

many tense situations with his wonderful sense of humor. He always makes everyone feel comfortable, and he has always got a real story to tell that is funny as the dickens.

He also writes poetry. One of his masterpieces is called Ode to Okra. Yes, that is the vegetable. Harold loves okra.

As an instrument of reconciliation, Harold has repeatedly brought together people of diverse beliefs and different factions to celebrate their similarities in honor of God. His surgeon, who coincidentally was also my surgeon for breast cancer, recently shared something with me. She has become a dear friend, also.

Dr. Teresa Flippo told me that he always had an aura of calm about him. Whenever he would come in and when she would go in to see him, he would end up ministering to her and really being concerned about all the stresses that she underwent in her profession, had far more concern for her than he did for his own condition.

That is Dr. Bales, a true servant of God.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

HELPING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORISM

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, in scenes worse than a horror movie, Americans witnessed hijacked planes slam into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and fall to the ground in Pittsburgh. In the blink of an eye, thousands of lives were snatched and Americans lost our sense of safety.

For millions who watched the carnage, the harrowing images will be imprinted forever in our memory. But for the children who lost a parent in this catastrophic act of terror, their lives will never be the same again.

Today, I am proud to join my colleague, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE), in introducing H. Con. Res. 228. This resolution calls for immediate benefits for children who lost one or both parents or guardians in the multiple tragedies.

H. Con. Res. 228 will ensure that services for these children will include, but not be limited to, foster care, medical assistance, and psychological services which they so desperately need.

All the money and the services in the world could never replace the loss of their loved ones. But although money cannot heal their scars, with the passage of this resolution, we can begin to bandage their deep wound.

I hope our colleagues sign on to H. Con. Res. 228.

HELPING AIRLINES TO RECOVER

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, every day for the past 8 days, we have watched with deep respect and gratitude as our firefighters, emergency medical personnel, police, soldiers, counselors, and volunteers rescued and then continued the search and the clearing of the debris of the buildings and lives left by the terrorists.

This morning, I want to especially recognize another group of brave and caring people, our airline pilots, cockpit crews, and flight attendants who went back to work and continue to work every day to get us to our destinations safely and comfortably.

Thank you to those at American who took me to mine last weekend and those at all of the other airlines which serve the many cities in all of our districts.

In a few days, we will have the opportunity to really show our gratitude and pass a package to keep our planes flying and thousands of people in the jobs they need so they can provide for themselves and their families. Let us do it.

KEEPING FOCUSED ON KEEPING AMERICA STRONG

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

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, this past week the response of Congress and the American people has been tremendous. We have seen patriotism, bipartisanship, and spiritual renewal, which has been unprecedented in our lifetime.

The focus of Congress has been on the best interests of the country, not on personal ambition or party superiority. The key question is this: What will our focus be next week, next month, and next year?

The best thing that we can do as a Congress to combat terrorism is to, first, display unity of purpose, to serve the national interests above all else; second, provide total commitment, staying power over the coming months and years. This is not going to be a sprint; it is going to be an endurance race. And victory will not go to the swiftest, but to those who have the most resolve and the most commitment.

Third, I think we must support the administration and the military and avoid micromanaging. We cannot become military and tactical experts from this floor.

The Nation will be watching. Our enemies will be watching. Congress will set the tone, one way or another.

A TIME FOR WAR

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as was written long ago, there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to tear down, and a time to build; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Tonight, as our American President will again walk the blue carpet of this Chamber to lead our Nation in a time of war, my hope and my prayer, Mr. Speaker, is that this President will reflect the heart of the American people from this Chamber. I know there is a need to plan, to prepare, to deploy. But justice is inherently impatient, and so am I.

Mr. Speaker, I pray that the President knows in the defense of our Nation, now is the time to tear down. Now is the time for war.

REOPENING AMERICA'S AIRPORT

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, America's airport, National Airport, remains closed as a lasting symbol of the attack of September 11. Until it is opened, the terrorists have a temporary victory.

I would be the last to want us to be reckless. Not only do I live here, 600,000 people whom I represent live here. But they want this airport opened with security, and so does America. Part of the problem may be that there are so many issues with which our country must cope that National Airport may not be getting the attention it deserves.

The Congress and the administration must focus on National Airport because of what it means, not to the capital of the United States, but to our country. As immediate steps, the recommendation that the shuttles be opened is most important, because it would unite Washington with New York and Boston, the two cities that were the objects of attack.

We must make National Airport a pilot for airport security for the Nation. To be sure, many jobs and the economy of this city and region are at stake. More important, opening the airport would be a giant symbol of our willingness to fight back.

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UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT OVERREACT

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the attacks of last week were the most evil, tragic actions ever carried out in this country.

I have said many times that we need to take the strongest possible action

against bin Laden and other terrorists. However, we must be very careful not to overreact. If we go overboard and have an almost panic-type reaction, we will be doing just what the terrorist want us to do.

The Wall Street Journal reports today that bin Laden's fortune is nowhere close to the \$300 million stated in some stories, that his fortune has been wildly exaggerated, and bin Laden's network is a "primitive and cheap force." Besides that, we have just appropriated \$40 billion in emergency funding, and today we start on a bill to give the military the biggest increase in history following 6 straight years of multi-billion dollar increases.

I believe bin Laden has probably been shocked by the worldwide condemnation he received even from people and countries he probably thought would support him. We need to take the terrorists' threats very seriously, but it would be a very bad mistake to greatly overreact. We need to carry on the other functions of government too, and as President Bush has urged, try to get back to normal as soon as we possibly can.

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS

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

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, there are countless heroes that have emerged from this tragedy, firefighters, police and others who have offered themselves in aid to their fellow citizens; but a few have risen even above those, and these are the folks that through their acts of incredible valor actually saved the lives of countless others. They are Jeremy Glick, Todd Beamer, Tom Burnett, and Mark Bingham and the other members of the crew and passengers of Flight 93 that were hijacked.

These people did something so extraordinary that it deserves the attention of this Congress. The way we are able to provide that attention is to award them and the other members of the crew and the passengers of that plane who participated in the events that prevented that plane from reaching its ultimate destination and killing who knows how many other people. We should, in fact, therefore, bestow on them the Congressional Gold Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today for that purpose, and I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in that effort.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6, rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before noon today.

AMENDING CHARTER OF SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2061) to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2061

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER OF SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY REGARDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of the Southeastern University of the Young Men's Christian Association of the District of Columbia", approved August 19, 1937 (50 Stat. 697), as amended by section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia", approved October 10, 1966 (80 Stat. 883), is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "one-third of whom" and all that follows and inserting a period; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking "elected for a term" and inserting "elected by the board for a term".

(b) TREATMENT OF CURRENT TRUSTEES.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not affect the term of office of any individual serving on the Board of Trustees of Southeastern University as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2061.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, our colleague and ranking member of the subcommittee of the District of Columbia, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), introduced H.R. 2061 on June 5, 2001. The subcommittee on the District of Columbia considered and marked up the bill on June 26, and the legislation was considered and ordered reported by the Committee on Government Reform on July 25.

H.R. 2061 amends the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia and removes a provision in its charter requiring that one-third of the board of trustees of the university

be alumni of the university. This provision would enable the university to attract a wider pool of nominees to the board.

I want to thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for introducing this legislation on behalf of the president and board of directors of Southeastern University. I also want to recognize the dedicated work of Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, who has headed Southeastern University and brought it to the level of recognition that it enjoys today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2061, a bill to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia, which was incorporated by an act of Congress in 1937, giving it the flexibility to appoint its board of directors from a larger group of candidates.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2061, legislation I introduced on June 5, 2001, to remove the provision of Southeastern University charter requiring that one-third of the board of trustees be Southeastern alumni.

Southeastern University President Charlene Drew Jarvis and the board of trustees asked me to introduce this corrective measure. The bill unanimously passed in both the subcommittee of the District of Columbia and the full Committee on Government Reform.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my appreciation to the Chair of the subcommittee for the District of Columbia, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), for her support of H.R. 2061 and for her continuing support of all we do in the District of Columbia.

Southeastern University was incorporated in the District of Columbia by an act of Congress on October 19, 1937. Its charter contains a provision requiring that one-third of the University's board of trustees be alumni. On September 9, 1997, I received letters from Southeastern University President Charlene Drew Jarvis and board of trustees Chair Elizabeth Lisboa-Farrow asking that I introduce legislation to remove this provision.

President Jarvis and the board of trustees would like this provision removed in order to let the university draw from a wider pool of potential board nominees. Because the university was incorporated by an act of Congress, only the Congress can effectuate this change.

Southeastern University is an important and productive institution which contributes to higher education and the economy of the District of Columbia by offering undergraduate and graduate degrees geared specifically to the needs of working professionals such as accounting, banking, business management, computer science, information systems management, health services administration, government management, marketing and taxation.