

accept, once again, the thanks of a grateful Nation.

#### IN HONOR OF NEIL ARMSTRONG

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a true American hero, the first human being to walk on the Moon—Neil Alden Armstrong.

I had the privilege of meeting Neil Armstrong and introducing him to my son, Eli, at an event commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing. It has been said “we are all dreamers,” but Neil Armstrong inspired generations of Americans to dream big and to reach for the stars both figuratively and literally. He believed that the yearning to explore is part of what makes us human, and his singular achievement on July 20, 1969, still inspires.

A reluctant hero, Mr. Armstrong never used his Apollo 11 achievement for personal gain. On more than one occasion he questioned his own notoriety, protesting that his walk on the Moon was the result of the dedication of more than 400,000 people—from engineers who designed the Lunar Module, to ground controllers who monitored every aspect of the mission, to seamstresses who stitched by hand the suit that kept him alive on the Moon.

The late 1960s was a time of tumult in America, when our Nation was riven by Vietnam, the struggle for civil rights and the emerging women’s movement. In the midst of this, Armstrong’s climb down the Lunar Module’s ladder and his “giant leap for mankind” united not just Americans but people of all nations as they watched. That night, countless children looked up at the Moon and dared to dream.

#### 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. As we mark yet another anniversary of a September morning that dawned just as any other, we are first and foremost called to remember; but as we remember the fear and the grief of a day born of unfathomable hate, we remember, too, the impossible heroism of so many of our fellow Americans.

We remember the firefighters and the police officers who ran into the burning buildings to get others out. We remember the brave men and women of Flight 93, who, in learning of the attacks throughout the country, decided they would give their lives that others might live.

We remember those early days when we came out of our homes and joined together with our neighbors, with flags and candles, united as one American

family and when bitter political adversaries stood on the steps of this Capitol and put their arms around each other and sang “God Bless America.”

But we shouldn’t have to look back to feel that again. For the sake of those who died, for the sake of all those living and for all those yet to be born, let’s come together in this House. Let’s not be the do-nothing Congress. In honor of all Americans, let’s come together and work for the good of this country.

#### WEAKENED FROM WITHIN

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, our governments and our people have successfully prevented the tragedy of 11 years ago from being repeated, but we need to be mindful of the fact that it does little good to protect ourselves from without if we allow ourselves to become weakened from within.

When our families aren’t adequately employed, when our government isn’t adequately funded, when our economic potential is so unfulfilled, we do a disservice to the people we were elected to serve and to protect. When the majority in this House refuses to take action on a real jobs bill or on any of the other important issues that we should be legislating, we have no business being out of business for 49 out of the next 56 days before the upcoming election.

#### AN AMERICAN JOBS ACT FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Today, our hearts turn to the heroes and loved ones who lost their lives on 9/11.

We will never forget the sacrifices of the first responders who are appropriately receiving special honor today. Yet firefighters and police officers are being laid off around the country. Why? Because the Republicans have sabotaged all efforts to avoid those layoffs and to create jobs. It will be 1 year ago tomorrow that the President sent to Congress the American Jobs Act, which would put people to work in areas critical to our communities and our economy—cops and firefighters and teachers—and would prevent those layoffs.

Independent experts estimate that his bill would create up to 2.6 million jobs; but has the Republican do-nothing Congress even allowed a vote on the American Jobs Act? No. Instead, they’ve found time to vote repeatedly to end the Medicare guarantee, and next week, Republicans will leave town and leave America without a jobs bill. Our first responders deserve better.

#### 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 11th anniversary of the vicious attack on America. I appreciate the leadership scheduling a memorial service on the steps of the Capitol this morning, but more needs to be said as I fear time and events have dulled our memory. It was 11 years ago that our Nation changed forever as violent international extremists struck in the streets of Lower Manhattan and in the fields of Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon.

When that day was over and as we learned more about that tragedy and, yes, of the murderous attacks and the loss of nearly 3,000 Americans, including 700 New Jerseyans, who are from my home State, we witnessed neighbors and friends consoling one another, and we watched as Americans from all walks of life stood united—side by side—waving the Stars and Stripes and lighting candles to honor those lost or missing.

Today, this afternoon, I must remind our fellow Americans that we are still a Nation at war, largely because of those events. We remember those who lost their lives on that fateful day, but we also remember the sacrifices of those who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure that those responsible for those attacks pay that ultimate sacrifice.

#### IN MEMORY OF 9/11

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. We all probably remember where we were when we learned about 9/11. We all probably had someone who came to mind immediately when we watched the horrific attacks on this Nation. For me, I thought of my friend General Eikenberry, who was at the Pentagon, on the side that the plane crashed into.

Though Hawaii is the State farthest away from the east coast, we were also touched. We knew of at least nine who had ties to our State who died on 9/11, and I want to honor them by reading their names: Georgine Corrigan, Richard Keane, Maile Hale, Ric Yee, Patti Colodner, David Laychak, Christine Snyder, Heather Ho. Heather is someone special to me. Her grandfather actually built the town that I grew up in.

We must also honor the brave men and women in uniform who gave their lives to this country in the wars following 9/11. Madam Speaker, we must never forget, and this country must never forget.

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#### AMERICA NEEDS A FARM BILL

(Mr. WELCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1