

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO KELLY M. RAMIREZ

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2001*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Kelly M. Ramirez. On September 20, 2001, the women of Girl Scout Troop 801 will recognize Kelly for receiving her gold award.

Since the beginning of the last century, the Girl Scouts of America have provided thousands of young women each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

These awards are presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our Nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. The Gold Award represents the highest awards attainable by junior and high school Girl Scouts.

I ask colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipient of this award, as her activity is indeed worthy of praise. Her leadership benefits our community and she serves as a role model for her peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have give generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Kelly, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young woman on her day of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2001*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The GCSAA is the professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas, the association carries out its mission to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

The GCSAA was founded on September 13, 1926, when a group of 60 visionary greenkeepers met at the Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, with the purpose of forming an organization that would inform and educate its

membership and strive for a better future for those who manage the playing fields of golf. Originally called the National Association of Greenkeepers, the association has grown to more than 21,000 individual members in the United States and 65 other countries. GCSAA and its members are leaders in the golf community.

As in 1926, the advancement of the superintendent profession, and the game and business of golf, are at the heart of everything the GCSAA does today. GCSAA offers numerous educational and informational programs to serve an ever-growing membership—education that spans the scientific, technical, environmental, professional development and resource management aspects of the profession.

In recent years GCSAA has expanded its role so that it not only serves its members, but also the people, organizations and institutions allied to the game of golf. From funding university turfgrass research, to promoting the participation of youth, minorities and persons with disabilities in the game, to being a major participant in the arena of environmental stewardship, GCSAA continues to take an active approach in making golf better. Today the superintendent is recognized as a key to golfer enjoyment and to the economic vitality of the golf course.

GCSAA has spent the last 75 years advancing the golf course superintendent profession and enhancing the game of golf and will only continue these great achievements in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as they celebrate 75 wonderful years of association history and heritage.

AUTHORIZING USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES H. MALONEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2001*

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to address the necessity, imposed on us by unspeakable acts of terrorism, for the United States to respond to the killing and injuring of thousands of our fellow citizens, almost all innocent civilians.

This Nation has the right and obligation to both respond to and defend itself from the violent enemies of our freedom and liberty. Those persons and/or entities that were either directly involved in or provided any assistance to the acts of September 11 pose a clear and present danger to the lives of our people and to our very national security. We will find those responsible and make certain that they, and anyone who helped them, are fully punished.

This attack on America and its people will not stand.

Moreover, as we cannot rule out future attacks on U.S. soil or to American interests overseas, we must take a comprehensive approach to this challenger. Appropriately, we will utilize the first rate capabilities of our Armed Forces to ensure the personal security of each and every one of us, at home or abroad. To that end, we commit ourselves by the resolution before us, to root out terrorism wherever it is found around the world.

It will not be an easy task to defeat terrorism. It will require considerable resources and patience. There is no quick solution. I am confident, however, that the President and the Congress, working together, will find the means and methods to prevail.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I along with my committee colleagues will perform our duty in providing U.S. Armed Forces the necessary resources to deter and defeat the threat of terrorism. I know that our colleagues will support our work.

There is yet considerable work to be done in the days and months ahead. I am confident that our Nation, and our Armed Forces called upon to defend all Americans, will meet the challenges that lie ahead—just as we have from Concord and Lexington through the war in the Persian Gulf.

I strongly urge passage of the Resolution.

A VISION FOR SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2001*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Saginaw Intermediate School District Superintendent Richard Lane, Board of Education President Joseph W. Powe, Vice President Ruth A. Coppens and members Leola Wilson, Gerald W. Rustem and Richard F. Burmeister, Jr., upon the occasion of the dedication of the Saginaw Intermediate School District Transitions Center. Their hard work, foresight and initiative in building this center has greatly enhanced the educational potential of the district and will do much to improve the future of all residents.

The Transitions Center, the fifth complex owned and operated by the Saginaw Intermediate School District, will house two school programs, each designed to enable students with various disabilities to learn important and vital life skills. The lessons they learn at the center will provide these students with valuable tools to gain and maintain jobs, live independently and function responsibly long after they leave school. Their efforts also will greatly improve the entire community by unlocking the potential of those whose unique gifts might otherwise have gone untapped.

Throughout the years, the tremendously capable and hard-working leadership and staff of

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the Saginaw Intermediate District have championed cost-effective and efficient communications among local school districts and sought new and better methods to achieve that goal. To that end, they developed the Saginet Fiber Optic Network at the Transitions Center. This telecommunications network connects local districts with the Intermediate District. Establishing such cost-saving measures has freed valuable local school funds for other needs, giving students and teachers the money for assets they desperately needed.

The facility also includes the Instructional Services Department and Teacher Training Center, which together help local school districts and educators retain and improve proficiency in the development and implementation of curriculum and leads the way in many areas of professional training.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation to Superintendent Lane, Board members and staff of the Saginaw Intermediate School District for their vision and dedication to the educational needs of the entire region. I have faith that their work will serve as a beacon for others and that they will continue to seek, find and implement many more methods for the betterment of schools, teachers and students everywhere.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2001*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we have the opportunity to come together, with one voice, to stand up for what this great country means to all Americans. We owe it to the victims of Tuesday's attack; to those who continue to sacrifice in response to that attack; to those in our Armed Forces who we call on to defend us; to all Americans who dearly love their country; and to all future generations of Americans.

I urge my colleagues to make the vote on this resolution a symbol of a unified voice of freedom. May this vote prove to the entire world that the United States of America—as one nation, under God—will continue to be a beacon of freedom, hope, and dreams.

Above all, may all Americans take heart as their federal government moves forward, as a collective body, to protect their precious freedom. The use of force is justified to eliminate this menace of terrorism, and America will prevail.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2001*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my strong, unconditional support for the congressional authorization that will enable our Nation to act swiftly and firmly against those responsible for unleashing the deadliest attack on our Nation in its history. The terrorists' heinous acts took thousands of innocent lives and caused unprecedented physical destruction. But they have not succeeded in tearing us down or leaving us weak.

Out of sorrow has come a soaring of the American spirit; out of destruction has come a restoration of community and political unity; and yes, out of anger, has come a steely determination to hunt down these terrorists and all their enablers, and to ensure that they pay a heavy price for these acts.

We did not seek conflict; terrorists have declared war upon the United States. But we will respond forcefully when our freedoms are threatened and our way of life is under attack. We must take action against our enemies, on our own terms, at a time of our choosing, with moral clarity and unity of purpose. We must deter future aggressors. This resolution will provide the President with the full authority to do just that, and we should join in unanimous support of it.

This resolution is not just authorization for a near-term strike against the perpetrators of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. It is a declaration of war against all terrorists now threatening our Nation, and those who support them. While Congress will continue to consult with the Administration as we progress with this campaign, and play our rightful role if necessary to expand our operations, make no mistake that we will support the President in his quest to eliminate these threats to our society.

I have fought in a conflict that many in this Nation actively opposed, and know how devastating domestic opposition can be to the conduct of war. That should never happen again. Now more than ever, when we are asking our troops to defend our own soil from further attack, we must have solidarity and the commitment of the American people that we will not only provide critical moral support to our President and our troops, but that we will follow through with the financial resources they need to do the job.

This campaign demands that we relook our federal spending priorities, and our military needs. We must provide our troops with the current generation assets they need to do their job, and jump start maintenance of equipment that has been ignored for so long. But we must also modernize our forces to ensure their superiority in the 21st century. Perhaps we will revise our focus, reshape our priorities for evolving forms of warfare. But we will not ignore the military's needs, and our national security will be restored as the top national priority. We will make assets available to protect our homeland, and we will ensure our

troops are equipped to do their job and prevail in their mission—now and well into the future.

As President Bush has said, this battle will take time and resolve. But with the continued support of all Americans, we will win, no matter how long it takes. I urge all my colleagues to join in unanimous support of this Nation, our President and our military in this war by voting for this resolution authorizing use of force against the perpetrators of terrorism worldwide.

PRESERVING VIABILITY OF UNITED STATES AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

SPEECH OF

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2001*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill introduced by my colleague Mr. OBERSTAR.

All week, my constituents in the U.S. Virgin Islands have been calling and asking for some kind of a lifeline for our tourism industry.

Not only is the travel and tourism industry the largest or second largest industry worldwide, but also it is responsible for 70 percent of the economy of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Speaker we have just struggled to bring back our industry after several major hurricanes. We are almost there, and now this!

But this goes beyond just my district, and the people there who depend on tourism, and thus airline travel for their jobs, and to provide for their families. If the airline industry falls, we can see clearly that it would domino all through the national economy.

This bill providing financial support, and a line of credit is critical to this industry, to our economy and to my and many other districts.

We have come through an extraordinary week, and we need to take extraordinary action to secure the future of our nation.

Like many of my other colleagues, I do not support using the social security trust fund, but there is funding in the recently passed tax cut. This is more important and I would respectfully suggest that we use funds set aside for this unnecessary measure to support and sustain our airlines, tourism and the people who depend on them.

A TRIBUTE TO EVAN CHRISTIAN BROWNELL

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2001*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Evan Christian Brownell. On October 7, 2001, the Boy Scouts of Troop 292 in Brentwood will recognize Evan's achievements by giving him the Eagle Scout honor.

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