

so that those with highly technical skills can focus their time and energies on the tasks they are trained to perform.

In Daytona Beach, for example, nearly two hundred members of our Senior Corps participate in the local Citizens on Patrol program, helping police with traffic management and neighborhood watch. They wear uniforms, look for suspicious activity, remove disabled vehicles, watch vacant homes, and search for missing persons. They have fingerprinted thousands of children in an effort to keep them safe in the community. Last year alone, they served more than 51,000 hours and logged more than 360,000 miles in their patrol cars, allowing trained law enforcement officials in the county to focus on crime prevention and real emergencies.

And there's more to come. Just a few weeks ago, we became one of the first federal agencies to direct grant money to community groups working in homeland security. The \$10.3 million in grants we gave to 43 private groups and public agencies in 26 states and the District of Columbia will support more than 37,000 homeland security volunteers across the nation. The grantees included: the venerable American Radio Relay League, based in Connecticut, which will create a national communications network of amateur radio enthusiasts prepared to respond in disasters when those new-fangled cell phones and pda's become inoperative; Mercy Medical Airlift, a charitable organization based in Virginia that usually flies critically ill patients to receive treatment around the country, but will also now prepare its network of pilots to fly at a moment's notice, transporting emergency blood shipments to hospitals, key relief agency officials to disaster sites, and needed materials to rescue and response crews; and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, which will train an intergenerational group of 2000 public housing residents in emergency preparedness, crime prevention, basic responder skills, and the use of two-way radios. In several communities, the American Red Cross will be working with local organizations to develop response plans and in New York City, the AmeriCorps Public Safety Program will place members in firehouses to relieve some of the administrative burdens on the "bravest of the brave," who sacrificed so much for all of us on September 11. Last, but not least, one of our grants will establish the New Jersey Secure Corps, whose main objective will be to ensure that every county in that state has a fully functioning VOAD.

These programs, I believe, represent some of the most appropriate and effective ways that citizens can help prepare for or respond to any future attack. They build on our strengths—the vast array of voluntary groups that are spread throughout our nation and the credibility they enjoy with so many Americans—to create an organized network that is ready, willing, and able to tackle emergencies whenever and wherever they arise. They do not ask ordinary citizens to take on the often difficult and dangerous tasks that the "first responders" and other specialists are qualified to do. But by coordinating their efforts with those trained professionals, these programs enable ordinary Americans—such as Senior Corps member Roseann Schneider, who is here today, but would otherwise be helping the Montgomery County police—to make extraordinary contributions to our nation's safety and security when the occasion requires them to do so.

Most importantly, by enlisting Americans in serving their country, these programs—and the broader efforts of the USA Freedom Corps—help to perpetuate our country's greatest source of strength, both in war and in peace: a citizenry that is actively engaged in public life.

When he announced the creation of USA Freedom Corps, the President also asked Americans to devote at least two years of their lives—or 4,000 hours—in service to their

Congress also needs to pass the Citizen Service Act, the legislation pending in the House right now would bring much needed improvements and reforms to our programs—as well as more resources. It has been almost a decade since the laws that authorize our programs were last debated and authorized—and while we have done much to expand and improve our programs with lapsed authorization, we think that debate and discussion will take us much further—and will ultimately help enhance the availability of quality volunteer opportunities for individuals and improve the quality of service that volunteers provide in response to many of our greatest national needs, including homeland security. A clear Congressional endorsement of this work would be a fitting way to recognize the efforts volunteers made on September 11—and are still making—to guard against the evils of terrorism.

Here with us today is one of those people: AmeriCorps member Mark Lindquist, who is a team leader at the DC campus of our National Civilian Community Corps. Right after September 11, he helped run shuttles between the Pentagon and Red Cross headquarters in Arlington, set up Red Cross centers for rescue and relief workers, as well as for survivors and their families, and a phone bank which people could call for more information. And during the rest of his AmeriCorps year, he took the training he received in helping victims of catastrophes to La Plata, Maryland, as well as states that had been ravaged by floods and forest fires.

All of us at the Corporation for National and Community Service, including our chairman, former Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and distinguished board of directors, are privileged to work with people like Mark and on issues such as volunteerism, philanthropy, and national service for many years now. For the first time in a long time, the values that we seek to inculcate and perpetuate through programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America—patriotism, democratic citizenship, a concern for the national purpose, the desire to give back—are on the front burner of our nation's politics.

But they won't stay there forever. Dr. Robert Putnam, author of the book *Bowling Alone*, recently noted that: "in the aftermath of [last] September's tragedy, a window of opportunity has opened for a sort of civic renewal that occurs only once or twice a century. But though the crisis revealed and replenished the wells of solidarity in American communities, so far those wells remain untapped."

We should not lose the momentum toward civic connectedness and service to others that came out of the terrible event whose anniversary we will mark in just two weeks. Our Nation still has a great need for volunteers, in homeland security and in many other areas. And public service itself is a responsibility that attends the privilege of life in a free society. Among all that we will be called upon to remember in the next two weeks, let us not forget that the ideals embodied by our country are not only worth defending. They are also worth serving.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM
OLTERMAN

SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow as I rise to pay tribute to the memory and passing of Colorado Division of Wildlife biologist, Jim Olterman of Dolores, Colorado. Jim Olterman had an exemplary career in his time at the agency and embodied the prin-

ciples of honesty, hardwork, and courage that Coloradans and all Americans should strive to exemplify. As his family mourns his loss, we should pay tribute to a man who has contributed so much not only to the vitality of the region's wildlife, but also to the State of Colorado.

Mr. Olterman tragically lost his life Wednesday when his plane crashed while he was carrying out aerial fish-stocking duties high in the lakes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. As the most experienced pilot in the CDOW, Jim understood the danger that was involved in flying these high risk operations, but he chose the assignment because he believed in the division's mission to ensure the vitality of animal species in the wild.

Mr. Olterman served a very distinguished career in 27 years at the division. After attending Oregon State graduate school, Mr. Olterman entered into Division of Wildlife training classes and, in 1972, began to work for the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Ridgeway District. In 1979, Jim was promoted to the position of senior terrestrial biologist for the district, followed by a promotion in 1994 to senior terrestrial biologist for the entire Western Slope of Colorado.

Jim was involved in the reintroduction of many wildlife species in Western Colorado such as moose, lynx, and the black foot ferret. He was also the lead biologist of big game species in his district and played a crucial role in the expansion of big game herds throughout the region. Well-liked and widely respected throughout the agency, Jim Olterman was known as the "go to guy" who could always provide assistance and a thoughtful opinion on a broad range of subjects. It has been widely expressed throughout the CDOW that his pleasant company will be deeply missed and the proficiency and expertise that he brought to his work will be irreplaceable.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect and great sadness that I recognize Mr. Jim Olterman before this body of Congress and this nation for the definitive contributions he made to his profession, to Colorado, and this nation. He devoted his life to the protection and management of Colorado's wildlife, and I commend him for the diligence and commitment he displayed in his professional endeavors. He will be missed by the many souls he touched in his life and I express my sincere condolences to his wife Robin and his family.

REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, recently, as the one-year anniversary of September 11 approached, I looked back over the statement I released the day after the attacks occurred. As I read the statement that was issued even as the smoke and dust still billowed over Lower Manhattan, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, I was struck by how easy it was to write some of the words and how difficult it was to write others.

It was tremendously difficult to put into words my feelings of disbelief and anger over the insane acts of 19 individuals and their supporters. It still is. It was heart rending to try to voice the sorrow and sympathy I felt for the victims and their families. And that, too, is still difficult.

It was not difficult, however to write the words of hope, pride and conviction I had for this country and its people on September 12. And, today, a year later, I am happy to report that the hope, pride and conviction were well-founded. On September 12, 2001 I wrote, in part:

"As I walked to work across the Capitol grounds this morning, a day after the attacks, I was struck as I often am by the incredible beauty of the U.S. Capitol building. The dome was shining a brilliant white against a clear blue sky on a beautiful late summer day. I realized that the glorious dome, such a symbol of the strength and stability of our country, might well have been the final target of the ill-fated fourth hijacked plane.

"The simple truth is that even if a terrorist act had destroyed the dome, or if a thousand terrorist acts had obliterated the entire capital, America would still be standing firm as it is today."

In the past year, we have cried and cursed. We have opened our hearts and our wallets. We have buried our dead and we continue to heal our wounded and sorrowful. We have cleared the debris and begun to rebuild. Our President has led, and Congress has indeed stood shoulder to shoulder with him in support. Our soldiers have fought bravely and we here at home have done what we do best—we went back to work.

We will never again look at the world in the same way. We are sadder. We are wiser. We are closer. And, as I said a year ago, we are still standing firm. We've been through a lot. There will be tough times ahead, but today I have even a stronger feeling of hope, pride and conviction in our country and its people. God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO GARY QUICK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A UNION LEADER

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man who was a union member for over forty three years and a union leader in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for almost that long. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gary Quick on the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2002.

Gary Quick was born in downstate Michigan on October 28, 1940 and moved with his family to Rapid River in the Upper Peninsula as a child. Gary graduated from Rapid River High School in 1959.

Gary's union career began when he accepted a position as a sub assembler at the Harnischfeger Corporation plant in Escanaba, Michigan on May 4, 1959. With the new position came membership in United Auto Workers Local 632.

Gary came from a union family so he understood and valued the importance of union membership and union leadership. Gary was elected by members of Local 632 as Steward in 1963 serving until 1966.

Gary maintained the respect of the union rank and file and was elected Vice President of U.A.W. Local 632 in 1967. After two years as Vice President, Gary was elected President of Local 632 in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, Gary is not just a leader in his union, he is also a patriot who has a great love of his country. While serving his brothers and sisters as president of local 632, Gary also served his country as a United States Army Reservist.

Gary was honored to be sent to the U.A.W. Constitutional Convention as a delegate seven times between the years 1966 and 1983. He also served as a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council. In addition to his union activities, Gary served as a Commissioner on the Delta County Road Commission for six years.

The United Auto Workers Union recognized Gary's union leadership skills and service and appointed him to a union staff position as an International Representative in the United Auto Worker's Escanaba Sub-Region I-D office in April of 1989.

While serving as an International Representative, Gary successfully negotiated union contracts in a wide variety of employment settings including the health care, higher education, automotive, and aerospace industries.

Not one to shy away from public service, Gary also served on many community and industry boards and councils such as the Blue Cross Blue Shield Advisory Board, the Labor management Board, and the Private Industry Council.

After attending his last U.A.W. Constitutional Convention this year, Gary announced his retirement effective June 30, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, when Gary was asked to recall the biggest influence in his union career, he responded that former United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther was the most influential figure in his career. The late Walter Reuther, who was known to call everyone he met brother, made many profound statements in his lifelong effort to better the lives of workers everywhere.

One such statement inscribed on Reuther's statue in the Walter and May Reuther Gardens at the Black Lake U.A.W. Educational Center in my district reads: "There is no greater calling than to serve your brother. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Mr. Speaker, brother Gary Quick responded to his great calling and brother Quick has served his brothers and sisters well.

While Gary may be retiring from his active position with the union, I know that he will retain his love and support for his brothers and sisters in labor. Gary will now be able to focus his activities toward his wife Beverly and step-daughter Tina, who, together with friends, relatives and union brothers and sisters celebrated Gary's retirement at a dinner on September 7, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting Gary Quick, a true personal friend and a friend of labor in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES H. GOMEZ

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of CalPERS' highest-ranking officials, Mr. James H. Gomez, as he ends his tenure as the Deputy Executive Officer.

James Gomez was appointed to the position of Deputy Executive Officer of CalPERS in December of 1996, a position that is second in command and serves as the chief operating officer under the CEO. As chief operating officer, James Gomez was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the \$145 billion retirement system. He led the implementation of CalPERS' strategic plan to ensure the system is a world-class administrator of retirement and health benefits for public employees.

While at CalPERS, James Gomez made his mark by improving customer service with the Customer Call Center which significantly improves the ability to provide solutions to members' problems. He also led the effort to obtain \$7 billion in state funding to benefit state and public school employees. The imaging project he oversaw allowed 51 million records to be imaged for increased record efficiency. CalPERS is a more effective and efficient organization due to the hard work and dedication of James Gomez.

James Gomez has been a public servant for close to 30 years working for the State Department of Benefit Payments, State Department of Social Services, California Department of Corrections, the County of Santa Clara, and most recently CalPERS. His dedication to public service kept him with the California State Department of Social Services over several years where he was tasked with ensuring that all children and foster care services were difficult to enter into but simple to leave.

James Gomez is the recipient of many distinguished awards and recognitions, including the American Society of Public Administrators and the Outstanding Public Administrator Award. In recognition for his contributions, he has earned the One to One, Leadership Award, Share the Path Program, along with other such distinguishable awards.

I am honored to join the employees of CalPERS in commending James Gomez for his many years in public service. His dedication to the community has been great and his commitment to the employees of California will serve as a model for others to follow.

U.S. SHOULD ASSUME INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I expected that the United States would have taken a leadership role in the recent international summit on sustainable development. Instead, I am disappointed to report that this Administration has taken a back seat in international discussions on global warming and increasing the use of renewable energy.

GLOBAL WARMING

The United States is the number one contributor of greenhouse gases worldwide. We have a responsibility to provide the necessary international leadership to address global warming. It is shameful that the Bush Administration has elected to ignore that responsibility. Not only did the Bush Administration decide that the United States should not take a leadership role on addressing the challenges presented by global warming, but worse, it also