

loved all the students who passed through that school year after year.

Can anyone imagine being president of the Western Harnett Boosters Club for two or three years? Everette did that job for 18 years and loved every minute of it.

He loved his church and his community. He loved the Democratic Party. And he served all three with loyalty, with dedication, with humility, and with faith in God. While this is a sad day for all of us, it would be wise of us to remember the words of the great artist, Leonardo da Vinci, who said on the death of a friend:

“As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used brings a happy death.”

Certainly, Everette Suitt's life was well used. We are saddened at the loss of this good man. As the poet John Donne has reminded us:

“* * * any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.”

Today, the bell tolls for us as Everette goes to his heavenly home. But I would predict that Heaven today is a happier place than it was a few days ago. That Everette is rushing around greeting those who have gone on before and renewing acquaintances. That his happy smile has already endeared him to the Community of Angels. That he is already volunteering to take on whatever job God feels needs doing to improve the community.

And even to suggest a few tasks himself. Goodbye, Good Friend. Amen.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KARI
DISTEFANO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Kari Distefano, a woman whose competitive spirit and unrelenting will has taken her to the top of her field as a runner, and distinguished her as one of this country's greatest athletes. Her incredible accomplishment of being named U.S.A. Track and Field's top women's mountain runner of the year is a testament not only to her incredible natural abilities, but to her unparalleled work ethic and indomitable human spirit.

This incredible honor is the manifestation of a life-long passion, and could not have been bestowed upon a more deserving individual. In September of 2001, Kari competed in the World Mountain Running Trophy Race in Udine, Italy, finishing with the top U.S. rank, and placing 21st overall in a field that included competitors from over 30 countries. She has been named an alternate for the United States Track and Field Team, and recently broke a course record at the 37-kilometer Grand Junction Rim Rock Run. Her training grounds are the hills of Telluride, Colorado, but she has proven that her dominance extends far beyond these local hills.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Kari is a person of unparalleled dedication and commitment to her life-long pursuit of running at a world-class level. It is not only her incredible talent, but her unrelenting passion for competition and her unconquerable human spirit that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. She is a remarkable woman who has reached

extraordinary heights in her pursuit of excellence in athletics and in life. It is my distinct pleasure to honor her today, and wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors. You have truly made this country proud.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT. 11TH

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, The attacks of September 11th wounded our national psyche, but the most profound wounds were surely felt by the thousands of families who lost loved ones. Allowing the victims' family members to view the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui—the sole suspect indicted thus far in connection with the cowardly attacks—is the right and compassionate thing to do.

Unfortunately, the Federal Judicial Conference, which has authority over the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia where the trial will occur, does not permit court proceedings to be televised. This legislation would require the closed-circuit broadcast of the proceedings to “convenient locations” around the nation. It is modeled after Section 235 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, (P.L. 104–132), which was enacted after the Oklahoma City bombing trial was moved to Denver. In that case, an exception was made, with Congress requiring the court to broadcast the proceedings via closed-circuit television back to victims' family members in Oklahoma. P.L. 104–132 is triggered only when the trial has been moved more than 350 miles from the state where the case was originally brought.

This legislation mirrors legislation already passed in the Senate (S. 1858) that would allow those whom the court determines to have a “compelling interest” to witness the trial—but are unable to attend because of expense, inconvenience, or courtroom space limitations—to do so via closed-circuit transmission. The transmission locations include but are not limited to Northern Virginia; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; New York City; Boston; and Newark, New Jersey—the sites of the attacks, as well as the places where the aircraft involve departed or were intended to arrive. The court retains the discretion to designate additional sites.

Until S. 1858 bill and the House companion bill become law, Congress would have to affirmatively act to permit televised proceedings of Zacarias Moussaoui's trial.

Like the earlier law (P.L. 104–132), the court determines who has a compelling interest to view the trial, but are otherwise unable to do so by reason of inconvenience and expense. The courtroom in Alexandria may fit only about 80 spectators. Officials estimate that there are 10,000 to 15,000 victims and families of the crimes for which Moussaoui is charged.

Who is Zacarias Moussaoui: Attorney General Ashcroft has said the French citizen Zacarias Moussaoui, 33, was an “active participant” in the plot by the al-Qaeda terrorist

network to crash jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but was thwarted when he was detained on immigration charges in August, 2001. Moussaoui, of Moroccan descent, allegedly received \$14,000 from an al-Qaeda operative, and engaged in a pattern of behavior that mirrored the activities of the 19 suicide hijackers. He is charged with six counts of conspiracy, including four that carry the death penalty.

The indictment of Moussaoui reads, in part: “Zacarias Moussaoui . . . with other members and associates of al-Qaeda and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly combined, conspired, confederated and agreed to kill and maim persons within the United States, and to create a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to other persons by destroying and damaging structures, conveyances and other real and personal property within the United States.”

Moussaoui has already been arraigned. His trial is set for October, 2002.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, reminds us that we must continually work and, if necessary, fight to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. In particular, several distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District will be recognized during the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 21, 2002, at the Genesis Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club that was founded in 1952 sponsors this annual memorial breakfast.

This year the Gary Frontiers Club will pay tribute to nine local individuals who have for decades unselfishly contributed to improving the human condition of others in the City of Gary. Those individuals who will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast include: Thomas V. Barnes, Former Mayor of Gary; James W. Holland, deceased Former Deputy Mayor of Gary; Rudolph Clay, Lake County 1st District Commissioner; Frank Perry, Former Lake County Councilman; Reverend Dr. Floyd E. Dumas, Sr., Founder and former Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church; Nancy M. Kelly, Vice President of L.C.E.O.C., Inc.; Earline Rogers, Indiana State Senator; Dr. Vernon G. Smith, Indiana State Representative; and David E. Ross, Jr. M.D., an active and honorable community member. Additionally, one of these nine individuals will be honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award.