

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. MONTOYA

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to one of Colorado's outstanding public servants, Trinidad Police Chief James A. Montoya, who recently announced his retirement. Chief Montoya is a true professional who has performed his duties with the highest degree of excellence. His leadership as Chief of Police will be greatly missed.

For 23 years James Montoya served as a distinguished public servant carrying out both his personal and professional life with dignity, respect and dedication. His reflections in a recent edition of *The Pueblo Chieftain* convey the gratefulness James has for being Police Chief. "I want to express my genuine gratitude for the opportunities afforded me during my career with the city of Trinidad. I am proud of the department's many accomplishments and the advancements we've made. I leave a staff genuinely dedicated to the mission, ethics and ideas of policing. I will always consider it a privilege to have served this community," Chief Montoya said.

A constituent of the Fourth Congressional District in Colorado, Chief Montoya not only makes his community proud but also his State and country. He has taken the responsibilities and standards of his job to a higher level and I applaud him. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Chief Montoya on his commendable accomplishments.

BOB BIRD: GENTLEMAN,
ADVOCATE, AND FRIEND

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, our friends at the other cereal company may think they have something that's "Grrreat", but for nearly 25 years, true greatness has been present at General Mills in the form of one outstanding gentleman, Mr. Bob Bird. Bob is retiring after more heart-felt skirmishes than some of our greatest generals, and is being feted by friends and colleagues this evening for a career that is worthy of admiration.

From his early days as a copyboy at *The New York Post* through his years with the *Baltimore Sun* and then writing for Jack Anderson and Drew Pearson, Bob Bird has had a keen appreciation for news. He went from reporting it to creating it during his days with Sargent Shriver at the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, then director of governmental relations for the National Center for Resource Recovery, and then with the Senate Subcommittee

on Executive Reorganization under Senator Abraham Ribicoff.

Many of our colleagues know Bob Bird from his stellar days with General Mills, where he has worked to represent one of our Nation's finest food companies in a most responsible and successful fashion. In particular, Bob's efforts on behalf of General Mills to support food assistance programs to critically at risk women, infants, and children, have earned him the respect and praise of colleagues, of food program advocates, and respected members of the nutrition community. Acting always as a true professional, no one could doubt that this gentleman of good humor was always acting in an honorable and forthright fashion.

Bob likes to mention that a lesson he learned early in his career is that it is most important to listen, to hear the ideas of others, and to evaluate all information that may be at hand. This method of operation has allowed him to act as a well-informed advocate for General Mills who is welcomed by those who agree with him, as well as those who may have other views. A man of honor who knows how to operate in an honorable fashion is a precious commodity, so I assure you that he will be truly missed by all of us who have come to depend on him as an advisor. And those of us who may be fortunate enough to call him a friend will look forward to more contacts with him in the years to come, but will still miss having him come by as frequently as he had in the past.

With his wonderful wife Lillian, and his family, perhaps Bob will have a better chance to continue his love of jazz, his voracious reading, or his skilled appreciation for thoroughbred horse racing. These relaxations are well earned. But I am also certain that this man of skills and commitment will have many more opportunities to leave his impression on important policy matters.

So from one member who represents the Cheerios Capitol of the World, Toledo, OH, let me say to the man who helped make this Capitol cheerier on many days, Bob, thank you. We are blessed to have known and worked with you. We wish you the best and look forward to seeing your smiling self for many days to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM
GOLDSMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Goldsmith on his new position as National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

After he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, Jim served his country with distinction for eighteen months in Vietnam as a member of the 84th Engineering Battalion, returning home in 1967. Since that time no job has

been too small for Jim at his local VFW Post 5666, from holding public office to working evening fish fries. In his new position as National Commander, Jim will likely travel more than 300 days per year working on behalf of veterans.

Jim's lasting commitment to his country and his fellow veterans must not go unrecognized. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Jim Goldsmith for his continued devotion to those who sacrificed their lives protecting all our freedoms.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on September 10 due to important district business, and I was out of the country on September 11, 12, and 13, 2001. If I was present for rollcall votes for the following bills:

336 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1766—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, as the "Stan Parris Post Office Building";

337 on motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 1761—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Herb E. Harris Post Office Building";

338 on passage of H.J. Res. 61—Expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001;

339 on passage of H.R. 2882—To provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001;

340 on passage of H.R. 2884—Victims of Terrorism Relief Act of 2001; and

341 on passage of H.R. 2888—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2001.

I would have voted "yea" to all of these bills.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL CENTER
FOR INDIGENOUS AMERICAN
CULTURES IN KANSAS CITY, MO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Center for Indigenous

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American Cultures at Line Creek in Frank Vaydik Park in Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank Vaydik Park lies within an area that has been recognized as sacred ground by Native Americans. It contains a large number of American Indian archeological artifacts, many of which date back more than 1,000 years. The National Center for Indigenous American Cultures at Line Creek, an organization created to preserving the site, is working hard to ensure that future generations will be able to learn about the different cultures that have inhabited that sacred land. Additionally, the Center intends to establish an education center to promote and protect this important archeological site.

On September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, there will be a meeting of Spiritual Leaders from all over the nation at the site to perform a Healing Ceremony. It will be an opportunity for people from both the American Indian and the Kansas City communities to come together to celebrate as the plans for the construction of an educational center and protection of the archeological site progress.

I would like to commend the National Center for Indigenous American Cultures for their work to preserve the past, and I wish them many blessings as they partake in this important sacred ritual that will provide a wonderful beginning for their future education and preservation endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PARKER
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to Parker Agricultural Services of Limon, Colorado, a recent recipient of the Environmental Achievement Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Environmental Achievement Award is one of the highest awards given by the Environmental Protection Agency and recognizes Parker Ag's success of using biosolids as a fertilizer and soil enhancement product in Prowers County.

The biosolid program performance by Parker Agricultural Service has made monumental changes in the environmental makeup of Prowers County. Through this program New York and Boston biosolids are used as fertilizer for farmland. Not only has this program been successful for farmland but has also transformed marginal lands once again into rich producing ground. As reported by The Limon Leader, a 250-acre plot of land was transformed from bare sand to being completely covered by vegetation. Other instances have shown that using this program has increased the amount of protein content in certain plants as well as increasing yield per acre.

Parker Ag has been a shining example of what every company must strive for, achieving the delicate balance between production and environmental protection. I applaud the company for its courageous and noble efforts to preserve and enhance the environment in its community.

As a company located in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Parker Ag not only

makes its community proud but also those of its state and country. It is a true honor to have such an extraordinary company reside in Colorado and we owe it a debt of gratitude for its service. I ask the House to join me in extending wholehearted congratulations to Parker Agricultural Services.

HONORING DR. HRAYR "HAGOP"
HOVAGUIMIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Hrayr "Hagop" Hovaguimian for his contributions to the improvement of health care in Armenia. He started the Nork Marash Medical Center, which provides cardiac surgery, free of cost, in Armenia.

Decades of under-the-table, behind-closed-door payments have plagued the health care system in Armenia. Armenian citizens tell stories of bribing nurses, doctors and other health care staff just to get the medical attention they require. Dr. Hovaguimian, a Syrian-born specialist in complex pediatric surgery, made his first trip to Armenia in 1991 to see the corrupt medical practices first-hand. Since then he has been actively committed to providing affordable cardiac surgery in Armenia and abolishing corrupt medical practices prevalent in that country.

Dr. Hovaguimian left behind a lucrative career in Portland, Oregon to establish Nork Marash Medical Center in Yerevan, Armenia. With the help of a pediatric cardiologist from Spokane, Washington, Dr. Hrair Garabedian, Hagop is running Armenia's first medical facility that is free of the corruptive influences that are crippling the country's health care system. In June of 1994, the first pediatric heart surgery was performed at the hospital. In 1996, the first adult surgery was performed. Nork Marash Medical Center operates at standards equivalent to those of United States hospitals. These standards also include noncorrupt business practices indicated by a zero-tolerance policy against gratuities. Led by the efforts of Dr. Hovaguimian, the Nork Marash Medical Center has brought a breath of fresh air to a health care system marked by bribes, kickbacks and payoffs.

Nork Marash has struggled to achieve financial self-sufficiency without government subsidies. Many surgeries on pediatric patients who cannot afford the cost of cardiac surgery are performed at no charge. Dr. Hovaguimian has a guiding principle: no patient is denied care because of inability to pay. Although the hospital has faced several financial obstacles, they have been able to achieve financial self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Dr. Hovaguimian for his efforts to bring high standards and professionalism to the health care system in Armenia. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Hrayr "Hagop" Hovaguimian many more years of continued success.

2001 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2888, the emergency supplemental appropriations bill providing essential funds for recovery from and response to the terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

I want to thank our distinguished Chairman, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and our ranking member, Mr. OBEY, for their hard work in negotiating this essential package with the leadership of both bodies and the President. The mettle of a nation is tested at trying times, and the response before us today demonstrates that America, her people, and her leaders, are ready for this test.

Today we provide \$40 billion to start beginning to pay for the damage caused by the attack, to assist the victims who were impacted by it, to upgrade our security, and to begin the military preparations necessary for an appropriate response. \$10 billion is available immediately for the President to use as he sees fit. Another \$10 billion is available after the President specifies how he wishes to use the funding provided that the Congress concurs within fifteen days of that plan. Congress as part of our work on regular appropriations bills will expend the final \$20 billion based upon a submission of a budget request by the President and further action in the weeks ahead.

Mr. Speaker, there have been so many times when America has committed her resources to the causes of peace and in support of freedom. There can be no more appropriate time than when our homeland has been attacked and our citizens killed.

I am one who believes that we should celebrate the victory that we had in the thousands of people who survived, and in the outpouring of the American spirit in support of the victims of the attack.

No one will forget the devotion of the firefighters, police, and emergency medical technicians who braved the danger presented by the destruction.

No one can ignore the determination of the iron, steel and construction workers who felt an obligation to donate their professional skills to the rescue effort.

No one can doubt the conviction of the men and women of America's military who moved swiftly to safeguard our nation, or the thousands of Americans on reserve duty who stood ready for the call to action.

The entire world is in awe of the outpouring of support of people, from the youngest children to our senior citizens who looked for things or money to donate, wrote encouraging messages to the workers, and supported friends, neighbors and even strangers in any way they could during a traumatic time.

But that is what America is. America is resilient. America is resourceful. America is at her very best when challenged and when angered. Others around the world often misunderstand America's resolve. Now the execution of that resolve will leave no questions.

In this Capitol, we celebrate what makes our nation special. We revere the times when we can pursue those policies that we believe to be in the best interest of the United States. We have heated and principled debates in which we highlight, not hide, our differences of opinion. We cherish those moments because that is what freedom brings to us—the ability to advance those causes that are important to us, while openly disagreeing with those we dislike without the fear of retribution.

And now, in a moment of historical significance, we also celebrate another matter that makes our nation special—the ability to come together as one when our precious freedom is attacked by those who either misunderstand or are fearful of freedom's power.

In the days and weeks to come, this Congress will work together on behalf of our nation. We will have disagreements, and at the end of the day our nation and we will be better for it.

Those who thought that they could infect our nation with ill will should remember the words of a great man who served in this very building, Hubert Humphrey: "Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man." Let us use this challenge to create an opportunity for America to once again celebrate freedom, and to help spread it to others who for too long have been under the scourge of terror.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND
COMMENDATION FOR KIDS DAY
AMERICA/INTERNATIONAL

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a special community event that will take place in Lima, Ohio. I am pleased to announce that the second annual "Kids Day America/International" will occur September 22, 2001. This special day is set aside to address health, safety and environmental issues that affect us as individuals and as a community. It was founded for the purpose of educating families and communities about these important social issues. I am glad to report that it has succeeded admirably.

More than 1,300 communities have taken part in this event and more than 1,000,000 children and their families have enjoyed this day across the globe. With the assistance and support of thousands of local police departments, county sheriff offices, dentists, and photographers who volunteer their time, all these children completed Child Safety ID cards.

I join Mayors, Governors, Senators, and Representatives who have endorsed Kids Day America/International Chiropractors have also contributed greatly in helping our communities' children. Dr. Kay Heaston of Network Chiropractic of Lima is also volunteering her time and skills for this event.

This year the event in Lima will benefit DARE. Officer Bob Stoodt will attend, with the DARE mascot "Daren" the lion, to fingerprint ID children. Doctors will be doing spinal screenings; Huntington Bank will be sending Winnie the Pooh and friends. The Lima Fire Department will bring a fire truck and their mascot. Lima City officers will inspect for car

seat safety. Girl Scouts will have environmental presentations. As communities rally in support of our great nation, this event will allow families to protect their children even more.

Mr. Speaker, once again allow me to voice my strong support for this worthy event and those supporting it.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT HURFF

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young Ohioan from my district who has distinguished himself among his peers and community.

Mr. Scott Hurff, an honor student at Dublin Coffman High School and a 2001 delegate to Ohio's American Legion Boys State, delivered the following address at this year's Memorial Day ceremonies in Dublin, OH. I believe this stirring presentation is worthy of the Nation's attention.

ORATION BY SCOTT HURFF, BOY'S STATE
DELEGATE 2001

They kicked him. The Nazis kicked him to see if he was dead.

My great-grandfather, who landed at Normandy in WW II, had to play dead to stay alive. He had landed fighting next to his friends. Now they were dead. The Nazis kicked their bodies to see if they were alive, and if they believed that there was some spark of life left in them, they shot them.

My great-grandfather then was eventually discharged because of severe frostbite on his feet. He would be forever tormented with the images of the short time he spent in Europe.

At this very second, America has seen only 11 generations. It is only 225 years old. Yet, the pillars that are supporting this country, the pillars that tell the world what is just and right, are being torn down.

But how? How can the core values of this country possibly be in danger?

It's called apathy. Not caring for what America is built upon, not caring about those that made sure these pillars could stand.

Our society is vulnerable to self-absorbed greed. Our society is vulnerable to the apathy that tears down and makes us forget the origins of America. Our society is vulnerable to irresponsible behavior.

The same situation pertains to Memorial Day. Memorial Day is vulnerable to being forgotten. The men and women that we are recognizing today fought for the good of our society and our country. When their lives should have been filled with fun, work, and adventure, they were fighting in remote, god-forsaken areas of the world. Places like Tunisia, places like Guadalcanal, places like Okinawa, places like the Chosin reservoir, places like Khe Sahn. They had to endure the most horrible conditions to save the world and our country.

What have we given them?

Too many people of this generation barely acknowledge the significance of this holiday. Too many people of this generation have no idea what the holiday represents.

Thus, the people of my generation must ensure a transition to restore confidence and security to all citizens. We must begin with Memorial Day.

The only way we can honor the men that surrendered their time to whole-heartedly

defend this country is for this generation to dedicate their time to ensuring that the citizens of America are fully aware of what has been given to them and what could easily be taken away. This generation has to re-instate the active patriotism and restore the constant awareness of what this country is based upon. We must ensure another 11 generations, 225 years, and beyond. We must be leaders in this transition.

As President Bush said, "The only good society is a caring society." Take heart to what has been done for you, and be motivated to make a difference in someone's life. Become a teacher. Help lead the way to guarantee equality in Ohio's schools. Support the World War II memorial. Participate in government. That is the way to ensure that America's pillars stand. That is the way to honor the soldiers that fought to preserve those pillars.

TRIBUTE TO COLORADO STATE
SENATOR MARK HILLMAN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise to express gratitude and congratulations to Colorado State Senator Mark Hillman of Burlington, CO, this year's recipient of the National Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council. The American Legislative Exchange Council gives this award to outstanding legislators who understand that what is good for business is good for America.

In a recent edition of the La Junta Tribune Democrat Duane Parde, executive director of the American Legislative Exchange Council said, "Mark Hillman is one of the finest state legislators in the nation. He's a leader who truly personifies the Jeffersonian principles of individual liberty, limited government and free markets."

Mr. Speaker, Senator Hillman is a person of high integrity and honor. I consider it a privilege to know and work with him. Mark has served the State of Colorado well taking the responsibilities and standards of his job to the highest level. Furthermore I know he will continue that record of leadership in the future.

As a State senator from the Fourth Congressional District, Mark not only makes his community proud, but also his State and country. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Senator Hillman on his commendable accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING TONY AND
ALICE GIANNETTA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tony and Alice Giannetta on their appointments to the status of Senior Life Directors. The Building Industry Association (BIA) recognizes the appointments by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Association of Home Builders Women's Council.

The National Association of Home Builders is recognizing Tony Giannetta for his 20 consecutive years of dedicated service as a member of the NAHB Board of Directors. Tony began his career in Fresno County in the 1940s. He has developed over 27 subdivisions and constructed over 4,500 homes. He has been a member of the BIA of the San Joaquin Valley for more than 50 years. Tony served as the BIA President in 1967, 1979, and 1980. He has been active in community activities, including providing student work experience training, helping to establish a National Association of Home Builders Student Chapter at Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno, and supporting scholarship programs to provide financial aid to construction students at both Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno.

The NAHB is recognizing Alice Giannetta for 20 years of consecutive service as a member of the NAHB Women's Council. She is a charter member of the Women's Council of the BIA of the San Joaquin Valley, started in 1980. Alice served as the Women's Council President in 1982. She has also been active in community activities, including providing ongoing assistance and support to a young blind mother, volunteering with the American Cancer Society's Angels on Wheels Program, and repeatedly serving as a Cub Scout Den Mother and Room Mother.

The BIA's membership of builders, developers, subcontractors, and associated businesses is dedicated to protect and promote the home building industry and to keep home ownership possible.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tony and Alice Giannetta on the occasion of their appointments to the status of Senior Life Directors by the National Association of Home Builders and their Women's Council. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Tony and Alice Giannetta many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF M. JOSEPH MATAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a Delawarean who served his country, his government, and his family with great honor and distinction. This past July, M. Joseph Matan passed away at the age of 92 at his home in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

During World War II, Mr. Matan left his job as a Justice Department lawyer working on issues related to mail fraud, and enlisted as a sailor in the U.S. Navy. He quickly rose to an officer's rank and worked on intelligence matters. He retired in 1970 from his position as counsel to the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs, where he directed investigations into banking, currency and organized crime. Prior to that he had practiced law with the Washington, DC, law firm of Tumulty & Tumulty.

In addition to residing in Rehoboth Beach, Mr. Matan and his wife Anne Marie lived part of the year in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Joe was active as a member of this

city's social and religious communities. He was a strong supporter of local Catholic youth organizations and a faithful member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful legacy of 6 children, 22 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren has been given to us by the man they all knew as "Daddy Joe".

Mr. Speaker, I salute M. Joseph Matan for his contributions to the American people, the Washington, DC, area and the State of Delaware. He was a committed family man whose values have been passed on to his adoring family and the many people who he touched during his lifetime.

NEW YORK FIREFIGHTERS GRIEVE
FOR LOST BROTHERS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with this House a unique story of individual sacrifice and heroism after last week's devastating terrorist assault on the United States. The Washington Post published an article about Engine 202 from Brooklyn in the 12th District of New York. It tells the story of this company of fire fighters that rushed to the World Trade Center after it was attacked. Seven men from their company disappeared in the inferno and collapse.

This is a personal story of heroism and loss tragically repeated in other rescue teams working at ground zero. I am proud of this band of brothers from Red Hook, and I join the country in mourning with them.

[From the Washington Post, Sept. 14, 2001]

NEW YORK'S FIREFIGHTERS GRIEVE FOR LOST
BROTHERS

(By Anne Hull)

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The firefighters from Engine 202 in Brooklyn called themselves the brothers from Red Hook. At the firehouse, they tried out new recipes on one another. They named their softball team the Red Hook Raiders and started a cigar club that allowed them to puff on Macanudos at their adopted hangout, Smokey's.

On Tuesday, seven of them disappeared in the World Trade Center inferno.

Where, Tony Catapano wondered, did his brothers go?

For 39 years, Catapano has survived his line of work. He is 61, with gray hair and a pension within reach. He is old and they were young. He showed them how to make meatballs and how to find fire hidden in a wall.

Today he walked near the smoldering landscape of rubble and kept thinking he would see them, shining flashlights miraculously from a crevice.

He looked for Tommy Kennedy, Terry McShane, Patrick Byrd, Joe Maffeo, Brian Cannizzaro, Salvatore Calabro and Joe Gullicksen.

Even as the veteran firemen wept, he was calmly defiant. "Missing don't mean anything but missing," he said

About 400 firefighters were missing and presumed dead, a numbing toll exacted on a tight fraternity. Entire ladder companies and squads were gone, including all five of the elite rescue companies that serve New York City.

Five of the department's most senior officials died, plus a dozen battalion chiefs. Unlike other senior military officers, who are strategically kept from the front, senior fire officers typically enter burning buildings to assess damage and plot a strategy for rescue and fire containment.

But the rank-and-file firefighters—the Irish and Italian sons of working-class neighborhoods in Long Island and Staten Island, many of them grandsons of New York firemen—symbolize the deepest loss. Men like the brothers from Red Hook.

Wall Street, where they sacrificed their lives, was a fancier world than they knew. They didn't shop for cuff links or keep portfolios with Goldman Sachs. After nearly four decades with the Fire Department of New York, Tony Catapano made \$55,000 a year. Once, ages ago, he splurged and took his wife, Marie, for their anniversary dinner to Windows on the World, on the 106th floor of the World Trade Center.

It was expensive, Catapano remembered, "but the view was spectacular, and sometimes you need that."

The next time Catapano returned to the World Trade Center, he could barely see his hands through the smoke.

"It was snowing dirt," said Catapano, who came in the second wave of firefighters from his 32nd Battalion Tuesday, following the first wave responding to a call that a plane had crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center—a call that came just as shifts were changing at firehouses across metropolitan New York. Firefighters coming off their night shifts hopped on ladder trucks and engines with the fresh day crews, fattening the deployment.

Arriving early to the scene, as many of the companies from lower Manhattan and Brooklyn did, proved fatal.

"You've got to understand," said Matthew James, the Brooklyn trustee for the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York, "all the companies that were there, they're not there anymore."

At 9:15 a.m., 18 minutes after the commercial airliner hit the North Tower, a second airliner hit the South Tower. Surviving office workers who were evacuating reported going down stairwells while firefighters were marching up to help those on the higher floors. One firefighter still on the ground was killed when a person on a burning upper floor jumped and landed on him. The fire department priest who was ministering last rites to this fireman died when a crush of rubble came down on both of them.

At high noon, no one could really see anything. Catapano hocked up thick, black spit. Medics washed out his eyes. He kept looking for names he knew on firefighters' jackets.

Hours later, when Catapano made it back to his firehouse in Red Hook, not all the men were there. The young guys—the ones who would poke fun at his culinary inventions like "Potpourri Ree-shard"—left empty beds. Catapano kept thinking they were stuck somewhere or transferred to other firehouses to sleep.

He searched for them when he returned to the wreckage the next day. "Down there," he called it. Or "the site." He spoke with the Brooklyn union trustee James, an Irishman who keeps a bottle of Johnnie Walker Black on a shelf in his office.

"I lost some brothers, Matty," Catapano said, his voice breaking.

"I know, brother, we all did," James said.

None of the firefighters could escape the stink. At the firehouses where they retreated after long shifts last night, there piles of dirty T-shirts, socks and underwear reminded them. They washed and scrubbed, but the smell beat soap and clung inside their noses.

At the divisional headquarters of the Salvation Army in Manhattan, where many out-of-town search and rescue workers camped, the cots were filled with great, heaving bodies that tried to find sleep and peace. But even their blankets carried proof of the mission: that sour smell, like singed hair, lit matchsticks and a child's chemistry set.

Nor could they get away from everything they saw.

At 2 a.m. today, the site was like a stage set for a disaster movie, blasted with light. So many steel beams and girders were still strewn through the wreckage that firefighters resorted to bucket brigades, with long lines of men passing pails of small chunks and dust from the top of one mountain down to the waiting hands. It was almost farcical, but then it wasn't.

"We were digging around and saw a face," said Charles Diggs, with Engine 207 from Brooklyn, "We uncovered a part of her and put her in a body bag."

Their work was a crude archaeology of pickaxes, shovels and Halligan bars. Sniffer dogs trotted out across the foothills of rubble, but because of the breeze and the pancake of metal tonnage, the dogs were thrown off course.

"There's dead in that pile," said a handler from Evansville, Ind., watching from the sidelines. Dogs on rest cooled their paws in buckets of water.

And when the dogs yelped excitedly, it meant there was life. One brindle-colored female set out into the pile of metal and concrete, and 30 feet away from the perimeter she began yelping and running in circles, and all eyes turned toward the dog's horrible joy. But it was the just the wind playing tricks.

Overlooking the rescue efforts was a blasted-out Brooks Brothers. The front of the store had been sheared off, making it open-air. Inside, stacks of folded dress shirts were undisturbed but blanketed in the gray grit.

The streets were littered with crushed vehicles and tons of financial documents. "We are pleased to confirm the following transaction," read one investment statement nearly ground into the sidewalk.

Tony Catapano noticed none of it. His eyes could not stay off the rubble.

Before he returned for another shift this afternoon, his wife told him not to push too hard. But it was no use. "Those guys are a strange bunch, a family, you know," she said. "Tony is not really their brother; he's more like their father."

While Catapano suited up at the firehouse, a father and son brought flowers and a toy fire truck. The pastries and cakes kept coming. But Catapano was edgy to return.

"Be strong, guys," a man on the sidewalk called out to him.

Catapano didn't even hear. He was already mentally back on the rubble. With a four-day beard and red-rimmed eyes, he gunned the car back down to Lower Manhattan.

When he was a boy he dreamed of being a cowboy. Then he worked in a bank, pushing papers around. Then he found his calling as a firefighter, "trying to save people." His son is now on the waiting list to join the New York City Fire Department.

Fort Collins. Jay is an entrepreneur who has performed his duties with the highest degree of excellence. His reputation has been confirmed through his many accomplishments.

At its recent Worldwide Rally, Domino's Pizza awarded 15 of its franchises the coveted "Gold Franny" award and Jay Feavel was one of the recipients. Jay was recognized for both his franchise's operational excellence and his team's community involvement. Jay's leadership was chosen to be among the top one percent of all franchisees in the areas of sales performance, product quality, store safety and security, store crew moral, and community involvement.

A constituent of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Jay not only makes his community proud, but also his country. He has taken the responsibilities and standards of his job and his business to a higher level and for that I applaud him. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Jay on his many accomplishments.

WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS THAT U.S. IS PRESSING LEBANON AND SYRIA FOR ACTION AGAINST HEZBOLLAH TERRORISTS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Wall Street Journal reported that the United States Government has asked Lebanon and Syria to extradite Palestinians and Lebanese Shiites suspected of committing acts of terrorism over the past two decades. I welcome this indication of aggressive action against all terrorists. As I have said on numerous occasions last week as we debated our response to the horrendous acts of terrorism committed against the United States, the only action we can take that will end this plague of terrorist violence is to act against terrorism everywhere.

If Osama bin Laden were to fall into our hands this afternoon, this would not end the possibility of terrorist actions against our nation and others. This is a struggle that must take on terrorism wherever and however it appears, and we delude ourselves if we think that this is a struggle only against bin Laden. To succeed, we must move against terrorists everywhere.

First, Mr. Speaker, the Taliban must hand over to us Osama bin Laden—if not for the horrible acts committed last week, for his previous acts of terrorism in Africa, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. But that cannot and must not be end of action against the scourge of terrorism against innocent children, women, and men.

Iran must cease its support of Hezbollah. Lebanon and Syria must take action to disarm and end the terrorist actions of Hezbollah. Syria must also close the headquarters of the various terrorist organizations which are

now located in Damascus. Yasser Arafat should arrest all terrorists, suicide bombers, and plotters of mass murder who have been released since the Palestinian Authority assumed authority in parts of the West Bank and Gaza. Europe must join us in our policy vis-a-vis Iran and Libya and stop providing aid and important economic and trade assistance to them. Russia, China, and North Korea must stop selling technology and weapons of mass destruction to countries that support terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, the House approved by a narrow vote—216 to 212—an amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for 2002–2003 which I offered. That amendment would cut off U.S. IMET assistance to the Lebanese military forces unless the Lebanese government acts against Hezbollah and secures its southern border, where numerous terrorist actions are spawned and committed. The Administration opposed my amendment when it was considered earlier this year, but I am delighted to report that the Administration is now taking the action that my amendment was intended to motivate.

Mr. Speaker, the report yesterday in yesterday's issue of the Wall Street Journal is a most welcome development. I commend the Administration for its most positive steps in raising this issue with Lebanese and Syrian officials. I urge both governments to take these positive steps. Terrorism and terrorist cells anywhere is a threat to the security of civilized nations and peoples everywhere.

I ask that the Wall Street Journal article be placed in the RECORD, and I urge my colleagues to read it.

[From the Wall Street Journal, Sept. 19, 2001]

U.S. PRESSES LEBANON ON SUSPECTS

(By James M. Dorsey)

BEIRUT, LEBANON.—The U.S. has asked Lebanon and Syria to extradite Palestinians and Lebanese Shiites suspected of terrorism in the past 20 years, according to Lebanese officials and people close to Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The officials and people close to the prime minister said the Bush administration was also calling for disarmament if not disbanding, of Hezbollah. The group is a Shiite Muslim militia believed responsible for the 1983 suicide bombings of the U.S. Embassy and a U.S. Marine peacekeeping mission in Beirut as well as the 1980s kidnapping in Lebanon of Westerners, including 18 Americans. The U.S. demands are part of seven requests presented this week to Lebanese and Syrian officials.

The Lebanese officials cautioned that meeting the demands could tear apart the country's fragile social fabric unless it is carried out properly.

A Hezbollah spokesman, in his Beirut office sitting below portraits of the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and the current Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, expressed confidence that Lebanon and Syria would reject the U.S. demands. I rule out the Lebanese government doing anything against the Lebanese resistance that liberated Lebanon and Israeli occupation. The Lebanese government knows how to protect innocent people," the spokesman said.

TRIBUTE TO JAY FEAVEL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to recognize the achievements of an outstanding Coloradan, Mr. Jay Feavel of

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Ann O'Leary, said the Bush administration "is asking the Lebanese government for its complete cooperation in the war against terrorism." Ms. O'Leary declined to comment on the specific list of demands.

The officials and people cost to Mr. Hariri said the U.S. demands included the prosecution or extradition of terrorists, stopping their movement in and out of Lebanon and Syria, intelligence sharing and banning organizations that support terrorism.

Whether the demands bring any result depends largely on Syria, and possibly Iran, because of their support for Hezbollah and other radical groups, these people said. Syria has an estimated 30,000 troops based in Lebanon.

"Hezbollah is a major political party here. It represents a major segment of society. They are regarded as heroes. Now, they've become a hot potato and everybody is looking at what the Syrians will do," said one person close to Mr. Hariri.

Mr. Hariri in the past year has allied himself with Hezbollah, seeking to benefit from its popularity after the group's successful military campaign that last year forced Israel to end its 22-year occupation of southern Lebanon. The officials said Mr. Hariri had aided the Hezbollah campaign by granting Hezbollah access to military intelligence, licensing its arms and securing access roads to southern Lebanon. Hezbollah earlier this week offered its condolences to the victims of last week's bombings in New York and Washington.

Signaling that Lebanon wouldn't simply comply with the U.S. demands, President Emile Lahoud said in a statement that "it is very important to differentiate between those acts [of terror] and national resistance, which aims at liberating occupied lands." The statement argued that the international community throughout history has viewed resistance to occupation as legitimate.

Syrian endorsement would be essential to cracking down on Hezbollah without disrupting the fragile communal balance established in Lebanon after the end of that country's civil war in 1991, people close to Mr. Hariri said. Syria is likely to drive a hard bargain, they said, possibly demanding that the U.S. pressure Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights conquered from Syria in 1967 and create a platform for a negotiated end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Anything less than Madrid Two will not be acceptable. Syria will not relinquish its tools in its struggle against Israel for less," said one person close to the Syrian government. Madrid Two refers to a 1991 conference organized by the U.S. that launched the Mideast peace process; the U.S. role in calling for the peace talks helped it win Syrian and other Arab support for its military campaign a year earlier to force Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Among those the U.S. wants extradited, people close to Mr. Hariri said, are former Hezbollah leader Imad Mughniyeh and the Damascus-based head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command Ahmed Jibril, who is believed to be responsible for a series of attacks in the 1980s.

Authorities in the U.S., Israel and some Arab states suspect Mr.

Mughniyeh of involvement in the April 1983 bombing that destroyed the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and killed 63 people, including 17 Americans. Other attacks he is believed to have masterminded: the suicide bombing six months later that destroyed a U.S. Marine base in the Lebanese capital and killed 241 Marines; and a 1984 attack on the current U.S. Embassy compound in Beirut, in which a vehicle packed with explosives rammed the embassy, killing 15 people. Mr. Mughniyeh is also thought to be behind the kidnapping of foreigners in Lebanon in the 1980s, including former Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson.

Israeli and Argentine officials hold Mr. Mughniyeh responsible for the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires as well as a 1994 attack on a Jewish social center. About 124 people were killed in the two incidents. Argentina's Supreme Court earlier this year issued a warrant for Mr. Mughniyeh's arrest.

RE-EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR TOLERANCE

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to again urge tolerance during this challenging time.

In California, there have been over 70 acts of violence against individuals perceived to be of Arab or Muslim descent in the last week. My own district has served witness to one of these most abhorrent acts. An Egyptian shopkeeper in San Gabriel was shot to death Saturday in a potential hate crime.

Adel Karas and his family had lived in San Gabriel for over 20 years and had become a welcome fixture in the community.

In another act of ignorance, a Latino man was mistaken as an Arab and was pulled from his car and beaten.

This misguided violence must cease.

TRIBUTE TO LELEA TURNER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to Mrs. Lelea Turner of Campo, CO, one of Colorado's most outstanding citizens. Lelea, better known as "Grandmother Turner" by her community, is an individual who has made a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others.

Lelea has been a hard worker her entire life as well as being a compassionate leader always making time to change the lives of others. Lelea grew up in Campo, CO, where she received most of her education until transferring to Springfield, CO, to finish her senior year of high school. Lelea then began teaching at the age of 18 and continued to teach

and serve her country until the age of 84. It was in 1932 that Lelea met her husband Uel Turner and was married in Boise City, OK. During World War II Lelea did her part aiding in the war effort by working in a munitions factory while continuing to teach part time. Lelea's husband, Uel Turner passed away in 1963, leaving her to single handedly care and provide for her sons. Through this struggle Lelea persevered as she not only went to school part time while working to receive her bachelor's but also went on to receive her master's degree in special education. She then went on to teach special education in Campo for 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, Lelea's service and dedication to teaching and serving her country remind us of all that is good in America. Lelea is truly a shining example for all Americans.

As a constituent of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, "Grandma Turner" not only makes her community proud, but also her State and country. It is a true honor to have such an extraordinary citizen in Colorado and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her service and dedication to the community. I ask the House to join me in extending wholehearted congratulations to Mrs. Lelea Turner.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY LYNCH

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I am deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Terry Lynch.

Terry, who was a graduate of Ursuline High School and Youngstown State University in my district, was lost in the unfortunate incident that occurred at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Terry, now currently of Mount Vernon, VA, worked as a congressional aide to Senators RICHARD SHELBY and ARLEN SPECTER. Through his work, Terry became committed to the fight against arthritis, by helping to introduce legislation that created National Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week.

Two years ago, Terry joined the firm Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc. His work often required him to visit the Pentagon.

My heart and my prayers go out to Terry's wife, Jackie, his daughters, Tiffany and Ashley, and his extended family. Terry was a great American who had a history of showing compassion for people in need. He will be deeply missed.

INTRODUCTION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR THE "FIRST RESPONDERS" INJURED AT THE WTC, PENTAGON, AND IN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. J.C. WATTS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I introduce this Concurrent Resolution on behalf of myself, Rep. ENGEL and the other original House cospon-

The resolution expresses Congress' profound sorrow for the loss of life and injuries suffered by "first responders" as a result of their efforts to save innocent Americans in the aftermath of the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. It also expresses our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the first responders who will never again return home.

Last Tuesday, in New York City and at the Pentagon, law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel (first responders) were the first public service personnel on the scene of the attacks. If it were not for their heroic efforts immediately after these attacks, numerous innocent people would not be alive today.

We also believe that it is important for America to better understand the activities and responsibilities of first responders. In addition to the everyday well-being, security and safety of Americans that depend upon first responders' official duties, the consequences of terrorist attacks also compel their service. In preparation for the these tragedies, first responders around the country plan, train and exercise for mass casualty events. Our resolution recognizes the hard work and dedication of "first responder" personnel for their anti-terrorism preparation efforts that many participate in on their own time.

In addition, this resolution recognizes the hard work and dedication of first responders after the 1993 World Trade Center and 1995 Oklahoma City bombings.

As the days in this session of Congress wind down, we must lead the nation to ensure that Americans are as protected as possible against future terrorist attacks. Congress must remain vigilant against other threats such as biological, chemical, nuclear, radiological attacks that terrorists may unleash on our shores in the future. I am going to fight to maintain and increase America's deterrence, prevention, preparation, and response abilities today and the coming tomorrows.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION SALUTES
CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the week of September 17–23 has been officially designated as Constitution Week. This marks the 214th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitution established our republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. This document is the cornerstone of our freedom. It was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Without that restraint, our founders believed the republic would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is based are reinforced each day by the success of our political system to which it gave birth. The success of our way of government requires an enlightened citizenry.

Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of

our founders, the nature of limited government, and the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It provides us the opportunity to be better informed about our rights, freedoms and duties as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I particularly want to take note of the outstanding work of the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Congressional District in events this week commemorating Constitution Week. The Prairie Rose Chapter has been involved with this effort in our communities for a number of years and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over 200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vibrant, and vital foundation for freedom only so long as the American people remain dedicated to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus, as the United States continues into its third century of constitutional democracy, let us renew our commitment to, in the words of our Constitution's preamble: "form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . ." I know that the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with me in urging all Americans to renew their commitment to, and understanding of, our Constitution, particularly during our current time of crisis, when Americans have been attacked on our own soil by terrorists who do not recognize the rule of human law.

TRIBUTE TO WILL HEERMANN

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize Will Heermann of Haxtun, Colorado. Will was one of only nine to be selected at the National Future Business Leaders of America convention to be a part of the national officer team. For this, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress should honor him.

Will led the regional FBLA leadership conference in Denver and was also a guest speaker, contest judge, and led workshops at many other regional conferences. According to Will's teachers, he is an energetic, hard-working, and caring young man, an outstanding student, and dedicated to helping others while contributing to his community. Will has been instrumental in many organizations from being a group leader in the March of Dimes project to participating in the "burn-the-mortgage" campaign.

Mr. Speaker, students like Will Heermann take our minds off of all the negative and tragic events in our Nation's schools, and focus on all the positives. As a constituent of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Will is truly someone who can be looked up to by young people everywhere. He makes his community, and his State and country proud. I ask the House to join me in extending wholehearted congratulations to Mr. Will Heermann.

HONORING DOROTHY BRYAN
O'NEILL ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I introduce and honor Mrs. Dorothy Bryan O'Neill as she celebrates her 90th birthday on September 23, 2001. As a devoted wife and mother, Dorothy has led an exemplary life of dedication to her family and to her community.

A native of Charleston, SC, Dorothy Bryan was born on September 23, 1911. Upon her graduation from Burke High School, she married Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neill and became his wife, then mother to their 12 children, including their third oldest Lawrence E. O'Neill (Buddy), a resident of the county of Monmouth, NJ, since 1950. As her new family grew larger with the birth of each child, her commitment to them grew as well; 11 children have graduated college, some with graduate degrees, all going on to successful careers ranging from lawyers to business entrepreneurs. Carrying with her the inspiration of her mother, whom she considers her personal hero, Dorothy has maintained her strength and fully embodies the traits of kindness, selflessness, and encouragement that are only possessed by a truly devoted mother. Her own children describe her as their best friend, their confidant, and their trusted advisor.

Today Dorothy is defined as "a beacon and family matriarch for whom we all should aspire." In reaching her 90th year, Dorothy O'Neill has done more than fulfill her goal of raising successful children; rather, her dream lives on through her 54 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. "Mrs. O'Neill once called her children an investment that paid many dividends." Fellow community members and friends admire Dorothy for her lifelong commitment to the idea of family and the important role that family plays in our society. As both a woman and an African-American, she is an inspiration to those who need to work a little bit harder in the midst of adversity in order to obtain personal achievement.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that you join me in distinguishing Dorothy Bryan O'Neill, as her 12 children and family celebrate her life as a most remarkable woman, wife and professional mother, in addition to her continuing efforts to sustain the invaluable institution of the family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ALDO
M. CACCAMO

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Mr. Aldo M. Caccamo upon his retirement from Chevron. Mr. Caccamo is retiring from his current position as Vice President of Public Affairs, and corporate officer, after completing a distinguished 37-year career.

Mr. Caccamo was born in 1937, received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1960, and a MBE degree from Harvard Business School in 1964. That same year he joined Chevron.

I would like to also honor Jane Caccamo, Al's wife, who together celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary this past August. They have three sons, Daniel—36 years old, Paul—33 years old, and David—who is 31 years old and married to Amy Jo. Al and Jane recently became grandparents with the birth of David and Amy Jo's daughter, Emily Jane, who is now almost 1 year old.

His distinguished service has included global responsibilities. Prior to assuming his current position in 1996, he was the President of Chevron International Oil Co.—responsible for Chevron's international crude oil, products trading and international sales. He started as a financial analyst and progressed, in 1967 to the assistant area manager-aviation sales for Chevron International. He became worldwide aviation fuels manager in San Francisco in 1971, and subsequently held positions as corporate planning consultant and planning manager for Chevron U.S.A.

In 1979, he was named manager, pricing and evaluation, for Chevron U.S.A. marketing. In 1982, he became manager of the west central marketing division. In 1984, he was named general manager, western region, supply and distribution. In 1986, he became general manager, eastern region, supply and distribution in Houston. In 1988, he was named general manager, marketing for Chevron U.S.A. Products Co.

Mr. Caccamo has served on the board of directors of the San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest, the San Francisco Academy, the San Francisco Opera, and the National Council of La Raza. He has also served as chairman of the San Francisco Global Trade Council Advisory Board, and as a director of Caltex Petroleum Corp.—which operates a major refining and marketing business in Africa and the Far East.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, and my fellow citizens of the San Francisco Bay area, I extend our sincere congratulations to Al Caccamo.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD RESEARCH ACT OF 2001

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to establish a grant program under the National Science Foundation to support research and development programs in plant biotechnology to address the food and economic needs of the developing world.

My bill recognizes the great potential of plant biotechnology to combat hunger, malnutrition, and sickness in the developing world and provides the mechanism to encourage the pursuit of this exciting technology under the National Science Foundation, which has made important contributions to advance the knowl-

edge base for plant biotechnology. Research funding levels at the National Science Foundation and elsewhere are obstacles to the use of plant biotechnology to address problems in the developing world.

Plant biotechnology research has the potential to help developing countries increase food security and improve the quality and nutritional content of food. Additionally, biotechnology can also improve the health of citizens of developing countries by combating illness. Substantial progress has been made in the developed world on vaccines against life-threatening illnesses, but, unfortunately, infrastructure limitations often hinder the effectiveness of traditional vaccination methods in some parts of the developing world. For example, many vaccines must be kept refrigerated until they are injected. Even if a health clinic has electricity and is able to deliver effective vaccines, the cost of multiple needles can hinder vaccination efforts. Additionally, the improper use of hypodermic needles can spread HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Biotechnology offers the prospect of orally delivering vaccines to immunize against life-threatening illnesses through agricultural products in a safe and effective manner.

My bill establishes a grant program under the National Science Foundation to encourage research in plant biotechnology. Eligible grant recipients are required to enter into a partnership with one or more research institutions in one or more developing nations. Historically black colleges and universities, land-grant colleges, Hispanic serving institutions, and tribal colleges or universities are given special consideration under the merit-reviewed competitive grant application process. Non-profit and for-profit organizations are also eligible. The research partnership established between scientists in the United States and developing countries will help strengthen the capabilities of those countries to develop and implement applications of plant biotechnology.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

FAMILIES STAMP ACT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as we begin our long recovery from the attacks on our nation last week, many of our thoughts are with those who lost loved ones. I think we have all been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity by the American people. I have been one of the few silver linings in an otherwise dark, dark cloud hanging over this nation.

Among Congress' many tasks, I believe it is our duty to enable and magnify this generosity in the most productive way. And I am very proud that so many members have introduced legislation to that effect.

In this effort, Congressman SHAYS and I are introducing the September 11th Families Stamp Act. This legislation would establish a commemorative stamp to assist the families of those who lost their lives in the attacks last week.

Our bill would instruct the Postal Service to issue a stamp in the memory of the victims. Like the very successful Breast Cancer Re-

search stamp, this stamp would cost six cents more than a regular first-class stamp. The extra money raised would be distributed to the families of those who lost their loved ones, at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or in the four hijacked airliners on September 11th. The Breast Cancer Research stamp has raised \$20 million since its inception in 1997.

The funds raised by the September 11th Families Stamp would be distributed by the Office of Victims of Crimes, in the Department of Justice, and would be tax-exempt for the recipients. The stamp would be issued by December 1, so that it is available for the holiday season, and would be in circulation for two years.

And I am very pleased to say that this is only one of several ideas put forward to help the families torn apart by last week's terrible events. My colleagues, Representative ACKERMAN and Representative FOSSELLA, have a bill to issue a stamp specifically for the families of the firefighters, police, and rescuers lost in this tragedy. Representative ENGEL has introduced a bill to issue a commemorative coin to do much the same. Representative LAFALCE has put forward a Victory Bond bill as yet another excellent way to allow Americans to give to the relief effort. And Representative VELÁZQUEZ has introduced legislation to allow people to devote their tax refunds to the relief efforts more easily.

I think it is absolutely wonderful to have so many options before the Congress. And I hope that more members will come up with such good ideas and keep introducing legislation to help the victims. But I also want to encourage the leadership to use these ideas in developing a comprehensive package to build upon America's generous desire to help all the victims of these unspeakable events.

Clearly, nothing will ever make up for the terrible loss our countrymen have suffered. But we can at least help make their lives easier as they go forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2001

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, while the tragic events of last week remain paramount in our hearts and minds, I, nonetheless, rise today to recognize Maryland Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (MDCALA), who joins thousands of Marylanders in declaring the week of September 17, 2001, to be Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week.

MDCALA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, legal watchdog organization dedicate to improving the civil justice system. Over the last six years, MDCALA has worked to educate Marylanders about the cost of frivolous litigation. With more than 10,000 supporters statewide, MDCALA emphasizes the negative consequences that lawsuit abuse has on the public.

Maryland is home to many large corporations and family businesses. Yet, the constant fear of lawsuits threatens the economic vitality of our State. Small businesses simply cannot afford one frivolous lawsuit. In order to compensate for potential legal bills, businesses

are forced to raise prices to protect their bottom-line. Lawsuit abuse, therefore, results in higher prices, increased medical expenses and loss of business growth.

Through public outreach programs, MDCALA increases awareness of frivolous litigation and the need for personal responsibility throughout the State. In particular, the MDCALA sponsored an essay contest for high school seniors earlier this year. In a terrific example of the concern of our next generation of voters, students from throughout Maryland took the time to craft thoughtful, well-written essays on the importance of personal responsibility in their daily lives.

As a former member of the Maryland General Assembly, I worked hard to reform our legal system at the State level. During my tenure in Congress, I have supported efforts with respect to product liability reform, securities litigation reform, and reform of the Federal Superfund program. More importantly, I sponsored legislation that has helped reduce, in my view, frivolous class action lawsuits brought against mortgage brokers.

Legal reform is a very complex issue. The legal system must function to provide justice to every American. This does not mean, however, that the status quo is necessarily perfect. When lawsuits and the courts are used in excess or to the detriment of innocent parties, the system should be reviewed and reformed if possible.

For their efforts, let me acknowledge MDCALA Chairman, The Honorable Phillip D. Bissett; Board of Directors—Joseph Brown, Jack Doll, Janna Naylor, Vikki Nelson, Gary Prince, The Honorable Joseph Sachs, Dr. Michael Saylor, and The Honorable Michael Wagner; and Executive Director Nancy H. Hill.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I remind our citizens that frivolous lawsuits—nationwide—clog our courts and prevent access to legitimate litigation. We must work together to implement common sense reform in order to restore fairness and justice to our legal system. I commend these citizens, and all involved in this worthwhile effort, for their dedication and commitment and to acknowledge this week as a time of public awareness on the serious issues associated with lawsuit abuse.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I traditionally do not support the use of military force to pursue our national objectives. In the past, I felt that we often resorted to military force too early, resorting to military reprisals before we explored all of our diplomatic options or fully questioned our motivations for such action. But today we are facing a different situation altogether.

I will support this resolution. The attacks on America only three days ago, without a doubt, were an act of war and unmitigated aggression against our country. I will not spend an-

other day of my life without remembering the nightmare of that day. And I, like every other American, know that such assaults on our freedom cannot go unanswered. We have no other option but to respond.

Still, I hope that the president will fully realize the awesome power he has been given and that he uses its full strength only after all other options to protecting our freedoms and bringing our attackers to their knees have been exhausted. The president must use this power prudently and with the understanding that many of us who vote today to approve this power do so with a heavy heart.

Nonetheless, we have no other option. I never thought I would find myself in this situation, where I would agree with many of my more eager peers, that force would be a legitimate option. But I, like my colleagues, know that we have no other choice. Faceless aggressors have challenged our society's core principles and I am confident that the ideals of our great land will prevail.

We will complete our objective and will not yield until we find and mete out justice to those nations, organizations or persons behind those horrific attacks. Yet I remain confident that we will not fall to the level of the terrorist. I know that the president will use our military force to make the world safer for free peoples and be careful not to wantonly crush innocent souls purely to make a point. Our motivations are right, our goals are just and I know that we will use our awesome military power to make the world better for all of us who embrace freedom in our hearts.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 64/S.J. Res. 23, the use-of-military force resolution. By passing this resolution, the House of Representatives will send a clear message to our country's enemies—the United States is resolute. We stand with the President. We are united in defending our freedom and our liberty.

I spent the last two days in New York, offering assistance and comfort to my constituents in this time of great tragedy. Earlier this afternoon, I toured lower Manhattan with the President and other members of the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut delegations.

Over these last few days I have not been able to truly describe the landscape of destruction. When I walk among the rubble I am speechless. I have often thought that perhaps I should call upon religious scholars or poets to try to put these visions into words—I do not think I am up to the task. It is an indescribable place.

Walking through New York City I can tell you that the pain is very deep and very real but so is the resolve to rebuild and to not give into terror.

I have never been so moved by the actions of everyday people.

I have held the relatives of the missing as they sob for their loved ones while they proclaim in the same breath that they have never been so proud of New York City and America.

I have witnessed ashen-faced firefighters, as they move uptown after working at ground zero, applauded and embraced by total strangers as if returning from battle.

New Yorkers want a response to the madness of September 11th. Passage of the resolution will solidify this country's ability to take military action.

Congress stands with the President. And when the perpetrators have been identified, this resolution says that we will support President Bush when he takes action against the cowards who attacked our beloved country.

A day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a great President and a great New Yorker said: "I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again."

International terrorism should never endanger us again! I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution.

SIKHS CONDEMN ATTACK ON UNITED STATES

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, the Council of Khalistan has written a letter to President Bush condemning Tuesday's brutal terrorist attack on the United States. This terrible attack is an act of war against all Americans and the freedom-loving people of all the world. The Council has also issued an excellent press release on the matter.

In the letter, the Council's President, Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, writes, "On behalf of the 21-million strong Sikh Nation and especially on behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, I would like to express our sadness and our sympathies to the people of the United States for the terrible attack on the United States yesterday and for the loss of life it entails."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place this letter to President Bush and the Council of Khalistan's press release on the bombing into the RECORD.

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN,

GURU GOBIND SINGH JI, TENTH MASTER,

Washington, DC, September 12, 2001.

Hon. GEORGE W. BUSH,

President of the United States,

The White House,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, On behalf of the 21-million strong Sikh Nation and especially on behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, I would like to express our sadness and our sympathies to the people of the United States for the terrible attack on the United States yesterday and for the loss of life it entails. This is a terrible tragedy and we know that you will take appropriate action. Like all Americans and all decent people everywhere, we condemn this brutal senseless attack.

The Sikh religion recognizes all humanity as our brothers and we pray for the well-

being of all. Our prayers and our sympathies are with the people of the United States at this tragic time. We especially pray for the families of those who have departed. May God bring peace to these departed souls and to their families.

We support you and we pray for the people of America. God bless you and God bless America.

Sincerely,

DR. GURMIT SINGH AULAKH,
President,
Council of Khalistan.

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN CONDEMNS ATTACK ON
UNITED STATES

URGES SIKHS TO GIVE BLOOD

WASHINGTON, DC.—SEPTEMBER 12, 2001—Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today condemned the brutal attack on the United States that occurred yesterday.

"On behalf of the 21-million strong Sikh Nation and especially on behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, I would like to express our sadness and our sympathies to the people of the United States for the terrible attack on the United States yesterday and for the loss of life it entails," Dr. Aulakh said.

"I urge Sikh Americans to give blood and to pray for the victims, for their families, and for all those who are helping our country and our communities in this time of need," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must do our part as American citizens," he said. "We stand together as a nation."

"Like all Americans and all decent people everywhere, we condemn this brutal and senseless attack. The Sikh religion recognizes all the human race as one and we pray for the well-being of all. Our prayers and our sympathies are with the people of the United States at this tragic time. We especially pray for the families of those who have departed."

"This tragic event happened in the most diverse city in the world," Dr. Aulakh said. "There is hardly a national or ethnic group that has not been touched directly by this tragedy. Our sympathies are extended to those who have been touched personally," he said. "Violence against innocent people of any religion or ethnicity is unacceptable. It must be ended."

Unfortunately, some people have engaged in violence against Sikhs in the wake of the bombings yesterday. A couple of young Sikhs were attacked in Brooklyn. Sikh businesses have been stoned and cars have been burned. A Sikh boy was even shot in New York.

"Today we all stand together as Americans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity," he said. "We must not accept terrorism. We must unite against this evil," he said. "We must work to bring all Americans together to defeat this brutal enemy."

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS, AMERICAN MUSLIMS, AND AMERICANS FROM SOUTH ASIA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today, I speak in support of House Concurrent Resolution 227, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, American Muslims, and Americans from South Asia in the

wake of the terrorist attacks in New York City, New York, and Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001.

Our nation suffered a horrendous tragedy on September 11, 2001. There is no question that those responsible for this heinous act must be brought to justice. However, we must not further compound the tragedy by turning against each other in our time of grief and anger. Unfortunately, in the aftermath of the recent attack, there have been reports of violence against Americans of Arab and South Asian descent. This is nothing short of divisive, and is unacceptable, unconscionable, and un-American.

The Arab-American, South Asian-American, and American Muslim communities are an integral part of the United States. The state of Michigan itself has one of the largest Middle Eastern communities outside of the Middle East. Like all Americans, members of these communities are outraged by the recent attacks upon our nation. As law abiding and patriotic citizens of our nation they do not deserve our rancor, but the dignity afforded to every American.

Indeed, in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks, the rights and liberties of all Americans must continue to be respected and upheld. We must relentlessly pursue those guilty of this cowardly act, and refrain from lashing out against the innocent. I fully support the language of H. Con. Res. 227, which stresses that throughout our search for the perpetrators of the terrorists acts of September 11, 2001, our nation will continue to adhere to the civil rights and civil liberties that has made the United States the land of the free.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. KIND Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 343, unfortunately, due to an unavoidable weather delay I missed today's rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MT.
OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
WORSHIP CENTER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the construction of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center in Houston, Texas. On Sunday, September 23, 2001, the congregation will celebrate their centennial.

Under the direction of Pastor Willie James Coleman, the theme for the celebration will be Faith, Love, Patience, a Reality. The program for the celebration will also include a nice tribute to the late Professor Nathaniel Edward. Professor Edward will always be remembered for his commitment to the congregation and his musical offerings. Each December Professor Edward would direct the annual Candlelight musical.

Pastor Willie James Coleman has been at the helm of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center since 1974. His leadership has seen the congregation through the past 27 years. Throughout his tenure the church has undergone much renovation and expanded its membership.

Mt. Olive also has several Deacons; John Paul, William Derrick, Tommy E. Ford, Stacy Brisco, Ed Edwards, Issac Johnson, John McClellan, Charles Johnson, and Walter Jefferson. The spiritual leadership at Mt. Olive serves as a beacon in the Third Ward community. With such programs as Feed the Hungry and the Annual back to School Clothing Drive, the congregation's sense of community activism and outreach provides an ideal model of service to the city of Houston. Their dedication to the community and commitment to their neighbors sets them apart as the spark that keeps faith aglow.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I want to again recognize the 100th Anniversary of the construction of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center and offer my sincerest wishes for a successful celebration.

2001 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member OBEY for their leadership today. Congress has taken swift action to respond to the critical needs of our Nation stemming from the terrorist attack.

This emergency supplemental appropriations for \$40 billion in disaster relief and increased security means so much to this Nation and to the great city of New York. The support for domestic and humanitarian assistance is a vital and important first step on our Nation's long road of recovery.

The emergency supplemental package provides \$40 billion both to fund rescue operations and a military response to Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia.

I am especially pleased that the supplemental targets funding to New York. To return lower Manhattan to its former state, New York will need this funding and much more support in the future.

Today is the first time I have been back to Washington since the attacks. I can tell you that I have never been so moved by the actions of everyday people.

Walking through New York City I can tell you that the pain is very deep and very real but so is the resolve to rebuild and not give in to terror.

I have held the relatives of the missing as they sob for their loved ones while they proclaim in the same breath that they have never been so proud of New York City and America.

I have witnessed ashen-faced firefighters, as they move uptown after working at ground zero, applauded and embraced by total strangers as if returning from battle.

New Yorkers will come back. Today I thank all of my colleague and all Americans for this legislation and for helping get the City on its way.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILTON "CURLY"
COLLIER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service and dedication of Mr. Wilton "Curly" Collier of Alpine, California, who will be honored by his community this Saturday, September 22, 2001. Curly was born in Vernon, Texas on April 19, 1921. His family moved to Colorado where he attended high school before moving to California to enroll at the University of California, Los Angeles. In his professional life, Curly began his career as a parts manager and retired 30 years later as a sales manager in Alpine.

Curly joined the International Kiwanis Club with the sponsorship of fellow Alpine resident Bob Wilson on October 6, 1967. In the Kiwanis, Curly spent his time volunteering for the many activities and fund-raisers the Kiwanis sponsor, including the Worldwide Service Project, disaster-relief efforts, worldwide charities, and the Kiwanis family youth programs.

Curly became the president of the Alpine Kiwanis Club in 1970 and he used this position to help raise money to purchase radio equipment for the Alpine Fire Station. He was also responsible for a 346% membership increase at the Alpine Chapter, which went from 15 to 52 members in just his first year of office. In recognition of his outstanding efforts and achievements, he was elected to the office of Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Division 31 in 1976.

In 1985, Curly started the Endowment Fund for Children's Hospitals and the Miracle Mile of Quarters Project. In the first year of its existence, the Miracle Mile of Quarters Project raised and donated \$56 to the Children's Hospital. Last year, the project awarded the hospital's single largest donation of \$42,500.

During his tenure as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Curly has not only held high-ranking offices, but has been the recipient of many awards, including the Kiwanian of the Year in 1987 and the distinguished Hexson Award in 1996. This award was established by the Kiwanis International Foundation in honor of the first Kiwanis International President, George F. Hexson. The recipients are honored each year during a special reception at the Kiwanis International and District Conventions and are listed in the annual publication of the Kiwanis Honors Booklet, as well as on a permanent donor recognition electronic accolade at the Kiwanis International Office.

In 1998, Curly received the Tablet of Honor, the most prestigious honor available from the Kiwanis International Foundation. This award is given to recipients on behalf of individuals, Kiwanis Clubs, corporations, or organizations to honor their accomplishments and recognize their service. Besides the prestige that comes with the award, recipients are pleased to know that contributions made in their names are helping the Kiwanis organization provide as-

sistance to children around the world. Each recipient has their name added to the Tablet of Honor accolade in the lobby of the International Office in Indianapolis, IN, and all are honored at a special Kiwanis reception at each year's international convention.

Mr. Speaker, Curly is a symbol of commitment and dedication to his fellow citizens and community. He has dedicated his life to helping the Kiwanis serve both his community and children across the world. Today, let us all honor and thank Curly for his remarkable contributions and for serving as an example of placing others before yourself.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
HELEN BRANDT

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated citizen and long-time employee of the Quad Cities Development Group of Rock Island, Illinois—Ms. Helen Brandt.

The Quad Cities Development Group, an umbrella organization for economic development for the major cities in my district, has been the catalyst for attracting over 14,000 new jobs and over \$1 billion in new investment in the Quad Cities in the last 10 years. But an organization is only as good and only as effective as the men and women who give it its energy and life, and Helen Brandt has certainly been a dynamic force for enhancing the quality of life in the Quad Cities.

For the past nine years, Helen has been a Project Manager for the Quad Cities Development Group. Helen worked on many of the successful projects that brought jobs and investment to the Quad Cities area including organizing marketing efforts for business clients around the John Deere Classic golf tournament. Helen also led the successful visits by the Quad City community leaders on their annual visit to Washington, DC, to present regional issues to legislative leaders and Federal officials.

Prior to Helen's work with the Quad Cities Development Group, she served as the Executive Vice President of the Northern Illinois Industrial Development Corporation, and before that worked in the telephone industry for 25 years. Helen is one of those rare persons who can successfully accomplish all these work-related tasks while still finding time to volunteer in many professional and community groups.

Helen will be missed by all her friends at the Quad Cities Development Group, but she plans to have an active retirement in the Moline area, so I am sure her community volunteer efforts will continue. I would like to wish Helen, her two children and five grandchildren continued success in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JESUS "JESSE" SALVADOR VARGAS AND ROBERT "BOBBY" A. HILL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor two dedicated citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District on the occasion of their retirement from the Inland Steel Company of East Chicago, Indiana. Jesus "Jesse" Salvador Vargas and Robert "Bobby" A. Hill, both longtime members of Local Union 1010 of the United Steelworkers of America, will be honored at a Retirement Party to be held on Friday, September 21, 2001 at American Legion Post 369 in East Chicago.

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Jesse Vargas has been employed in the Transportation Department at Inland Steel since 1965. During that time, Mr. Vargas has been extremely active in Local Union 1010. He has held many appointed positions, including serving on both the Sports and Community Service committees. Mr. Vargas has also been elected Safety Man for the Transportation Department, and has been selected to represent Local 1010 at many United Steelworkers of America International Conventions. Throughout his career, he has shown his dedication to his Union Brothers and Sisters by traveling across the nation to assist them in strikes, lockouts, and organizing drives. Now retiring with his wife, Rubia, after a 36-year career, Mr. Vargas serves as an outstanding example of the dedicated Union craftsmen and laborers that built our nation.

Bobby Hill, an employee of Inland Steel and member of Local Union 1010 for 43 years, has provided exemplary service and leadership to both his employer and his union. Hailing from Haysi, Virginia, Mr. Hill grew up the youngest of nine children. Since 1958, he worked as a Switchman, Conductor, and Engineer at the Indiana Harbor Works. Mr. Hill has also served diligently in numerous elected positions at Local 1010, including Safety Steward for the Transportation Department, Guide, Trustee, and Head Trustee. As a member of the Community Service committee, Mr. Hill volunteered his services across the Calumet Region. Like Jesse Vargas, Mr. Hill traveled across the country to assist his brethren in strikes, lockouts, and organizing drives. Bobby Hill will be greatly missed by his colleagues at Inland Steel and Local 1010 as he retires with his wife, Mary Ann.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join with me today in thanking these two men for their lifetime of service, and in wishing them well in their retirement. Bobby Hill and Jesse Vargas have given many hours of their precious time in service of their Union brethren. The sacrifices made by dedicated workers like Mr. Hill and Mr. Vargas have made American labor the safest, most efficient, and most quality-driven labor force in the world. I wish them both a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN
MILEY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding Naval Officer, Commander John Miley. He has served with distinction and dedication for three years as a Congressional Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation.

During his tenure as a representative of the Department of the Navy to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Commander Miley diligently and successfully worked budget submission and resource issues. During that time he has accompanied me on numerous fact-finding visits to Navy and Marine Corps facilities both stateside and abroad. I could always count on him to provide well through out and candid input. Commander Miley was always on top of the issues of the day, and be relied on to insure Congress got the "right information at the right time".

Additionally, Commander Miley has provided members of the Appropriations Committees, as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. He has earned our respect and trust for his dedication, knowledge of the Navy and the way he handles himself in this demanding position. His valuable contributions have enabled the Congress and the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to maintain the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces in the world.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Commander John Miley before the Congress today. It is clear through his stated and unstated accomplishments that he is a true leader with a clear sense of purpose, conviction, and conscience of service to his Nation. As he departs the Washington area to command Helicopter Combat Support Squadron EIGHT in Norfolk, VA, I call upon my colleagues to wish him and his wife, Anne-Marie, and their young son, Sean, continued success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES M. HAIR,
M.D.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Charles M. Hair, M.D., cofounder and President of the Livingston Memorial Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.

Dr. Hair was raised in my district, in the farming community of Santa Paula, California. He joined the U.S. Army after earning his M.D. at the USC School of Medicine, and served two years in an Army field hospital in post-World War II Salzburg, Austria.

He returned to his home in Ventura County, California, in 1948, and for the next 38 years led a fulfilling life as a family doctor. He and his wife, Gerry, whom he met when he was a student at Ventura College and she a student at Ventura High School, raised five children here.

During that time, Dr. Hair made his home a better home for all his neighbors. Dr. Hair's leadership in the field of nonprofit healthcare philanthropy began in 1950 when he became an active member of the Ventura County Medical Society, of which he became president in 1958. He soon joined the Governing Council of the California Medical Council and served as CMA president from 1981 to 1983. Other boards he served on through the years are the California State Board of Consumer Affairs, the California State Chamber of Commerce, Western Conference of Prepaid Service Plan and Blue Shield of California.

Perhaps his most enduring legacy is co-founding Livingston Memorial Foundation in 1974 with Oxnard attorney Ben Nordman. The Foundation provides grants to enhance local patient care and make it available to people in financial need. In 1981, the then-Ventura Visiting Nurses Association, founded in 1947, affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation and changed its name to Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association (LMVNA). Together, the nonprofit organizations have greatly enhanced health care for those who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

LMVNA was founded to provide home care services as an alternative to institutionalizing the frail, elderly, sick and disabled, an idea dear to the heart of a family physician. In 1965, Medicare certified LMVNA as a home health agency. In 1987—now affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation—it developed a Medicare-certified Hospice program. The LMVNA Hospice program incorporates skilled nursing care with a multidisciplinary team approach to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the terminally ill and their families.

Needed services are provided at reduced or no charge to those who cannot afford to pay for them.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hair "retired" in the mid-1980s, but his dedication to his profession and the ill continues undaunted. He is the epitome of the family doctor, one who knows that diagnosing an illness is just one part of the healing process. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing his vast contributions to medicine, to his community, and to the ill, and thank him for a lifetime of healing.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISRAEL
ZOBERMAN

HON. EDWARD L. SCHROCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHROCK. Dear Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He is also the President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis, and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. I would like to share the following article that was written by Rabbi

Zoberman and appeared in the *Virginian-Pilot* on August 13, 2001.

ISRAEL WILL FOCUS ON SURVIVAL FIRST,
PEACE LATER

I have just encountered a place like no other where a watermelon may include an explosive device and fanatic suicide bombers threaten to rip apart all who happen to be in their vicinity. Being in Jerusalem a week ago, the latest terrifying carnage there has a chilling immediacy of both numbness and outrage! Can our Western mindset focused on fulfilling our individual lives in the here and now, catering to our every whim, understand those young Islamic terrorists transformed into martyrs with their bodies perfumed to reach heavenly delights not before turning earth into hell?

On a recent solidarity mission to Israel sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Judaism's Reform branch), I was exposed to that reality reminiscent of the twilight zone, though the Israelis, to their credit proceed almost with life as usual. In fact, a major disaster was averted in Haifa when a suicide bomber got cold feet, an unusual occurrence. We were there to offer our brethren the familial support that only our physical presence could provide, so essential to their ability to persevere in face of a challenge not to them alone but to all civilized life.

Israel's dramatic accomplishments, aided by the promise of peace, particularly shine brightly in that part of the world, with a GNP approaching Western Europe's and a second-to-none high-tech revolution reflective of its brain-power, underlying an alliance with human progress and innovation. It is even more impressive given the Israeli context of security concerns while absorbing a million immigrants from as diverse cultures as the Russian and Ethiopian ones. The great strides toward lasting peace with the Arab world following bitter wars with only a year ago reaching the brink of finally burying the hatchet with the resilient Palestinian foe. That dream dashed by Chairman Arafat who apparently could not grasp how far his people came, turning instead to his all too familiar way of violence in violation of the Oslo Accords that he signed. Rabbi Michael Melchoir, Deputy Foreign Minister, who was at Camp David, assured us that former Prime Minister Barak indeed courageously made the "historical concessions" inviting Arafat to respond constructively. Melchoir emphasized that the present lengthy crisis has created much hardship to the Palestinian population with fifty-percent unemployment and their towns under closure.

Perhaps it was the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Rabin by a Jewish extremist that ultimately led to the deadly impasse. Rabin and Arafat developed a personal bond so essential for overcoming years of mutual mistrust. The daughter of the general turned peacemaker, Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff, who serves as Deputy Defense Minister, movingly reminded us at the Rabin Center For the Study of Peace, that the fateful bullet continues to affect the Middle East's destiny. But the petite and assertive woman was also adamant of the need to stand up to terrorism and carefully separate the two peoples, in which I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers including Benny Avraham of Tidewater's adopted Pardes Katz. At the same setting, the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, asked us in the midst of a trying scenario to remember the end goal of peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's message to us dwelled on the overriding importance of

preserving our common Jewish identity and his profound appreciation for the role played by American Jewry, the bridge between the small Jewish state and the tested ally and true friend of the world's sole super power, which too has painfully faced Arab terrorism. He is under heavy criticism for this dovish transformation from his own Likud party and Israelis at large to end an intolerable situation that no state would put up with. His targeting of Palestinian leaders engaged in organized terror in which Arafat's non-democratic and corrupt Palestinian Authority is a key factor, aims at reducing the level of violence while avoiding the risk of a wider war which, I believe, might not be prevented after all. From the political left, Yossi Beilin, the former Justice Minister and architect of the Oslo Accords, told us of Sharon's need to negotiate with Arafat even under fire. However, the latter's message of non-compromise is quite clear. Colonel (Res.) Yigal Carmon, president of the Middle East Media and Research Institute, proved to us that the Arab leaders use double-talk in English and Arabic. They are denying the very basic assumptions of Jewish peoplehood, its link to the land of Israel and sacred bond to Jerusalem's Temple Mount, intent on covering Israel with Palestinian refugees, whom they abandoned. Employing traditional anti-Semitism, they also disregard the Holocaust and continue to teach their children to demonize Israelis and become terrorists-martyrs.

Israel can not afford to give up its vision of peace for itself and its neighbors, it is rooted in its very being, sacrificing so long, much for it. For now, it must insist that survival comes first till Abba Eban's proven maxim will be disproved that "the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many thousands of families across this Nation were hurt in terrible and tragic ways by the terrorist attacks last week in New York City and Washington, D.C.

For them, there will be no closure, a word I dislike, because I believe it is simply a word used by those not directly affected to make themselves feel better.

Those who lost loved ones or those who suffered very severe injuries will have to learn to cope with their losses and/or their injuries in the best way possible, but it will be extremely difficult, especially for parents who lost sons or daughters or small children who lost a mother or father.

So I certainly do not in any way want to minimize their losses.

But, there has been an outpouring of love, kindness and patriotism like I have never seen in my lifetime.

There are thousands of people across this country attempting to do everything they can to bring good out of this bad, triumph out of tragedy—horrible, horrible tragedy.

We have all been moved by many wonderful people and the stories of the good they have done.

But I want to especially call to the attention of my colleagues, and readers of the record all

over the Nation, the actions of Melissa Kesling and the words of Justin Wright, two outstanding young people from East Tennessee.

Melissa is a 15-year-old sophomore at Faragut High School in West Knox County, just outside the City of Knoxville.

She had worked for many months as a clerk in a doctor's office and as a babysitter to save money for a trip to Spain.

On her own, without her parents ever knowing, she donated her entire savings of \$1,100 to the American Red Cross to assist in their work arising out of these attacks.

Justin is a fifth-grade student at Ball Camp Elementary School, also in Knox County.

He was given an assignment to write about his feelings following the tragedies of September 11. He wrote the following words (words I wish all Americans could read):

ATTACK ON THE U.S.A.

I wonder why someone would do such a horrible thing? Whoever caused this tragedy will be greatly punished.

At first I was scared because we live near Oak Ridge, which has lots of nuclear weapons. If the terrorists had attacked Oak Ridge, we might have been injured or killed.

There may be a war, but I am not afraid. Many men will be put to the test. I believe in their ability to find and punish the morons responsible. I am still very upset, and I wish I had some way to help the government figure out who is responsible. If I were old enough, I would volunteer to be a fighter pilot and help punish these terrorists.

I feel so sorry for all the victims and their families. I am glad that my family was neither on the airplanes nor in the damaged buildings. If I were old enough, I would go to New York and Washington to help the victims.

I have chosen not to dwell on this tragedy. I will live my life in a cautious manner, but I will not let the threat of terrorism ruin my life. Our money says, "In God We Trust", and this is what we should do. We need to put our trust in God each and every day. The Lord is our shepherd, and He will guide us through the rest of our lives. I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!!!!!!!

We would not need to worry about the future of this Nation if all of our young people were outstanding citizens and patriotic Americans like Melissa Kesling and Justin Wright. I am very proud of both of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the following rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 343: "Yea."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM McDONOUGH ON BEING AWARDED THE 2001 JOSEPHINE AND FRANK DUVENECK HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a proud American, William McDonough, who is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award for national service on Saturday, September 22, 2001, in Los Altos Hills, California.

Recognized in 1999 as a "Hero for the Planet" by Time Magazine, William McDonough was the recipient of the first and only Presidential Award for Sustainable Development in 1996. An architect by training, he has dedicated his life to reconnecting our citizens with their surrounding environment.

The founder of William McDonough & Partners, William McDonough's architectural firm was created to celebrate the creativity of the human spirit and the abundance of nature. Through his work and his advocacy, William McDonough has consistently displayed an abiding respect for ecology, social equity and economy. Heeding an ultimate objective of removing potential poisons from all products, factories, and the natural landscape, William McDonough creates consumer goods with biodegradable and synthetic materials that can be recycled for future use. Many of the buildings he has designed create more energy than they use in their own operation, an extraordinarily important innovation for California and the rest of the nation. William McDonough has designed products and office buildings for Nike, The Gap, and Palm, Inc.

William McDonough has dedicated his professional life to strengthening the economic and spiritual ties between our environment and ourselves. It is therefore fitting that he is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring this special man who has given so much to our community and our environment. We are indeed a better country, a better planet and a better people because of him.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE THIRTYMILE FIRE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in honor of four heroic individuals from Washington State who gave their lives protecting our precious national forests. On July 10, 2001, Tom Craven, Karen Fitzpatrick, Jessica Johnson, and Devin Weaver died while battling a fire in the Okanogan National Forest. The House of Representatives, rightly so, has already passed a resolution honoring these firefighters, but I would like to share with my colleagues, and indeed the rest of the nation, a little more about these courageous young Americans whose lives were cut far too short.

Tom Craven, of Ellensburg, began working for the Forest Service as a firefighter in 1990.

Tom earned 11 letters from Cle Elum High School in football, track, and basketball, and played football at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA. He graduated from Central Washington University in 1997, and was the first member of the Craven family to graduate from college and obtain a degree. A devoted family man, Tom is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and his two children.

Karen Fitzpatrick, of Yakima, had just graduated from West Valley High School where she was an honor student, soccer player, and musician. She was involved in the Department of Ecology's Youth Corps, active in her church and the Kiwanis Key Club, and loved to cook, bake, and sew. Karen is survived by her parents, John and Kathie Fitzpatrick.

Jessica Johnson, of Yakima, graduated from West Valley High School in 1999 and was a junior at Central Washington University majoring in Food Science and Nutrition. She loved the outdoors and was strong in body and spirit. A volunteer at West Valley Fire Department since 1998, Jessica is survived by her parents, Jody Gray and Rick Johnson.

Devin Weaver, of Yakima, was enrolled in Yakima Valley Community College since 1999 and was planning to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed backpacking, hunting, and camping in his free time. Since the eighth grade, Devin worked for his father's silk-flower manufacturing business and always volunteered for extra work assignments. Devin is survived by his parents, Ken and Barbara Weaver.

Firefighters are on the front lines, every single day, saving lives and safeguarding our property and natural resources. While most of us would immediately flee a smoky, fire-engulfed home, building, or forest, these brave souls choose to enter these dangerous places sacrificing their safety for ours. I want to thank them personally for their bravery and their courage. Their heroism is of the same rank as so many other American patriots who have lost their lives in service to our country. Tom, Karen, Jessica, and Devin—you are in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN BATTLE

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to salute and pay tribute to Kathleen Battle, a lyrical legend whose contribution to the spirit of music is beyond measure.

In classic, poetic soprano, Kathleen Battle has captivated millions through her performances around the world. The purity and projection of her voice has earned her broad acclaim as one of the premier vocalists of all time. Her range travels through the era of Baroque and into the realm of folk and contemporary jazz.

Kathleen Battle has distinguished herself as one of the finest interpreters of Mozart, Rossini and Donizetti. Her performances are often described as "spellbinding" or "euphoric" as she takes listeners to the seat of her own soul, refusing to return them until the last chord.

Kathleen Battle's melodic, mesmerizing voice has been featured with the world's most acclaimed orchestras and conductors including Levine, Solti, Ozawa, Previn and Maazel. She is a frequent guest at the festivals of Salzburg, Ravinia and Tanglewood, and has toured extensively in recital across the United States, Canada, Europe and the Far East. She performs regularly at the Metropolitan Opera in New York as well as at the opera houses of Vienna, Paris, San Francisco, Chicago and the Royal Opera House Covent Garden.

Appearing in concert and recording with some of the world's most renowned musicians, including violinist Itzhak Perlman, flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, and tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo, Kathleen Battle is a brilliant collaborative artist and favorite among the best of the best. Hers is a language of passion . . . raw emotion on stage that cannot be paralleled.

Keen musical sensitivity and introspective interpretation have won Kathleen Battle three Grammy Awards. She is truly one of the most distinguished recording artists of all time, having released complete opera, concert, choral and solo recital albums.

Kathleen Battle has left an indelible imprint on the hearts of her fans and the souls of musicians to come. Today, we honor this great American, but the legacy of her music will live forever.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHELIA HARGROVE ON BEING AWARDED THE 2001 JOSEPH AND FRANK DUVENECK HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR REGIONAL SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and distinguished California, Marthelia Hargrove, who is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award for regional service on Saturday, September 22, 2001, in Los Altos Hills, California.

Named the National Principal of the Year for 2000–2001 by the National Alliance of Black School Educators Marthelia Hargrove has distinguished herself as a passionate advocate of students and the disenfranchised, and as a model of excellence in teaching and administration.

A native of the segregated South, Marthelia Hargrove traces her commitment to education back to a one-room schoolhouse near Oxford, North Carolina. A child growing up in the wake of the depression, her parents endured great sacrifice in order to ensure that Marthelia, her sister and her brother received a decent education. Marthelia Hargrove earned a scholarship to study at Virginia Union University in Richmond and a Master's Degree in early education from Petersburg's Virginia State University.

Having married while in Richmond, Marthelia and her husband relocated to Santa Clara 28 years ago where they've lived ever since. In 1981, Marthelia Hargrove was appointed principal of the Brentwood Oaks School in East Palo Alto. Nine years later, she took the helm at Costañó School, determined

to transform this low-achieving elementary school into a premier teaching institution. During her eleven-year tenure, she has more than succeeded. Last year, Costañó's score in the California Academic Performance Index was 142 points higher than the previous year and 84 points higher than the state median.

The recipient of the Ravenswood Principal of the Year Award, Marthelia Hargrove has also been honored by the Mid-peninsula NAACP, the San Jose University Department of Teacher Education, the Ravenswood Community Nguzo Saba Committee, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department and the City of East Palo Alto. A member of the National Political Congress of Black Women, she also serves on the Board of the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation.

Marthelia Hargrove has dedicated her life to building extraordinary educational institutions that involve students, parents and community members as stakeholders and beneficiaries. She has worked hard to provide a brighter future for underprivileged children and for children of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. It is therefore fitting that Marthelia Hargrove is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring this great and good woman who has given so much to our young citizens and to our educational institutions. We are indeed a better nation, a better community and a better people because of her.

IN HONOR OF JEREMY GLICK OF WEST MILFORD, NEW JERSEY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the great bravery, courage, and patriotism of Jeremy Glick of West Milford, New Jersey. His acts of exceptional bravery, valor, and patriotism are worthy of the Congress granting Jeremy the Congressional Gold Medal.

Jeremy Glick was a passenger on board United Airlines Flight #93 that on September 11, 2001, departed from Newark International Airport at 8:01 a.m. on its scheduled route to San Francisco, California, with 7 crewmembers and 37 passengers on board. Shortly after departure, the plane was hijacked by terrorists. At 10:37 a.m. United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania killing all on board.

It is clear from the evidence that after learning that other hijacked planes had been used to attack the World Trade Center in New York City, Jeremy and others onboard United Airlines Flight #93 decided to fight the terrorists for control of the plane. Their brave defiance appear to have caused United Flight #93 to crash prematurely, potentially saving hundreds of thousands of lives. It is widely believed that the White House or the Capitol was the target of the terrorists.

Jeremy was a devoted family man. His wife Lyzbeth had recently given birth to their daughter Emerson. Anyone who has seen the picture of Jeremy holding his baby daughter can clearly see the deep love that was in his heart.

Jeremy was a man who loved life. Lyz, his brother Jared, or any of his friends could tell you endless stories that end in laughter. Ironically, Jeremy and his buddies dressed up like their favorite super heroes a couple of weeks ago. Jeremy dressed up as the Green Lantern. Little would we know that on September 11, 2001, Jeremy became a super hero.

Soon after the terrorists took over the plane, Jeremy called his wife on his cell phone. Jeremy told his family about the terrorists and the location of the plane. Jeremy's family relayed the information to the police over another phone line. After Jeremy learned that other terrorists crashed planes into the World Trade Center he left his phone for a while and return to say that the men voted to attack the terrorists. He left the phone and said he would be back—he never came back on the line.

It is not hard to imagine that Jeremy deciding to join with other passengers to fight the terrorists. He was well over six-feet and was a college judo champion. It was reported that Jeremy faced down the terrorists armed only with a plastic knife from an airline meal. I believe that Jeremy did not even need the plastic knife because he had courage and bravery on his side when he fought with the cowards who commandeered the plane.

Jeremy's last words to his wife were, "Lyz, I need you to be happy." It should be the hope and prayer of all Americans that Lyz will be happy. Lyz said after the crash, "I think God had a larger purpose for him. He was supposed to fly out the night before, but couldn't. I had Emmy one month early, so Jeremy got to see her. You can't tell me God isn't at work here." I believe God is at work with the Glicks.

One thing that Lyz can definitely be, as we all are, is proud. The incredible courage and bravery that Jeremy showed in the face of certain danger is not only an inspiration to us all but a bright light in the flame that burns in the hearts of all freedom loving people. When Jeremy died, he did it on his own terms—fighting against evil, with a brave heart, and boundless courage to sacrifice himself so many others could live.

Now our nation faces a long and hard struggle to rid the world of the evil that took Jeremy's and so many others lives on September 11. Many thousands of our men and women in uniform will meet the challenge. Jeremy though not expecting to be became one of the first "soldiers" in this crusade. I will forever remember and honor Jeremy as a true American superhero.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this measure.

God bless Jeremy Glick and God bless America.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CURTIS DAVEY ON BEING AWARDED THE 2001 JOSEPH AND FRANK DUVEINECK HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR LOCAL SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and distinguished Californian, Mary Curtis Davey, who is being hon-

ored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award for local service on Saturday, September 22, 2001, in Los Altos Hills, California.

In 1966, Mary Curtis Davey became the first woman to serve on the Los Altos Hills City Council. During her 6-year tenure, she distinguished herself through her unparalleled support of open space and fair housing. Through her civic and community involvement, Mary Curtis Davey has improved countless lives on the Peninsula, by focusing on housing for low-income residents, basic services for the elderly, and encouraging others to engage in volunteer work, non-profit organizations and local government. Among the organizations that have benefited from her effective leadership are the United Way of Santa Clara County, the American Red Cross, Avenidas, Bay Area Action, and Committee for Green Foothills.

At the request of legendary humanitarian Josephine Duveneck, Mary Curtis Davey joined the Board of Trust for the Hidden Villa environmental Preserve in 1966 where she served for 20 years, including four as its president. A 1600-acre oasis for both children and adults, the Hidden Villa provides a forum for participants to take part in educational and community-building programs that teach social justice and respect for all living things. In 1971, Mary Curtis Davey organized the Friends of Hidden Villa to continue fund raising, and in 1997 she chaired the annual Duveneck Awards Dinner for multicultural programs.

Mary Curtis Davey helped found the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in 1972, an invaluable organization created to safeguard, protect and preserve open space in and around the urban areas of Silicon Valley. The District's 23 preserves are open to the public free of charge. Mary Curtis Davey now serves on the Board of Directors for the District, representing the communities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Los Altos Hills and Stanford.

Since 1960, when she and her husband, Jack, and their three children first arrived in California from Maryland, Mary Curtis Davey has championed these and other causes among a host of volunteer and non-profit organizations. She has been an exceptional voice and a passionate advocate for improving the quality of life in our community. It is therefore fitting that Mary Curtis Davey is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman who has given so much to our community and to our environment. We are indeed a better nation, a better society and a better people because of her.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER SHAYS ON THE SEPTEMBER 11TH FAMILIES STAMP ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today Congresswoman CAPPS and I introduced bipartisan legislation to create a postal stamp to honor the memories of those lost in the Sep-

tember 11th terrorist attacks and raise money to help their families.

The outpouring of support from across the country following last week's tragedy has been truly remarkable and speaks volumes about the capacity of Americans to join together to help those in need. It is in this spirit of compassion that we are introducing this legislation.

The September 11th Families Stamp Act authorizes the U.S. Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp, similar to the breast cancer research stamp which has raised \$20 million. Money raised from the stamp will assist the families of the victims from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines flight 93.

Mr. Speaker, our first responsibility as a nation is to console the families who have lost loved ones and heal the wounded. The legislation we are introducing will allow us to celebrate the lives of the victims and provide much needed support to their families.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the September 11th Families Stamp Act.

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS, AMERICAN MUSLIMS, AND AMERICANS FROM SOUTH ASIA

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution introduced by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. BONIOR, and I thank the distinguished majority leader, Mr. ARMEY, for his active support of the resolution.

This past week our precious nation has suffered a great amount of pain and sorrow inflicted by horrible individuals who have no respect for innocent life. America can ill-afford to have our own people unfairly and unjustifiably inflicting even more pain on other Americans or friends of Americans who are of Arab heritage or of the Muslim faith, and who bear no responsibility for the events of September 11th. In fact, they have joined with their neighbors in condemning this heinous attack. Arab Americans deserve to be recognized as the patriotic individuals they are, not victimized for their heritage. Indeed, the greatest enemy of a radical Islamic terrorist is a practicing Muslim.

This past Tuesday evening, as the Toledo Blade reported in its September 19th edition, "about 1,500 people, a . . . mix of Christians and Muslims, gathered . . . at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo in Perrysburg Township to encircle the mosque, pray for the safety of those who worship within, and sing patriotic songs.

"American flags were everywhere—medium-sized ones along the driveways, a large one hanging from the mosque's roof, and small red, white, and blue stickers adorning everyone's clothing.

"The people making up the crowd, many of whom rarely cross paths, made an effort to reach out to one another in this time of national crisis."

There will be many images that we recall from last week. One, which will always stand

out for me, is the image of the Statue of Liberty erect in New York Harbor. More importantly, the values for which she stands are lodged deeper in our hearts. While Lady Liberty witnessed this assault on peace, she remains a beacon calling for our tired but valiant and indispensable rescue workers. She reassures our fellow citizens who lost their loved ones. And she encourages our huddled neighbors throughout America who are offering support for one another, as we discover who made this assault on freedom and why. She continues to lift her lamp beside the golden door of freedom. She increases our resolve as Americans. She lifts her lamp to celebrate the thousands who did survive, and to illuminate those who banded together in one of the most tremendous outpourings of selflessness in our nation's history.

The depth of the American people's resourcefulness has been demonstrated to the entire world. Our nation will prevail over the most recent challenge to our liberties. We will actively embrace the precious diversity that is America. Our families hail from throughout the world, with religious convictions of every faith. Our diverse population offers the strongest nation in support of freedom in the world.

Over the years, many people of Arab heritage have come to call the United States home. They are just as loyal as any other American and deserve equal treatment. I know in my own community of Toledo one could not have asked for a stronger show of patriotism than what I had heard from so many Arab Americans wanting to know what they could do to help the victims of Tuesday's assault.

It was truly sad to hear the stories of Arab Americans around the nation, including some

in my community, who were the targets of wrong-placed anger. I share the intense feeling that our nation and our people have been immeasurably hurt. But I firmly believe that as a people we must commit ourselves to fighting the terrorism that invaded our shores, not succumb to its infective powers by lashing out at the innocent.

We need to honor the lives that were lost, celebrate the heroes that created another wonderful moment in our nation's stunning history, and emulate the people of Toledo who came together across faiths and across heritage to form what Hussein Barby described as "like a family."

Our American family has been hurt. And in the best American tradition, let our family band together at a time when our strength lies in our unity.