee enacted more than 100 measures in the 100th Congress. Dale has been a leader, an innovator, a counselor, friend, and educator for me and other Members of Congress and to numerous staff in both House and Senate.

I have especially appreciated Dale's loyalty, his candor and his passion for both the work and the issues. Dale Crane truly cares for this nation's natural and cultural resources. Dale's efforts took on special meaning during recent years in the establishment of two magnificent new national parks, Great Basin National Park in Nevada, and our most recent national park in American Samoa, an ancient tropical rain forest, the 50th national park. He worked on legislation to help save Mono Lake, our Nation's first scenic area designation and toiled to protect Lake Tahoe. He was particularly active in the protection of wild and scenic rivers such as the Kern, the Kings and Merced recent designations in California. He worked hard on wilderness legislation, with the Nevada Wilderness Act passing at the end of the first session of this 101st Congress. And he worked on park bills including the establishment of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and the numerous measures to expand Everglades National Park and Big Cypress Preserve. Throughout his service in natural resources roles, surely Dale Crane's vision of our Nation's natural resources has been forward looking to ensure that these resources would be conserved and preserved today for American generations tomorrow.

The Congress and this humble Congressman and subcommittee chairman give our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dale Crane for the role he played so well these past 14 years as staff, as chief of staff and confidant. Surely we will not soon forget the lessons and values, the mission and responsibilities Dale shared with us. Hopefully, we too will retain the reasoned passion for the conservation and care of our Nation's natural and cultural resources Dale Crane so ably personifies. Thank you, Dale.