

most vulnerable citizens in the event of a terrorist attack: our children.

The events of September 11 have illustrated only too clearly for us the risks posed to our children by terrorism. Children perished aboard the planes that crashed. Both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon housed day care centers. Nearby schools had to be evacuated. And an estimated 10,000 American children lost a parent as a result of these atrocities—many of them losing their sole or primary caregiver.

In recent weeks, new concerns have emerged. With the threat of bioterrorism and chemical warfare more prominent, we have realized that our understanding of the proper dosages of vaccines and antidotes for children is incomplete. Few health care providers are trained to recognize the early signs of smallpox or anthrax, which can mimic cold or flu symptoms. The National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program is not necessarily equipped with the supplies necessary to administer drugs or other treatment to large numbers of children.

Other needs have become evident as well. Many schools lack effective evacuation plans or methods of moving children to an alternative safe location. Networks do not exist for informing parents of evacuations and the sites where their children may be found. Mental health services are not always available for children traumatized by catastrophic events.

Finally, the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks robbed untold numbers of children of their sole parent or caregiver. While these children are now largely being cared for by relatives and friends, they are considered orphans by the government. We must establish a method for settling these children in loving homes and ensuring that all possible aid and services are provided to them in a coordinated, comprehensive fashion.

I am proud to join my colleague, Senator HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, in introducing today the Protecting America's Children Against Terrorism Act. This bill addresses each of these critical issues, supplying federal resources and coordination to ensure that our children's needs are met in the event of a terrorist attack.

The bill would protect children against bioterrorism by:

Establishing a National Task Force on Children and Terrorism. The task force would examine and make recommendations regarding the preparedness of our Nation's health system for mass casualties of children and youth resulting from bioterrorism.

Establishing a Children and Terrorism Information Network. The network would collect and disseminate information for health providers on how to prepare for a biological or chemical terrorist attack and what steps to take to ensure children get the health care they need in the case of an attack.

Providing research funding on children and bioterrorism.

Supporting training programs for physicians and health care personnel.

Ensuring that the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program (NPSPP) includes inventories to meet the medical needs of children.

The bill would protect our schoolchildren by: Recommending advance plans for school evacuations, safe places and parental notification.

Ensuring mental health services for children affected by terrorism and their caregivers.

The bill would secure our social services infrastructure to assist children and families by:

Helping communities provide universal hotlines, such as 2-1-1.

And, finally, the bill would provide services for children orphaned as a result of terrorism by:

Establishing an Office of Children's Services after any disaster in which children have lost their custodial parent(s).

The events of September 11 have revealed to us the gaps in our preparedness for a major disaster. We owe it to our children to ensure that we close these gaps before a future emergency—be it terrorism, natural disaster, or other cause—requires that we take action.

I hope my colleagues will join me in lending strong support to the Protecting America's Children Against Terrorism Act. Our precious children deserve no less.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND W.J.
HALL, D.D., PASTOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend W.J. Hall for his many outstanding years of service to the Bethel Baptist Church.

W.J. Hall was born August 1, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Hall in Oxford, NC. He attended elementary and high school in Oxford, NC. After graduating from Mary Potter High School in 1947, he went to Philadelphia, PA, to work. He also attended Temple University. In 1950, Reverend Hall joined the U.S. Army serving as a military policeman and working with the CID (Criminal Investigating Department). Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 1953, he completed a double major in religion and social studies at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. Reverend Hall also earned 18 semester hours toward a masters degree in education at North Carolina College in Durham, NC. He used this knowledge when he taught 4 years of public school in North Carolina and Virginia. In addition, Reverend Hall is a member of Phi Beta Sigma, a Master Mason, and a member of NAACP.

Reverend Hall has been the pastor of several other churches, including the Olive Grove Baptist Church of Oxford, NC; Spring Street Baptist Church of Henderson, NC; and the Greenwood Baptist Church of Warrenton, NC. He was married in 1954 to Miss Beatrice Mabel Sellars of Vass, NC. Together he and Mabel have two daughters, Wanda and Andrea.

Since Reverend Hall arrived at Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, he has been busy. Under his leadership, the church membership has greatly increased, the church has been painted and remodeled, a church paper has been published, a new parsonage added, a station wagon purchased and a new pastor's study built. A mural also has been added over the pipe organ, which was purchased by the trustees, along with a Hammond organ purchased. In addition, to his tremendous success at Bethel Baptist Church, he recently, received a divinity degree.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. J.W. Hall has devoted his life to educating others and his church; as such he is more than worthy of receiving our

recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this dedicated and hard-working man of faith.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLARENCE SENIOR CENTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 20th anniversary of the Clarence Senior Center in Clarence, NY.

The Clarence Senior Center is an important gathering place for our community—providing social, educational, recreational, and nutritional support for the town's independent senior population. The center is a place to share friendships and experiences, and encourages independence of its members, who range in age from 60 to 96.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in saluting Clarence Senior Citizens, Inc., upon the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its center, and that this honorable body extend its sincerest appreciation to the staff, volunteers, members, and visitors who have made this facility such a tremendous asset to our community.

IN MEMORY OF MAJOR WALLACE
COLE HOGAN, JR.

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Major Wallace Cole Hogan, Jr. for serving our country in the United States Army. Major Hogan grew up in Macon, Georgia, and attended Valdosta State University. After graduation, he joined the Georgia Army National Guard as a Rifle and Mortar Platoon Leader.

Major Hogan was truly born to serve. His time with the National Guard included the 19th Special Forces Group Airborne, Commander of the Colorado Army National Guard, 20th Special Forces Group Airborne, and Alabama Army National Guard as a Detachment Commander. On April 4, 1993 Major Hogan accepted in Army active duty appointment in the grade of Captain. He was a member of the Green Berets and fought in the Persian Gulf War with the 1st Special Forces Group Airborne as a Battalion Operations officer and Detachment Commander. He also served as the Commander, Special Forces Instructor Detachment, U.S. Army Jungle Operations Training Battalion, Fort Sherman, Panama.

Ultimately, Major Hogan arrived at the Pentagon and joined the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in June 1999. His work at the Pentagon included Special Operations Staff Officer in the Directorate of Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization and Executive Officer for the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. A committed serviceman, Major Hogan dedicated his entire professional life to the United States Army.

On September 11, terrorists claimed the lives of our friends, family and loved ones