

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### MARIJUANA MISINFORMATION

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House a recent editorial by John P. Walters, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Writing in the San Francisco Chronicle on September 1, 2002, Director Walters commented on the widespread campaign of misinformation being waged on the issue of medical marijuana by those who favor drug legalization. Far from being a harmless drug with potential medicinal use, John Walters argues that the marijuana available to teenagers today is far stronger than that consumed by the Woodstock generation.

But rather than presenting a united front against the dangers of this drug, the debate over medicinal use is only sowing confusion among parents and adolescents alike. Meanwhile, emergency room admissions and treatment enrollments involving teenagers for marijuana use is rising sharply. In recent years, drug overdoses have overtaken homicides as the leading causes of death among teenagers.

Regrettably, many in the media have bought into the "compassionate" argument that severely ill people need the option of smoking marijuana to alleviate their symptoms. While running counter to common sense, this argument has been strong enough to support ballot initiatives in several States.

Adolescent use of marijuana is a serious problem with widespread ramifications. There needs to be more voices like Director Walters entering the debate to counteract the misguided, harmful, and misleading arguments being fostered and presented by groups preying on people's compassion as a way to open the door for wholesale drug legalization.

For review by my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I request that Director Walter's editorial be inserted in full at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

[From the San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 1, 2002]

#### MARIJUANA TODAY—SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

(By John P. Walters)

The public debate over marijuana has been plagued by difficulties, not the least of which is a lack of accurate information. Any policy debate that draws activists promoting their cause is likely to suffer from confusion. But the debate over marijuana has been further muddled by careless or gullible media reports. Too often, journalists are fed misleading advocacy information that they swallow whole.

For instance, one columnist recently charged that worry about the increased potency of today's marijuana is wildly overstated. In fact, he calls such claims "whoppers," because the active ingredient THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) "has only doubled to 4.2 percent from about 2 percent from 1980 to 1997."

No wonder the public has trouble getting a clear picture. His source for this information is the Marijuana Policy Project, a group of marijuana legalizers relying on a study that covers just those years. Unfortunately, the columnist did not check his facts with the Drug Enforcement Administration, which monitors scientific studies of marijuana.

What does the DEA analysis show? In 1974, the average THC content of marijuana was less than 1 percent. But by 1999, potency averaged 7 percent. Further, unlike the old "ditchweed" and bulk marijuana of the past, there are now far more powerful products to entice youth. The THC of today's sinsemilla averages 14 percent and ranges as high as 30 percent.

Even stronger stuff is on the way. The point is that the potency of available marijuana has not merely "doubled," but increased as much as 30 times.

Some advocates argued that this increased potency is actually good news, because kids will simply use less. But the data don't support that interpretation. The number of tons of marijuana sold in America is increasing, not decreasing. The number of people seeking medical treatment for marijuana abuse is increasing rapidly, not decreasing. In fact, the number of adolescent marijuana admissions increased 260 percent between 1992 and 1999.

The stakes in this debate are high, especially for young people. So widespread is marijuana in today's schools that nearly half of all high school seniors report having tried it by graduation, while a smaller but still alarming number report using it every month—even everyday. This is a drug that, after all, produces withdrawal symptoms, is associated with learning and memory disturbances and produces behavioral problems for those who become dependent.

It's time to face facts: Today's marijuana is a more dangerous drug than the pot of the Woodstock era. It creates tolerance (you need increasing doses to achieve the same effect), and at high doses it induces paranoia or even violence.

The haze of misinformation grows even thicker when it comes to the issue of "medical" marijuana. On the face of it, the idea that desperately sick people could be helped by smoking an intoxicating weed seems unlikely, even medieval. It is, in fact, absurd.

Smoking marijuana, even if it weren't psychotropic, hardly seems healthy. The threat of lung damage, not to mention exposure to carcinogens and more toxins than those found in tobacco smoke, increases with every "hit." But no less than the New York Times editorialized recently in support of medical marijuana. Amazingly, the paper termed it "life-saving" and claimed it represented "mainstream medical opinion."

Who have they been listening to? Perhaps the source was the same Marijuana Policy Project, which paid for a full-page ad in the Times on March 6, 2000. The MPP claimed scientific support for medical marijuana from the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, whose Institute of Medicine, MPP claimed, "urged the federal government to give seriously ill people immediate access to medical marijuana on a case-by-case basis."

But nowhere in the IOM report can you find this "urging." Quite the contrary: the IOM throws cold water on smoked-marijuana enthusiasts, stating clearly, "Marijuana is not a modern medicine."

Does the IOM regard marijuana as a helpful "medicine" for the afflicted? Not at all. "In no way," the researchers continued, "do we wish to suggest that patients should, under any circumstances, medicate themselves with marijuana." In fact, they state that any experimental subjects must be notified that they are using "a harmful drug delivery system," adding that short-term experiments might be conducted only after the "documented failure of all approved medicines" and only under strict medical supervision.

But while the IOM wishes to study the ingredients in marijuana, the purpose of these clinical trials (now being conducted through the University of California at San Diego) is not to investigate the potential medical benefit of smoking the stuff. As the researchers put it, their purpose "would not be to develop marijuana as a licensed drug."

These facts place us far away from efforts to justify the distribution of marijuana cigarettes through cannabis buyers clubs. Real and lasting damage can follow "experimentation" with marijuana, as reflected in the fact that marijuana abuse is today the major reason for young people to seek drug treatment.

Yet, listening to some in the media you are still likely to hear that marijuana "isn't such a big deal," and that even the National Academy of Sciences endorses it "for medicinal purposes." Now you know better.

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO AMANDA DAVIO AND ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Amanda Davio and her classmates at St. Martha Catholic School in Okemos, Michigan, for their special efforts to thank the thousands of volunteers and emergency workers who responded to the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon here in Washington, D.C.

Last year, soon after those tragic attacks, I asked children throughout Michigan's 8th Congressional District to write letters and cards to the military men and women who were preparing for the war against terrorism. St. Martha students responded to that request along with hundreds of other students. Several of the schools, like St. Martha and Amanda Davio's kindergarten class, also sent along letters and cards for the workers at the attack sites.

These were forwarded to the Red Cross and eventually Amanda's card made it into the hands of New York City Police Officer Steve Tarricone. Officer Tarricone contacted the school, eventually traveled there to meet the students, especially Amanda, whose greeting has inspired him at a time when his spirits were very low.

Since then, the Davio family has visited New York and the two families have become

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good friends, developing a special bond born out of the shared experience of dealing with the aftermath of the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

The remarkable story of this new friendship is best told in the words of Amanda's father, Christopher Davio who wrote:

With the approach of the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I'd like to relate an uplifting side to the story and how, out of such horrific happenings; blessings and new relationships can grow.

Shortly after 09/11/01, U.S. Representative MIKE ROGERS sent out a request to the school children of his district to write cards and letters to the rescue workers at Ground Zero, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. My daughters' school, St. Martha Catholic School in Okemos, like I'm sure many other schools in the area, answered the call and each class composed cards, which were delivered to Mr. ROGERS for forwarding to the workers.

The cards followed a circuitous route and my daughter Amanda Davio's (age 5 and in Kindergarten at the time) card ended up posted in a Red Cross tent at the Staten Island Landfill, along with hundreds of other cards and notes. There in early March of this year, the construction paper card caught the eye of an NYPD officer, Steven Tarricone. The card, with a 5 year olds rendition of the American Flag and the words "Thank You" on the cover had a simple but profound message inside, "You Make Me Feel Proud." Officer Tarricone saw that the card, signed Amanda Davio, was stamped with the school's name and address on the back and wishing to express his gratitude for the support and comfort that the card and all the other cards and notes had given him, placed it in his pocket and took it home.

Steve showed the card to his wife and his partner. He had to put in long days and was drawing extra shifts while the city still struggled with the aftermath of the devastating attack. After a few weeks, he put together a package and sent it to the St. Martha School. Inside the package was a thank you card in which he wrote a little about himself and his job. He described the day he found Amanda's card, he was assigned to the Staten Island Landfill and as he said, "My job for the day was to sift through the debris to try to find anything that would bring closure to the family members of victims of the World Trade Center." He thanked Amanda, her classmates and the staff at St. Martha School for their support and for taking the time out of their day to thank all the rescue workers. Steve included in the package five pictures he took on the days immediately following the disaster and took the time to describe on the back of each picture what was shown. He also sent along an NYPD cap, arm patch and ID cards with the request that they be given to Amanda.

Mrs. Helen Hillman, Principal of St. Martha, related to me how moved she was as she opened the package and after discussing the contents with other staff members, Amanda's teacher, Kara Lampke, suggested she present the items to Amanda at the upcoming spring program that the school children were to perform the next week. When next she saw me at the school, Mrs. Hillman told me to be sure and have my camera ready at the end of the program as Amanda was going to be presented with something. Being the proud parent that we are, my wife and I videoed and photographed throughout the show and when the time came for Mrs. Hillman to present the items and relate the story, sat there stunned by the thoughtfulness of Steve's reply. For him to express his gratitude in such a way and to know that someone took the time to show all the chil-

dren how important their support was to the workers and victims of September 11 was one of the most significant events in my life.

A few days later, Officer Tarricone called the school to see if they had received the package and talked to Mrs. Hillman at length about what the cards had meant to him and other workers at the sites. He said he was amazed at the outpouring of support shown by the entire county and was moved by the fact that Amanda's card had come from a kindergarten from halfway across the county.

My wife and I began to put together a few things to send back to Officer Tarricone and his family and after videoing greetings from Amanda and her sister Angela (8) and Alissa (14), included the tape of the presentation and the school program along with other cards, photos and expressions of thanks.

When Steve got that package, he called to share his excitement with us and told "in the past 24 hours, I've watched the tape at least 25 times." He had shown it to his mother and sister and they were all so happy about our reaction to his reply.

We kept in contact over the next few weeks and Steve told us that he had gone to the Policemen's Benevolent Association for permission to have Amanda named an Honorary NYPD Officer. After receiving permission, he had a plaque made and sent it along with more photos, commemorative pins and the arm patches from each of the units of the NYPD to Amanda.

In the meantime, Mrs. Hillman called our local papers and news outlets and a story was run on the front page of the Community News as well as a news segment on WLJ which was aired as a local connection to the official closing of the clean up effort at Ground Zero.

Since then, Mrs. Hillman has traveled to New York on a trip that she had planned long before all this developed. Steve met her at the airport with a red rose and welcomed her and her red rose and welcomed her and her family. He arranged a visit to police headquarters and Ground Zero for all of them.

We took our family to New York at the end of August to meet Steve and his family (wife Michelle and daughter Ashley). Upon our arrival at a nearby hotel Wednesday, August 28, we called Steve and he immediately came to meet us. Greeting him for the first time was like seeing a close family member after a long absence. Amanda ran into his arms and the smiles lit up the whole lobby of the hotel. Steve took us to his house and we met Michelle and Ashley. Steve had a shirt made for Amanda in the style of his uniform, complete with her name and honorary badge number as well as NYPD arm patches and badge insignia.

We saw Steve again the next day at his house and met with a reporter and photographer from the Long Island Catholic, a diocese newspaper who had heard of the story from one of their staffers with family here in Okemos. After visiting with the representatives from the paper, we did a little touring locally then went to dinner with Steve and his family.

On Friday, Steve and Michelle met us at our hotel and took us into Manhattan. He had arranged a tour similar to the one given to Mrs. Hillman on her trip earlier in the month. We got to lower Manhattan about an hour before our appointment at One Police Plaza and while driving near Ground Zero, saw a fire station at the corner of Water and Wall Streets. Steve asked us to wait in the car while he went in and talked to the firemen on duty. The firemen, after hearing the story from Steve, welcomed us into the station, gave us a tour of the fire trucks and equipment and posed for pictures with the

girls in fire suits and helmets. We paid our respects to the fallen members of the station at a memorial on the sidewalk in front of the firehouse, thanked the two firemen for the tour and their welcome, and went on to our appointment at Police Headquarters.

Pulling up to One Police Plaza was like entering a military post. Concrete barriers are placed so that only one vehicle can enter or leave the lot at a time and a large sanitation truck blocks the opening, pulling away to allow access after getting clearance from the guard post, then moving back to block the entrance. Security was tight! Upon entering the building, we passed through metal detectors and were photographed and given passes to wear on our outermost clothing.

We were all escorted to the Division of Community Affairs where we met Detective John Rowen and his daughter Ashleen. Detective Rowen took us to a conference room where we also met Detective Eugene Canapi. Gene had heard the story and came in on his day off to show us a presentation that the department had put together as a historical documentary on the events of September 11, 2001. Both men expressed their welcomes to us and told us how much the cards and letters from across the nation had meant to them. John said that of all the cards he had seen, it never occurred to him to answer back and he was glad that Steve had shown such thoughtfulness to reply to Amanda.

After the presentation, reporters from the New York Post and Newsday interviewed us and took photos of Steve and Amanda in their "uniforms!" We met Deputy Commissioner Patrick (Division of Community Affairs) and were greeted and treated like VIP's by everyone.

Detective Rowen and his daughter took us all down to the waterfront near Battery Park where we boarded a Police Harbor Patrol boat and were given a tour of the area from the water. We rode under the Brooklyn Bridge, out to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. I'm not usually an emotionally demonstrative person but I had tears in my eyes when I saw the Statue. It was my first visit to New York City and had never seen it before. I remember thinking back to 9/11/01 and hearing the threats made to her after the horrible attacks. I was sure at that time that I'd never see it in person and was truly overcome at seeing her from the boat. I imagine that is how my ancestors felt coming over from Italy at the turn of the last century.

While on the Harbor Patrol boat, I talked with one of the officers that made up the crew of three. He had no idea who we were and when I told him the story he told me how glad he was that Steve had replied in the way that he had. He described the events of that day and how they ferried survivors and rescue workers to the site and told me how much they all appreciated the support shown by the rest of the country after the attack. He said that the Red Cross had given him a box of cookies sent by some school children from New Jersey and that he still kept the note that they had enclosed in his wallet, nearly a year afterwards.

After the harbor tour, we returned to One Police Plaza and were told that Police Commissioner Ray Kelly would like to meet Amanda. We were absolutely floored! Steve was really nervous as we waited to be escorted into the Commissioner's office, as he had never met him before either. Detective Rowen remarked that he doubted that many officers with Steve's experience (he's been on the force for seven years) had been invited to meet the Commissioner in his office. Commissioner Kelly greeted us warmly and posed for pictures with Amanda and Steve and a group photo with all of us. He gave us a brief

tour of his office and explained that his desk was Teddy Roosevelt's from his tour as Commissioner in the late 1800's.

After leaving the Commissioner's office, Detective Rowen took us to see Ground Zero. After seeing it so often in news coverage, it was an uncanny feeling to actually be at the site. I said a quiet prayer for the victims and listened while Detective Rowen related his memories from the day of the attack. He was at the command center when the first plane hit and was helping victims at the foot of the buildings when the first tower fell. There is a brief shot of him running up the street in one of the CNN videos as the cloud of debris follows behind. He said it was like a wall of water, he ducked into a side street and the wave of dirt followed him around the corner. A nearby visitor asked what is was like to be surrounded by the smoke and he said it wasn't smoke, it was more like dirt and fine particles of concrete dust that followed him and eventually covered him like so many of the photos we all saw from the news that day.

The site now looks more like a construction site and an individual happening along on it today would probably wonder what was going to be built there. The sides of the hole go straight down for probably five or six stories and you can see each level of the substructure of the underground areas across the way. We could see where the subway tunnel was going north from the site. For someone who had never seen the World Trade Center, it was hard to imagine just how tall it was. Standing at Ground Zero now, you are surrounded by skyscrapers, the tallest of which is 54 stories. I tried to explain to my daughters that if they took that building and placed another one just like it on top that would have been about the same height as the 110 stories of the Twin Towers. Many of the buildings still show damage from the attack and collapse of WTC. Still the clean up has been a heroic effort in and of itself.

My family thanked Detective Rowen as we left and my middle daughter, Angela (8) exchanged e-mail addresses with Ashleen planning to stay in contact. As we drove back to Long Island we all were just amazed at the events of the day. Reflecting on the tragedy of last year and remembering the expressions of welcome and gratitude from each and every person we met.

When we had first discussed going to New York City to meet Steve and his family, he had told us that when we got there he was going to throw a big party. As the plans for the trip grew, we found out that his daughter Ashley's second birthday (September 1) would be celebrated on Saturday, August 31 and that he was having his whole family over. We picked that weekend to go so that we could meet all of them and make sure that they knew just how special we thought that Steve and Michelle were. Saturday dawned with a story in the New York Post about Amanda and Steve and how a small thank you card and its magnificent reply reached halfway across the country to bring them together. As we arrived at Steve and Michelle's, we were welcomed by all of their family and friends as a new part of the family. Steve's mother Linda had gifts for each of our girls, as did his Aunt Val & Uncle Len. We got to meet his partner and other friends form the force. About halfway through the party, we all heard the sound of bagpipes tuning up. Steve had told me that there was another surprise coming and as he called us all to the patio, he announced his Lieutenant and other members of the Emerald Society, NYPD's pipe and drum corps. They gave a short concert for all of us in honor of Ashley's birthday and Amanda's visit. Once again the emotions overflowed to hear the patriotic medleys and other songs from the

bagpipes and drum. It was a great way to cap off another extraordinary day.

Our last full day in New York was spent touring the city like normal visitors. We left Steven and his family to give them a chance to spend Ashley's birthday alone while we went to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, drove down Broadway and explored Manhattan by ourselves. For visitors coming to New York for the first time, you're struck by the size of all the buildings, the number of people and you quickly come to see that there is no place like it in the country. I've had the privilege of visiting 46 of the 48 contiguous United States as well as Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Truly New York City has no equal.

After having dinner with Steve, Michelle, Ashley, and Steve's sister Lisa's family, we headed back to our hotel and the next morning left for home. Our trip to New York City was way more memorable than we could ever have imagined. It gave my children an experience that they will never forget. Steve and his family are in the process of planning a trip here for a visit to St. Martha School in early November. We are all looking forward to seeing them again. The police officers and firefighters of New York showed the rest of the nation that heroes arise from adversity. My family has been fortunate to meet one of those heroes and to get to know him as a good friend. People like Steve Tarricone are around us every day, and sometimes the small gestures, like a thank you card sent by a kindergartener can bring them into our lives. The next time your child comes home from school and says that they sent cards to someone, be it at a local nursing home, or to the President of the United States, I hope that you will recognize the importance of those messages to all who see them.

Mr. Speaker, Christopher Davio is right. Small gifts of kindness can have immeasurable benefits. Today, we wish to extend our appreciation to Amanda Davio and her family, Officer Steve Tarricone and his family and colleagues, and all the students from the 8th District who helped our nation begin its recovery. I now ask that our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join us in recognizing this remarkable American story.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES OF THE 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary women and men of the distinguished 14th Congressional District for their heroic responses to the tragic events of a year ago.

On the first anniversary of the attacks on our nation, we reaffirm our commitment to the ideals that have made the United States of America the greatest nation on earth. We have grieved for our lost loved ones, and now we continue the work of a freedom-loving nation. We take pride in and are in awe of what the American people have done in response to the attack on our nation. They have been brave, and generous and the entire world has witnessed the strength and the decency of our people. Americans respond with open, brave and generous hands and hearts to those who are in need.

Mr. Speaker, the 14th Congressional District lost two extraordinary people, Naomi Solomon and Andrew Garcia, who enriched the lives of everyone they knew and loved.

I ask my colleagues to join me in once again offering our deepest sympathy and that of our entire national to the Solomon and Garcia families.

This nation had many heroes on September 11, 2001. We all know of the supreme sacrifice made by so many firefighters, police officers and others in their response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We know of the heroism of those on the hijacked planes who prevented even more calamitous attacks on our nation's Capitol. We've learned about of the heroism of people all over our country who pitched in to give service to others.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of honor and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to all who have emerged from the tragedies of that fateful day to embody what it means to be true American Heroes by giving so much of their time, talents and resources to heal the wounds of September 11, 2001. There are too many individuals, organizations and companies to name each separately, but I'd like to honor in our Nation's Record a few examples of some of the many people of the 14th Congressional District who rose to the occasion in extraordinarily generous ways:

The Town of Woodside Firefighters—held a "Fill the Boot" fundraiser on Sept 30th for the New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund.

YWCA and the Mountain View City Human Relations Commission—held a "Building Community, Understanding and Respect" forum and dialogue in response to Sept. 11th.

The Menlo Park Community Chorus and the Foothill Orchestra—organized a program of patriotic and inspirational music on Dec 15th which benefited the "victims and heroes" of Sept. 11th.

Banks, Financial Institutions and Credit Unions including San Mateo Credit Union and Stanford Credit Union—maintained and kept open their financial networks for their customers despite the resulting chaos of the attacks; and organized fundraising campaigns among their employees and customers to benefit the families affected by Sept. 11th.

Gallery Europa in Palo Alto owners Louise Erricson and David Himmelberger organized a special exhibit in which the sale proceeds were donated to families of victims of Sept. 11th.

Hyland Hogan and Lane Lees of the Half Moon Bay Fire District—following September 11th, they boarded a plane and were adopted by NYFD Ladder Company 3 where they helped the company after it lost 12 of its members and assisted the families of lost firefighters. In May, the district presented the New York Company with a memorial hand-made case holding an ax recovered by one of the firefighters and pictures of the 12 who perished.

All the teachers and school administrators (like Jill Ballard and Sherry Fulton who teach American Literature and Studies at Half Moon Bay High School)—who changed their curricula and schedules to help students understand and cope with the events of September 11th.

Law enforcement agencies and organizations like the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and the San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association—set up funds to help the families of police officers killed in the Sept 11th attacks.

California Task Force 3 Urban Search and Rescue—deployed local firefighters and other task force members to New York to assist at ground zero.

Harold Schapelhouman, Menlo Park Fire District

Randall Shurson, Menlo Park Fire District

Paul Cole, Half Moon Bay Fire District

Gerald Kohlmann, San Jose Fire Department  
Phil White, South San Francisco Fire Department

Troy Holt, Menlo Park Fire District

Brian Beadnell, Menlo Park Fire District

Ben Marra, Menlo Park Fire District

Carl Kustin, San Mateo Fire Department

Rexford Ianson, Menlo Park Fire District

John Preston, NASA Ames DART

Bill Trolan, Physician

Jared Strote, Physician

George Berry, Civilian—Communications Specialist

David Larton, Civilian—Communications Specialist

Martin Mijangos, Civilian—Technical Information Specialist

Mike Bavister, Civilian—Technical Information Specialist

Gordon Coe, Menlo Park Fire District

Hollice Stonc, Civilian—Logistics Specialist

Mark Meyers, Civilian—Logistics Officer

Paul Brown, NASA Ames DART

Joe Zsutty, Structural Engineer

Raymond Lui, Structural Engineer

Harry Jackson, San Jose Fire Department

Kelly Kasser, NASA Ames DART

Crane Rigger, San Mateo County CDF

Robert Simmons, Civilian

James Stevens, Menlo Park Fire District—Medic

Kenneth Oliver, Menlo Park Fire District—Medic

Eric Haslam, South San Francisco Fire Department—Medic

Kevin Banks, Santa Clara Fire Department—Medic

John Wurdinger, Menlo Park Fire District—Technical Search Specialist

Roger Miller, NASA Ames DART—Technical Search Specialist K-9

Shirley Hammond, California OES, K-9

Jeff Place, California OES, K-9

Patricia Grant, California OES, K-9

Carol Herse, California OES, K-9

Tom Marinkovich, Menlo Park Fire District

Philip Snyder, NASA Ames DART

Don Chesney, Burlingame Fire Department

Michael Shaffer, Menlo Park Fire District

Rodney Brovelli, Menlo Park Fire District

Keith Slade, Menlo Park Fire District

Charles Sturtevant, Menlo Park Fire District

Jeff Schreiber, Menlo Park Fire District

Bill McFarland, Menlo Park Fire District

Mark Tagney, NASA Ames DART

Jeffrey Maxwell, Milpitas Fire Department

Chris De La Osa, Mountain View Fire Department

Daniel Horton, Redwood City Fire Department

Gerald Pera, Redwood City Fire Department

Steve Ehlers, Burlingame Fire Department

Bruce Barron, Burlingame Fire Department

Patrick Brown, Santa Clara Fire Department

Rod Villa, San Jose Fire Department

David Lerma, San Jose Fire Department

Greg Campbell, San Mateo Fire Department

Dave Rovetti, San Mateo Fire Department

Jesus Magallanes, South San Francisco Fire Department

Chris Campagna, South San Francisco Fire Department

Thomas Calvert, Menlo Park Fire District

Alex Leman, Civilian—Incident Support Team

Frank Fraone, Menlo Park Fire District—Incident Support Team

BK Cooper, Civilian—Incident Support Team

David Hammond, Civilian—Incident Support Team

John Osteraas, Civilian—Incident Support Team

The Children of the Payvand Cultural School of Cupertino, an Iranian Community Based School—filmed a special video after 9/11 to spread the message of tolerance and peace. The video is named Hand in Hand and it was sent to President Bush.

Local Media—reporters like Mark Simon and Tom Abate with the San Francisco Chronicle, Loretta Green, Leigh Weimers and Jim Puzanghera with the San Jose Mercury News, Don Kazak, Palo Alto Weekly, Dave Price with the Palo Alto Daily reporters from The Almanac, Half Moon Bay Review/Pescadero Pebble, San Mateo County Times, Redwood City Independent, Los Altos Town Crier, Mountain View Voice, Silicon Valley Business Journal, Gentry, San Jose Magazine, Sunnyvale Sun, Cupertino Courier all provided critical information, told our collective stories, shared our thoughts and helped to underscore a message of hope and tolerance.

Silicon Valley Companies and Businesses—Silicon Valley companies came together with their employees immediately after 9/11 to raise millions of dollars for charitable organizations. Many of the contributions made by companies were matched by employees, which brought aid to the affected families including those of firefighters and police officers. The senior executives at Sun Microsystems raised \$1 million and the company matched dollar per dollar all employee contributions. That effort raised an additional \$500,000. Sun Microsystems, like many Silicon Valley companies also participated in Ebay's Auction for America, donating over \$1.3 million worth of products. Hewlett-Packard employees gave \$1 million to support relief efforts. HP itself contributed \$2 million, and matched its employees' gifts with another \$1 million. In addition, HP like many other Silicon Valley companies, donated equipment to assist in the September 11 relief efforts. Companies like National Semiconductor not only made monetary contributions but also organized employee blood drives. Paypal, through their members helped raise \$2.35 million for the National Disaster Relief Fund of the American Red Cross. Cadence, under the leadership of CEO Ray Bingham, raised over \$1.6 million in contributions to the American Red Cross and to the New York Firefighters' 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund. Cadence and its employees also held a special flag raising ceremony commemorating the tragic events of 9-11. Apple too went above and beyond to assist the victims. In addition to financial contributions to the Red Cross, Apple donated eBooks to the children of the rescue workers who lost their lives in the line of duty. These are but a few examples of the many contributions made by the employers and employees of the 14th Congressional District.

CHUMS—Children United Morally and Spiritually—designed an interfaith holiday card which they sold and donated the proceeds to victims of 9/11.

VA Palo Alto National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD) staff includ-

ing Director Fred Gusman, Gregory Leskin, Robyn Walsler, Sherry Riney, and Ken Drescher who traveled to the Pentagon to provide the Department of Defense guidance and assistance for the psychological response efforts following 9/11.

The men and women of the California Highway Patrol—whose continuing vigilance helps ensure the safety of our bridges, airports, and other infrastructure.

The members of the Reserves and California National Guard who have been mobilized and their families—many of these dedicated individuals have taken deep pay cuts and will endure long separations from their families to prosecute the war on terror.

Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Stanford University (particularly Eric Weiss MD and Lou Saksen)—formed a Bioterrorism Preparedness Group to respond immediately and appropriately to any suspected cases of bioterrorism.

USPS—dealt with the aftermath of the Anthrax attacks and continued to provide excellent service by delivering mail and keeping their offices open to the public.

American Red Cross Palo Alto Area Chapter Deployed September 11th Volunteers: The Chapter was second in the State of California for percentage of response based on chapter population and serves 250,000 people in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, at Stanford University and Moffett Federal Airfield. The following Red Cross-trained volunteers and staff were deployed for assignments which lasted up to three weeks at a time following the September 11 attacks:

Ginny Anderson, WTC New Jersey, Disaster Mental Health

Vinnie Biberdorf, WTC New Jersey, Local Chapter Liaison

Ruth Anderson, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Judy Boore, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Rita Castro-Hawkins, WTC New York, Voluntary Agency Liaison

Don DeJongh, WTC New York, Family Services

Miriam DeJongh, WTC New York, Family Services

Ted Easley, WTC New York, Staffing for Disaster Services

Paige Filomeo, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Adriana Flores, WTC New York, Disaster Volunteers

Lynne McCreight, WTC New York, Records and Reports

Edwin Ou, WTC New York, Logistics

Laura Quilici, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Peggy Rogers, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Richard Wing, WTC New York, Disaster Mental Health

Ann Ziman, WTC FMA Center, Family Services

Geoff Ziman, WTC FMA Center, Family Services

Karen Duncan, WTC NHQ Support, Public Affairs

American Red Cross Palo Alto Chapter (locally): Palo Alto Area Red Cross Chapter led by Executive Director Patricia J. Bubenik, staff members and volunteers assisted four local families with issues related to the September 11 disaster, including counseling the family of

a victim of the Pennsylvania air crash. Mental health disaster volunteers went to schools, PTAs, and church groups requesting help in the aftermath. Volunteers delivered materials to schools to assist with the conversations with children, teachers and parents.

The chapter staff also processed a total of \$1,168,737 in donations designated for the National Red Cross (between September 11, 2001 and June 30, 2002).

At the same time, the Chapter continued to respond to an increased interest in first aid and CPR classes and trained an increased number of disaster service volunteers who came in response to the September 11 tragedies. They also registered and placed an unprecedented number of volunteers who wanted to be of service within the community.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY SHARES A  
POEM ON FREEDOM BY WORLD  
TRADE CENTER VICTIM DAVID  
SCOTT SUAREZ

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you excerpts from a story that World Trade Center victim David Scott Suarez wrote about two hiking trips he had taken several years apart, and a poem he wrote about climbing as a metaphor for life and for freedom. David writes about freedom, both in terms of the struggle to attain it and the unparalleled joy of having it. In a sense, David's story reminds us that freedom is not free. It requires hard work and undaunting perseverance. Freedom can only be attained when people work, together with others, exerting all of the collective strength of the unified group, to ascend its peak. One could interpret David's story to say that freedom is not even a choice, but rather a requirement for the realization of human potential, and that freedom should be our example to the world that we shout from the mountaintops.

David's parents, Ted and Carol Suarez, have so far had his poem translated into over 90 languages, including three of the major languages spoken in Afghanistan. They offer their son's story and poem in hopes that they will show all of the people of the world how much they have in common, so that we will always choose to communicate with each other rather than fight, and so that their son's death and the death of so many others on September 11 will not have been in vain. The following are excerpts from "Return to Freedom", by David Suarez.

My legs burned. My heart pounded. A bead of sweat ran down my forehead to the tip of my nose. I wiped it off with the back of my dirty arm just before it dripped to the ground. The air was cool and the wind grew fiercer the higher into the atmosphere we climbed. It froze sweat to my skin and blew my hair every which way, occasionally stinging my eyes. I looked up past Bob, who was directly in front of me, but I could not see our destination. The peak was covered in clouds. . . . Hail pelted my raincoat. The trail we'd been hiking quickly turned to a swiftly flowing stream. The sky lit up. Thunder cracked simultaneously. I began to hear the slow cracking of, not thunder but

wood. We all turned abruptly. A tree fell across the path 50 yards behind us, its top shattered and smoking.

Only nine miles to go, but the weather showed no signs of letting up. At night we were going to make camp on top of Mount Philip at 11,711 feet. . . . It was thirteen miles away and a strenuous climb from where we broke camp in the morning. Unfortunately, that day was worse than any other had been. Like myself, the other guys in the expedition were pretty melancholy. . . . All I could think about was the 40 pound pack and the ice covered ground that kept me from moving forward with any sort of speed. . . . It continued to storm.

I trudged on. Stepping one foot in front of the other. . . . If I'd had a choice I'd have stopped, but there was no choice. Stopping meant hypothermia, which was worse than walking. Hours later, we reached the top. My hands were red. The tips of my fingers were almost white; they were completely numb. The clouds were so thick I couldn't see more than a few feet ahead. Everyone else was in the same condition, some worse. . . . There were fourteen of us, only six were able to pitch tents. . . . We pitched one after another. I thought each one along the way would be my last. Finally we finished and everyone was safe. Then, miraculously, the moment our tent was ready for sleep the clouds blew away and the warm sun came out. . . .

That was it, I was the last man standing. I was so excited I started to run to the peak. . . . I reached it minutes later. . . . I leaned back against the flagpole that stood higher than everything else. A smile of contentment crossed my face. I shut my eyes and fell asleep to the sound of the American Flag snapping in the wind. I was free.

Three thousand miles and five years later I was feeling the same thing. Freedom, what a strong word it is. Millions of people had died in its name. Do people fully understand and appreciate this single word? Do I? A month earlier I sat out on the lawn under the shade of a tall oak attending my Asian philosophy class. After class I walked past a preacher yelling that all of my peers (and myself) were doomed to hell. I walked further and saw a stand with pictures of marijuana leaves all around, apparently fighting for its legality. I sat down and watched a couple walk past hand in hand and smiling. It was July 3. The impact of what was occurring before me hit me like a blow. I was living the dream that so many had died for. I belonged to a select group of people that could enjoy life as it should be enjoyed. In day to day life I often didn't realize that. . . . My mind and my talents marked the limits of where I could go. No one else dictated them.

Those thoughts reentered my mind as I climbed to the top of Sugarbush Mountain in central Maine. Climbing became a metaphor for life. We were almost at the top and the wind was blowing fiercely. We had entered the clouds and couldn't see a thing. At one point I opened my jacket and leaned into the wind. It supported my weight for awhile. Together we reached the top. We raised our hands and screamed loudly for the world to hear. We'd conquered this mountain. Although the steep slopes tried to keep us down, they couldn't. Although our lives threatened to trap us in dull routine, we escaped. We were in charge of our destinies, only us. For a moment the clouds cleared. It seemed as if we could see

the entire world at once. In silence we watched. We were free.

YOU ARE FREE

(By David S. Suarez)

The air is cool, the sky is dark, your muscles relax, while nature's breath fills your lungs

You have accomplished your tasks, felt the pain, and endured the pressure, a pressure so immense that you lived to escape

You have climbed to the very peak of the mountain and now relax on a rock, high above the trees while others sleep

You are enveloped by nature's beauty for just a moment you abandon your incarcerated body wholly relinquishing your ties to human nature and for only an instant, you become part of God you are free

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
JACOB HOLLINGSHEAD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Where Jacob Hollingshead has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jacob Hollingshead has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jacob Hollingshead has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jacob Hollingshead must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Therefore, I join with Troop 269 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jacob Hollingshead as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the community of Brownsville, Texas, for reminding our children about the values we uphold with "Violence Prevention Week" as the new school year begins.

Our school years now begin with concerns over not just grades and class assignments, but also the threat of gun violence. This reality confronts students and educational professionals each day they enter the classroom.

Here in Texas, we understand that promoting a safe and non-violent community begins at home, where life's first and most important lessons are learned. The logic that dictates that gun violence is driven by the mere existence of guns is inherently flawed. The dramatic increase in school violence during the last decade, without any correlating increase in gun purchases, is a testament to this.

Rather, there must be a community effort to ensure the safety of our schools and its students. The community of Brownsville understands this and teaches responsible gun use, while also promoting tolerance and understanding of others. With support from religious and civic organizations, Brownsville offers young people positive role models so today's students can become tomorrow's leaders.

Recognizing that it is our individual communities that set the example everyday for our young people, we should teach responsibility, emphasize faith, and offer age-appropriate entertainment and examples of proper behavior to our children. It is our duty to lead our children to the right path; then it is their duty to follow that path.

With this in mind, Brownsville is working to reduce school violence by planning "Violence Prevention Week," sponsored by the Brownsville Independent School District, the local law enforcement agencies, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, area civic organizations, and the local church community.

Events for the week include: a student essay contest about the challenge of school violence, the "Violence Prevention Fair" at a local mall, and assembly programs and speakers for middle and high school students about the issues facing young people today.

Our honored guest for this special event will be Dave Roeber, a Vietnam veteran who has an intimate understanding of the daily challenges faced by young people of the 21st Century.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the community of Brownsville, Texas, for their efforts to work together to reduce gun violence and build a stronger and safer community.

## HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5005) to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the United States House of Representatives representing New York City, I am deeply aware of the profound responsibility that was thrust upon this government last September 11th. It is our responsibility, our most important responsibility, to keep the American people safe from terrorism and violence. We were not prepared last fall. We should never be caught unprepared again.

Addressing this, on June 6, 2002, President Bush called for the creation of a permanent, cabinet-level department of homeland security. Even before the President's announcement, we as a nation have been struggling to figure out new ways to improve the nation's safety.

Throughout the debate about the creation of this new department, I have been skeptical that this may just be an exercise in moving boxes around on an organization chart. After examining the bill and listening to my colleagues both on the floor today and during the Government Reform Committee hearings and

markup, I believe that H.R. 5005 should be passed by the House.

As you know, H.R. 5005, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, establishes a Department of Homeland Security as an executive department of the United States headed by a Secretary of Homeland Security who shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate. The legislation consolidated 22 federal agencies into one new Department responsible for intelligence analysis and dissemination, science and technology, border and transportation security, and emergency preparedness and response. The new department will also have an office of civil rights and liberties, critical to ensuring that the government does not overstep its boundaries. I am hopeful that this legislation will provide the framework for law enforcement, intelligence, health, and other first-line agencies to work together to defend our great nation.

I am disappointed that H.R. 5005 does not include an amendment that I crafted that passed unanimously in the Government Reform Committee. Learned from past lessons, the amendment fixed current problems in our response system and would have allowed future sites of attacks to cut through red tape and bureaucracy and receive disaster relief right away.

I am very concerned that the final product includes troubling provisions that weaken civil service protections for the new Department's employees, undermine Freedom of Information Act compliance, and disregard the need for accountability for corporations that contract with the agency. I strongly encourage the Senate to correct these flaws.

During this time in American history, we public servants must accept the responsibility before us. The President of the United States has said a Department of Homeland Security is necessary to improve our nation's security. I agree with him.

We have to do everything we can to prevent a tragedy like 9/11. We have to make sure we can respond as quickly as possible to future attacks. I hope and pray this new department will do this. I hope and pray we can avoid what my great city has had to live through.

Because of these lessons learned, I urge my colleagues to vote yes on final passage.

INDIAN INTELLIGENCE PRO-  
MOTING TERRORISM IN U.S.,  
WORLDWIDE—INFILTRATES OR-  
GANIZATIONS, CREATES TER-  
RORIST INCIDENTS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, a recent intelligence report states that there are 25,000 agents of the Indian government's "Research and Analysis Wing" (RAW) outside India. While there is nothing wrong with legitimate intelligence work, RAW habitually infiltrates organizations of minority groups and creates terrorist incidents in order to discredit these groups.

The Indian government has recently been declared a violator of religious freedom by the United States government. On January 2, columnist Tony Blankley reported in the Wash-

ington Times that India is sponsoring cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh. This comes at a time when President Musharraf of Pakistan is actively helping us in the war against terrorism, at substantial risk to himself personally and politically.

The organizations Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and the International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) have been identified by the U.S. government as "terrorist organizations." The ISYF has been banned in Canada. These organizations have been heavily infiltrated by the Indian government, to the point that they are government-controlled organizations. They have spawned other organizations designed to embarrass the Sikhs, especially those in the Khalistan freedom movement, and blame them for terrorism.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) is another organization that our government has labelled "terrorist." Yet journalist Tavleen Singh of India Today, India's leading newsmagazine, reported that the Indian government itself created the LTTE and put up its leaders at the most upscale hotel in Delhi. If LTTE is a terrorist organization, then India created its terrorism.

In November 1994, the Indian newspaper Hitavada reported that the Indian government paid the governor of Punjab, the late Surendra Nath, the equivalent of \$1.5 billion to foment terrorist activity in Punjab, Khalistan, and in neighboring Kashmir. In a country where half the population lives below the international poverty line, the supposedly democratic government could afford to lay out one and a half billion dollars to create state-sponsored terrorism. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I don't understand how that could happen in a democracy.

Also in 1994, our own State Department reported that the Indian government paid out more than 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for killing Sikhs. One of them killed a three-year-old boy and received a bounty for that! A report from the Human Rights Wing showed that at least 25,000 Sikhs were arrested, tortured, murdered, and cremated, then their bodies were declared "unidentified" and cremated. Two reports, one from the International Human Rights Organization (IHRO) and the other jointly issued by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) and the Punjab Human Rights Organization (PHRO), showed that Indian forces carried out the massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpura in Kashmir in March 2000.

In the excellent book *Soft Target*, journalists Brian McAndrew of the Toronto Star and Zuhair Kashmeri of the Toronto Globe and Mail prove that the Indian government itself carried out the bombing of an Air India airliner in 1985, killing 329 people, then blamed the Sikhs. There is too much good information in this book to quote here, but I would like to quote one statement from the Canadian State Investigative Service which appears in the book: "If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load everybody up and take them down for questioning. We know it and they know it that they are involved."

Mr. Speaker, this ongoing pattern of terrorism against its neighbors and against the minority peoples living within its borders shows that India's claim to be a secular democracy and an opponent of terrorism is a lie.

India should be declared a terrorist state and subjected to appropriate penalties. These should include a cutoff of U.S. aid to India until the terrorism stops and human rights are fully enjoyed by all people within the country. And we should declare our support for the freedom movements seeking their freedom from India. By doing these things, we will advance the fight against terrorism in the world and help all people to enjoy the basic democratic right of self-determination.

As former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said, "the essence of democracy is the right to self-determination." It is time for real democracy in India rather than a continued campaign of terrorism.

IN HONOR OF RONALD MACK  
WOODGEARD

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, heroes come in many shapes and sizes. Over the past 11 months we have celebrated the lives of many heroes. We have paid tribute to firemen, policemen, public officials, businessmen, among many others. Their common thread is the selfless desire to improve the world around them.

Today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to one of my district's great heroes who spent his life on the political lines, digging deep into the business of Georgia law-making to tell the story, Mr. Ronald Mack Woodgeard, former Editor of the Macon Telegraph in Macon, Georgia.

Ron was known throughout the state, especially in Macon, for his fair and balanced journalism. He had a knack for taking a story into the future, not just by giving a play by play description of events, but by taking the analysis a step further to uncover not only the facts but look past the facts to explain what they mean.

A friend of the community, Ron earned and kept the trust of his neighbors, his co-workers, and public figures, including the subjects of his reports. Many view the role of news reporter to be "watchdog" but this reporter was not one out for cold blood, looking to exploit a person or a situation for the "scoop". He sincerely believed in educating people to improve the community and society as a whole. Through his leadership, the Macon Telegraph was known for representing all sides of its readership—there was always something for everyone on the editorial page.

Ron was a dedicated worker and a good friend of mine, but I call him a hero not only for his years of dedicated service of bringing the news home to south Georgia, but for doing his job while waging a ten year war against a rare form of cancer. Co-workers at the Telegraph remember Ron for pressing on without complaint. Pressing on for Ron meant getting the story while enduring more than 15 major and minor surgeries, three rounds of chemotherapy, and four courses of radiation. To survive ten years of this type of treatment and still get the job done takes iron will. Sadly, this invisible assailant overcame our soldier and took his life Monday, September 9, 2002.

Other professional hats of the Editor include college instructor, military policeman for the

Army during Viet Nam, private investigator, and after completing trade school, a welder. But his most important job was father of two sons.

Ron Woodgeard believed in people and they believed in him. I believed in him, and I will miss him. My wife Julianne and I extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and join with them in celebrating the memory of one of Georgia's journalistic heroes. His legacy will live on through the millions of lives he touched.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WANDA  
SOTHEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who has selflessly contributed her time and energy towards the betterment of her community and her nation. Wanda Sothen, of Durango, Colorado, has donated countless hours to aid the people of Durango and its surrounding communities following this wildfire season. She has been a true inspiration to her friends, family, and community and it is with pleasure that I applaud her efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When wildfires ravaged Colorado and the devastation proved too widespread for the Red Cross and other aid organizations to care for the specific needs of the 1,700 households displaced by the 70,000 acre Missionary Ridge fire, Wanda stepped up to meet the challenge. Recognizing that her friends and neighbors needed more than just the basics of food and shelter, Wanda founded Helping Hands, a relief organization based out of Durango. Starting with only a telephone and a stack of index cards at a desk in the local mall, Wanda carefully put together every piece of relief she could find.

Wanda learned quickly that many residents needed help, and many also had something to give, the problem was trying to bring everyone together. After the creation of Helping Hands neighbors began to donate items such as candles, clothing, food, school supplies, along with professional veterinarian services for local animals. Wanda's understanding of community needs extended beyond the ordinary, as animals from the size of goldfish to horses found help or homes through her organization. Her untiring spirit of charity continues to bless the lives of those affected by the fire as she continues to turn each donation into a gift of relief.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to Wanda Sothen, a true community activist, before this body of Congress and this nation. Her diligence in bringing her community together in the face of crisis, by creating and running Helping Hands, has made her an inspiration to us all. She truly stands as an example of American values and civic virtue and deserves our praise.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.  
AND MRS. DEGENOVA

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova were united in marriage on August 24, 1933; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova are celebrating 69 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family, consisting of 3 sons, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. DeGenova as they celebrate their 69th Wedding Anniversary.

THE CRANBURY LIONS CLUB  
MARKS SEPTEMBER 11

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday, September 11, 2002 marks the 1st anniversary of the heinous attack on the United States of America by terrorists. On Saturday, September 14, 2002, the Cranbury Lions Club will remember the heroic actions on September 11th of a Cranbury, New Jersey resident, Mr. Todd Beamer, with the dedication of a memorial in the township's Heritage Park. Mr. Beamer was aboard Flight 93 on September 11, 2001 when it was hijacked by terrorists and crashed in Western Pennsylvania.

The memorial honors the uncommon service of Todd Beamer and his fellow Flight 93 passengers whose selfless act of courage saved countless lives and helped reunite our Country. It also provides a permanent symbol to underscore the invaluable role of all citizens in protecting our unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

The Todd Beamer Memorial contains two symbols of strength, a boulder and an oak tree. On the boulder is a plaque that reads:

"LET'S ROLL"

These are the memorable words spoken by Todd Beamer, a Cranbury resident, who was aboard United Flight 93, when it was hijacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, as he joined with his fellow passengers in a final act of resistance, sacrificing their lives to save countless others.

A man described as ordinary to the world, extraordinary to his family, he shall forever be remembered for his uncommon act of bravery. This memorial celebrates the faith and heroism of Todd Beamer—husband, father, son, brother, friend, civilian—an American.

Americans have read or heard about the heroic actions of Todd Beamer, and will always remember his simple, inspiring words: "Let's Roll". As we memorialize his actions and

words, it is equally important that we reflect on the life of Todd Beamer.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Beamer was born in Glen Ellyn, the middle child of David and Peggy Beamer, and spent his young adulthood in this suburb of Chicago. He was raised in a caring environment where value was placed on family, hard work, strength of character, and faith in God. In high school, he starred in soccer, basketball and baseball, serving as a team captain. Mr. Beamer continued to excel in athletics at Wheaton College where he earned a degree in business in 1991. He was later awarded an MBA from DePaul University.

In 1993, Mr. Beamer married Lisa Brosious, and they moved to Central New Jersey, soon settling in Cranbury to start their family. His prior success in athletics and academics was mirrored in his professional pursuits on behalf of Oracle Corporation.

Mr. Beamer's faith and commitment to his church was always evident. He was a member of the Princeton Alliance Church in Plainsboro. He served as a Sunday school teacher, participated on the Church softball team, and mentored young adults.

Admired and loved by family, friends, and colleagues, the legacy of Todd Beamer will be his unwavering commitment to serving God and his fellow man. On behalf of all Americans, we extend our deepest gratitude to Todd Beamer's parents, David and Peggy; his wife, Lisa; his three children, David, Drew, and Morgan; and his two sisters, Melissa and Michelle.

Todd Beamer was a special man who made the supreme sacrifice for his country, and left a lasting mark on the people whom he touched. The Todd M. Beamer Foundation will ensure that his selfless act of giving to others in need continues in the future. He will be remembered by all.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL ROY E. BEAUCHAMP

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, one of our nation's great patriots, Lieutenant General Roy E. Beauchamp, is retiring after 37 years of exemplary active military service in the United States Army. He served his country with dignity, honor, courage, and integrity.

General Beauchamp concludes his illustrious career as the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command from May 2001 to October 2002, and is retiring as the senior Ordnance officer in the Army. During this period, General Beauchamp also served as the Army's Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition, Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition.

General Beauchamp has been at the forefront of the AMC Strategic Plan, integrating technology, acquisition, and logistics to ensure the readiness and capability of today's U.S. Army. He is the strategic and operational developer of the Army's Logistics Modernization Program and a significant contributor to Single Stock Fund implementation throughout the Army, a huge endeavor that is saving countless millions of dollars for the Army and the nation by reducing inventory requirements

worldwide. He is truly committed to the Army Transformation and continues to market the need and direction of logistics transformation at every opportunity.

General Beauchamp is a world-class logistician with an unprecedented understanding of logistics at every level—tactical, operational, and strategic—and is undoubtedly the Army's most experienced and knowledgeable wholesale logistics expert. He has served our nation brilliantly and selflessly in numerous logistics assignments throughout his career. From September 1999 to November 2000, he served as the Director of Logistics and Security Assistance, J-4/J-7 at the United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Michigan from June 1997 to September 1999.

Other assignments included: Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, the Commander of the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia, and the Commander of the 2nd Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, and Germany. During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, General Beauchamp was the Commander of the 101st Corps Support Group, 101st Airborne Division. During this tour of duty, his actions in combat were exemplary, ensuring the deep penetration of ground and air elements of the 101st Air Assault Division in leading General Schwarzkopf's famed "Left Hook" strategic envelopment of Iraqi forces. General Beauchamp's prior assignments include three tours with the United States Army Europe and one tour with the United States Forces Korea.

General Beauchamp is a native of Florida and a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In 1965, General Beauchamp enlisted in the U.S. Army and later was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1967. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dayton and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. General Beauchamp is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Beauchamp's military decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Throughout his career, his lovely wife Olivia has loyally supported him, providing loving support through 31 moves all over the world. She, too, epitomizes devotion to country and the Army, having volunteered countless hundreds of hours at each of her husband's assignments. On numerous occasions she has served in positions of responsibility and leadership in the local family support group infrastructure, working hard to ensure the very best for our military family members.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant General Beauchamp deserves the thanks and praise of a grateful nation that he faithfully served for so long. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him, Olivia, their son Joshua, daughter-in-law Bridget, and lovely grandchildren Riley and Maggie, all the best in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on Sept 9 and 10, 2002, I missed rollcall votes No. 375, No. 376, No. 377, No. 378, No. 379, No. 380, No. 381, No. 382, and No. 383.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on these 9 rollcall votes.

RELEASE OVER 52,000 SIKH POLITICAL PRISONERS, STOP ITS REPRESSION AND TERRORISM

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on August 12, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will meet with President Bush. The next day he will speak at the United Nations in New York. I am sure he will be preaching the principles of democracy and human rights, things that we all support. However, Mr. Vajpayee would have much more credibility on these issues if India lived by the principles it preaches.

Unfortunately, India is only a democracy for the upper-caste Brahmins. For minorities, it is a repressive state with little freedom. According to the Movement Against State Repression, India admitted to holding 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive, expired TADA law.

Recently, it was reported in the Hindu newspaper that the violence in Gujarat this spring killed over 5,000 Muslims. According to published reports, the government orchestrated the violence and ordered police not to stop it. This is typical of India's pattern of repression against minorities.

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, more than 85,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, and thousands of other minorities. Over 50,000 Sikhs have been made to "disappear." The Washington Times reported that India admitted that its forces committed the March 2000 massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpora.

The former majority leader of the Senate, George Mitchell, has said that "the essence of democracy is the right to self-determination." Yet India has never kept its promise to the UN in 1948 that it would hold a plebiscite in Kashmir. India refuses to do the democratic thing and allow the people of Nagaland, Khalistan, and the other nations seeking their freedom from Indian rule. Multinational states like India, the Soviet Union, Austria-Hungary, and others are doomed to eventual collapse.

India is a practitioner of terrorism, as an excellent article by Tim Phares at NewsMax.com entitled "The Terrorism of the Indian Government" demonstrates. The Washington Times reported on January 2 that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in Sindh, a province of Pakistan. Journalist Tavleen Singh reported in India's leading news magazine, India Today, that India itself created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which the U.S. government has called a "terrorist organization." It

paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment covert state terrorist activity in Kashmir and in Punjab, Khalistan, according to the Indian newspaper Hitavada. India has recently made deals to provide materials to Iraq. When we are fighting a war on terrorism, "the world's largest democracy" is practicing and supporting it.

Mr. Speaker, we must do something to stop these activities. I hope that President Bush and Secretary General Annan will press Mr. Vajpayee on the issues of political prisoners, violence against minorities, and terrorism. The U.S. government also has other actions at its disposal. It is time to impose sanctions on India and cut off its aid and trade. And the U.S. Congress should go on record in support of self-determination for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and the other nations seeking their freedom in South Asia.

I would like to insert the article "The Terrorism of the Indian Government" into the RECORD at this time.

#### THE TERRORISM OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT

(By Tim Phares)

The South Asian subcontinent has been called the most dangerous place in the world, and events there over the past few months seem to confirm this description. While the danger of war seems to have passed for now, India and Pakistan remain on alert and both countries continued to point nuclear-capable missiles at each other. Unfortunately, tensions remain high as each side tries to gain an advantage over the other. Pakistan and minorities within India's borders charge that India is seeking hegemony in the South Asian subcontinent. Certainly is deployment of new missiles that can reach deep into Pakistan and its tests that began the nuclear escalation in the region suggest that this may be true.

At the recent Asian security conference in Kazakhstan, India refused to talk with the Pakistanis about Kashmir. In 1948, India promised to hold a plebiscite on the status of Kashmir, but it has never been held. Recently, the BBC reported that Iraq and India have signed an agreement to boost trade ties, especially in the oil sector. This comes at a time when the United States may be preparing to fight Iraq again. Unfortunately, this is consistent with India's pattern of behavior.

India now tries to create the impression that it supports the United States, but its long record says otherwise. The May 18, 1999, issue of the Indian Express reported that George Fernandes, the defense minister, organized and led a meeting with the ambassadors from Red China, Cuba, Russia, Yugoslavia, Libya and Iraq to discuss setting up a security alliance "to stop the U.S."

India had a long-term friendship with the former Soviet Union and supported its invasion of Afghanistan, yet it has shown little support for the United States in its war on terrorism. On Jan. 2, Tony Blankley wrote in the Washington Times that India is sponsoring cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh. Journalist Tavleen Singh has reported in India's leading news magazine, India Today, that the Indian government created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which the U.S. government has identified as a "terrorist organization."

The government also has taken quiet, implicit control of two Sikh organizations, Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation, which the United States also has designated as "terrorist organizations."

India's implicit support for terrorist activity is consistent with its internal behavior.

It has a record of repressing minorities that undermines its proclamation of democratic values.

The violence this spring in Gujarat, in which over 5,000 people were killed, according to The Hindu newspaper, has also heightened tensions. Muslims and other minorities charge that the violence was stirred up by the government to diminish Muslims in India.

In addition, the pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), the parent organization of the ruling BJP, has recently called for the majority-Muslim state of Kashmir to be divided into three states, despite India's 1948 pledge to the United Nations that it would let the people of Kashmir decide their fate in a plebiscite. The majority-Sikh state of Punjab, Khalistan, the predominantly Christian state of Nagaland, and several other states also have strong, active movements seeking their independence.

Human rights organizations report that more than 200,000 Christians in Nagaland have been killed by the Indian government. The book "The Politics of Genocide," by Inderjit Singh Jaijee, cites figures from the Punjab State Magistracy showing that over 50,000 Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian government since it invaded the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, in June 1984.

In addition, according to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), the Indian government admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive, expired TADA law. According to Amnesty International, tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held.

In February, a bipartisan coalition of 42 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, led by Reps. Dan Burton, R-Ind., and Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., wrote to President Bush urging him to work for the release of these political prisoners.

In 1994, the U.S. State Department reported that the Indian government paid out over 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for killing members of the Sikh minority. In the same year, the Indian newspaper Hitavada reported that the Indian government paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, the equivalent of \$1.5 billion to foment terrorist activity in Punjab and Kashmir. According to human rights groups, Indian forces have killed over 80,000 Muslims in Kashmir and thousands of other minorities, including Dalit "untouchables," Tamils and others.

MASR also co-sponsored with the Punjab Human Rights Organization an investigation of the March 2000 massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpora. It concluded that Indian forces carried out the massacre. A separate investigation conducted by the International Human Rights Organization came to the same conclusion. Retired General Narinder Singh has said that "Punjab is a police state."

The book "Soft Target," written by Canadian journalists Zuhair Kashmeri of the Toronto Globe and Mail and Brian McAndrew of the Toronto Star, shows that India blew up its own airliner in 1985, killing 329 people, apparently in order to blame Sikhs for the atrocity and create a pretext for more violence against them. The book shows that the Indian consul general in Toronto pulled his daughter off the flight shortly before it was due to depart. An auto dealer who was a friend of the consul general also canceled his reservation at the last minute. Surinder Singh, director of North American Affairs for the External Affairs office in New Delhi, also canceled his reservation on that flight.

The consul general also called to finger a suspect in the case before the public knew

that the bombing had taken place. The book quotes an agent of the Canadian State Investigative Service (CSIS) as saying, "If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load up everybody and take them down for questioning. We know it, and they know it, that they are involved."

In recent months, India has been added to the State Department's "watch list" of countries that violate religious freedom. Some members of Congress have called for sanctions against India and for an end to American aid. Some have also endorsed self-determination for the peoples seeking freedom from India through a plebiscite on independence. While these events seem unlikely to occur anytime soon, the Indian government has held negotiations with the freedom fighters in Nagaland. Home Minister L.K. Advani recently admitted that if Kashmir achieves freedom (which now seems more likely than ever), it will cause India to break apart. Some experts have predicted that within a decade, neither India nor Pakistan will exist in their current form.

The Indian subcontinent will continue to be a region that bears close attention by American policymakers.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, regretfully, I was not present for business before the House on September 9, 2002. Had I been here, I would have voted in support of rollcall votes Nos. 375, 376, and 377.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. WIENER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, and missed rollcall votes 378, 379 and 380. I would like the record to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 378, On Closing Portions of the Conference on H.R. 5010, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 379, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3210, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 380, on approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye."

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ESTER MATA

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Esther Mata, a beloved community member.

Esther took much pride in her cherished San Bernardino community. Being a long time

resident of San Bernardino she attended San Bernardino High School and San Bernardino Valley College. Her love for the city and its people was deeply rooted. She was the quintessential community activist for despite challenges, she continued to fight for services to be implemented in the community. Her presence and efforts in the community was a vital source in motivating people and enhancing the community.

Esther devoted her life to improve the livelihood of her fellow community members through her civic engagement and involvement. Some of her accomplishments include serving as President of the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, President of Sinfonia Mexicana, and President of the Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable. She was San Bernardino's catalyst to progress. Her passion enabled her to make great contributions that will never be forgotten. One of her most memorable contributions was garnering an \$87,000 grant from the county to assess Hispanic business in the area.

Esther passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2002. She is survived by her son, Malcolm Mata; three daughters Sylvia Zicafoose, Bernardine Leutz, and Desiree Forshay; two brothers Raymond and Louie Lopez; and sister Braulia Ortega. Her family, innumerable friends, and the entire community will miss her greatly.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation, for individuals like Esther are unique in their generous contributions to this country.

IN MEMORY OF WAYNE FORD  
BUCKLE

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a good man, and an inspirational Virginian, Mr. Wayne Ford Buckle. Wayne was a selfless patriot and civic-minded community leader who contributed greatly to the Northern Virginia area.

Wayne Buckle left us on March 24, 2002, but what he gave during his 85 years will remain a lasting legacy. As a lifelong and charter member of the Church of the Brethren in Arlington, Virginia, Wayne Buckle and his wife Wilma led by example, actively participating in many facets of the life of the church. In 1960, Wayne achieved distinction by serving as the first lay District Moderator in the Church. One program that Wayne especially enjoyed focusing his energies on was the District Camping program. Wayne frequently gave his time as a camp counselor and was deeply involved in the development and growth of Shepherds Spring, the Church of the Brethren Youth Camp in the Mid-Atlantic District.

Perhaps Wayne Buckle was best known for his fierce loyalty to his beloved Democratic Party. A member of the Mason District Democratic Committee of Fairfax County since 1956, Wayne remained a dedicated standard bearer for the party all his life. For over two decades, his prowess as alternating treasurer for the Mason District Democratic Committee, the Northern Virginia Democratic Club, Vir-

ginia's 10th District Democratic Committee and Virginia's 11th District Democratic Committee allowed these organizations to grow and prosper under his watchful eye. A strong union supporter till the end, Wayne also played a big role with the American Federation of Government Employees, serving as their trusted treasurer for many years.

Wayne's wisdom, patient nature and unshakable spirit were able to overcome obstacles that would have stopped most people in their tracks. Loved by many and respected by all, Wayne exemplified the well-rounded family man, civic, and political leader whose insatiable thirst for life provided a role model to us all. Wayne Buckle's lifelong devotion to improving the lives of the disadvantaged and dispossessed epitomizes FDR's quote that "the test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." Those of us who knew him will miss his gentle and not-so-gentle reminders that we can be better than we think we can be. We will miss you dearly Wayne, but your legacy will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MSGR. PATRICK DUNIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan Council 695, Knights of Columbus, upon their 100th Anniversary. The Knights will be celebrating this event with Mass followed by a reception on September 14th in my hometown of Flint. I have been a member of the Dunigan Council for several years and will be joining the other Knights at this auspicious occasion.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 with the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In 1902, Council 695 was organized in Flint on September 14th of that year. The oldest Knights of Columbus Council in Genesee County, the Dunigan Council has from its beginning held the principle of charity foremost in its activities. Helping its members cope during the Depression, they provided assistance for the families of the unemployed. It was at this time that Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan befriended the Council and provided them with a foundation for their charitable work. As pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church he saved the Council from dissolving by providing a meeting place at the parish. In 1955 the Council was named in his honor to commemorate the many years of guidance and support he gave to its members.

The Council became a supporter of Boysville in 1947 and in 1953 the Council played a role in rebuilding the Beecher District after the devastating tornado struck that area. Participating in the program to assist the mentally retarded started in 1967, the Dunigan Council has assisted in raising millions of dollars across the state.

Support for Catholic school athletic programs was started in the 1940s. The Catholic League high school football program, and

grade school basketball were just two of the recipients of the Council's largesse. Since the opening of Powers High School the Council has continued its support of its athletic department. At the grade school level the Council has focused on the development of the girls volleyball and baseball teams.

In 1955 the Dunigan Council took on the role of mothering new councils. A total of nine councils have spun off from Council 695. The Davison Council was the first, followed by the Mt. Morris Council. In the early 1990s the Dunigan Council was invited by Father Douglas Osborn to make its home at St. John Vianney. The Choral group that was an offshoot of the Council in 1966 has grown to the Singing Knights. This group now incorporates members from several councils and has performed at functions for many years.

In keeping with the principles of the Knights of Columbus, the Dunigan Council has decided to make their anniversary celebration a project to assist Boysville. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commending the men of the Patrick R. Dunigan Council 695 Knights of Columbus, for their devotion to their faith, their support of the next generation through building athletic programs, and their tireless assistance to the less fortunate. I congratulate them for 100 years of hard work and spiritual growth.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FAYE  
FLEMING

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay respect to the passing of Faye Fleming at the age of fifty-nine. Faye served ten years in the Colorado House of Representatives, representing House District 31, which included Western Adams, Southern Weld and Eastern Boulder Counties from 1982 to 1984 and from 1986 to 1994. During her legislative tenure, Faye served as Chairman of the House Transportation and Energy Committee and Joint Transportation Legislation Review Committee. She was an innovative leader and played a key role in the implementation of the Colorado Clean Air Act and the state's underground petroleum storage tank remediation program. Faye Fleming was a remarkable woman and her accomplishments most certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation.

Faye was born on February 19, 1943 in Johnson City, New York. She attended Iowa Wesleyan College and the University of Colorado at Boulder prior to receiving her B.A. from Metropolitan State College in Denver. Before her legislative career, Faye held numerous civic positions including Chairman of Adams County Planning Commission, member of the Adams County Head Start Policy Council, and President of Adams County League of Women Voters. Faye is survived by her husband, Larry French of Thornton, Colorado, her son, Dr. Andrew Barnard of Alana, Maine; and her daughter, Heather Schultze of San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, Faye Fleming was a remarkable woman whose leadership and goodwill

towards her fellow Coloradans inspired many and whose good deeds certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Faye's departure leaves a gap in many hearts but her memory will surely survive in the lives of those who knew her. Faye Fleming committed her life in the service of her state, and I join many others in mourning Faye's loss and celebrating her life.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY SHARES  
THE ACCOUNT OF TRADE CENTER  
VICTIM FAMILY MEMBER  
SARAH VAN AUKEN

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you an article written by Sarah Van Auken, 13 year-old daughter of World Trade Center victim Kenneth Van Auken. It was published last week in her local newspaper, and it presents a straightforward account of how the nightmare of September 11 unfolded before the eyes of a young person who found herself thrust suddenly onto the front lines of a war she didn't even know was taking place. It shows us not just how deeply painful and terrifying it is for a child to lose a parent, but also how this young woman's own feelings of fear, confusion and uncertainty as the day unfolded were magnified by that fact that she saw just the same feelings among the adults around her. Sarah Van Auken's life since that day became a swirling tapestry of endless tears, helpless longing for her father, and newfound celebrity born of the worst set of circumstances she could possibly have imagined. Out of her pain, she wrote a song in honor and memory of her father. The song paints a picture that perhaps we all might see ourselves within. A picture of a person, standing, quietly, waiting, listening for the faintest sound on the wind of the guiding hand that will come back and show us show how to get through this, the guiding hand that we can grasp so that we'll find ourselves together again, safely, home. This has been a year of deep searching and painful discovery for us all, and I would like to share Sarah Van Auken's account of it with you.

This past year has been very hard for me. You see, my father, Kenneth Van Auken, was in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. No, he did not escape—but he did leave a message saying, "I love you. I'm in the World Trade Center. The building was hit by something. I don't know if I'm going to get out but I love you very much. I—I hope I'll see you later. Bye." That was the single most horrible thing I had ever heard in my life. He was trying to stay calm for us—trying to let his last words be "I love you." Somehow, I wish I could go back in time and erase all that happened. Maybe even stop him from going to work. I wish I could have one last goodbye. But I guess it's too much to ask.

You're most likely wondering how I found out. Well, I was having a regular day at school. You know, boring—yet I was with my friends. Anyway, I was in study hall minding my own business when someone yelled out, "Is it true that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center?" Knowing my dad worked there, I wrote a note to my friend next to me saying, "If that's true, my dad

would be dead!" I didn't believe what he said because the teacher acted like nothing happened. Also, I wouldn't trust that kid. So as the day went on, I felt weird. You know like when you know that something is wrong, but you really don't think about it? At eighth period, around 1:30 p.m., an announcement came on saying there is a "little accident" in New York—and if we get home and one of our parents are not there, we should not worry. If you get scared, we should call 911 or talk to the police. That's when I got scared. When I was walking down the hallway, I almost started crying, but held back my tears. When I got in the car to go home, my neighbor who drives me tried to get one of my classmates to stop talking about the announcement. She was obviously trying to stay away from the subject. Then, when we got to that boy's house, his dad started talking about it. He didn't say what happened, but gave me a weird look. I got home and saw my grandparents' car. I knew they weren't supposed to be there. I saw my mom with a tear stained face, and I ran up to her and she didn't have to tell me. I just cried.

From that day on, nothing has been the same. Nobody has treated me the same. Nobody wanted to talk about it—yet they couldn't help asking me questions about what had happened, and how I was doing. When I knew for sure, after three days, that my father was dead, I cried harder than I have ever cried in my life. My father, my superman, was dead. We had a memorial, and went on "Oprah." I wouldn't eat. I couldn't sleep in my own bed. I would cry about the smallest things. I was wearing one of his shirts, to feel close to him. I was looking at family pictures. Of course, I was still crying. I couldn't figure out what would make me stop being so depressed and irritable. I had to get it out. I wanted to scream, run, jump—but I couldn't. I just didn't have the strength. I cried too much.

So, I did what I usually did to get out my feelings: I wrote a song. I sang it to my mom and she called my godmother, who called her brother-in-law, who told me to record myself singing and send it to him. Exactly a month after Sept. 11, I recorded it in a studio. The song titled "Daddy's Little Girl" was on a local radio station twice, once in California and on "Larry King Weekend." I always wanted publicity because I wanted to be famous—but not this way. Today I am still crying, when nobody's around. I think about what happened constantly, but can't really talk about it. And though I may sound selfish, somehow I think nobody knows how I really feel. My life is turned upside down. The things I used to do I either can't do anymore, or I've lost interest, or they seem so much harder. I'm trying to "move on," but I don't want to. My mind has accepted that he's dead, but my heart hasn't. And somehow, I don't think my heart will. Because I'll never stop crying, not in a million years.

Sometimes, it will hit me that he's gone forever—that he's never coming home. I recently had a Bat Mitzvah. It was very hard, just like the 11th of every month is hard, and Father's day, my mom's birthday, my brother's birthday, my birthday, my dad's birthday, and most of all next week's Sept. 11 anniversary. I know most of the teens that are reading this might often think about what it would be like if you lost a parent. I used to wonder, too. Except now I don't wonder, I know.

#### DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL

(By Sarah Van Auken)

Standing-daddy's little girl (just); Standing (yeah)-daddy's little girl . . .

I wonder, wonder through the trees, blow the wind, blow the wind to me. Control, controlling my fears, somewhere, be-

hind these tears. And may, maybe you'll appear, somehow whisper in my ear (my ear, my ear!)

CHORUS

If you were just standing here, I could erase these tears of mine! And all these words would disappear, oh! Standing-daddy's little girl (just); Standing (yeah)-daddy's little girl . . .

Can it, can it be, that the wind is guiding me! Daddy are you there? 'cause I've, I've looked everywhere I need, I need you! What should, what should I do! And may, maybe you'll appear, somehow whisper in my ear (my ear, my ear!)

CHORUS

If you were just standing here, I could erase these tears of mine! And all these words would disappear! I just want to find you, but there's nothing I can do. Where do you roam? I just want you HOME!!!!

Standing-daddy's little girl (just); Standing (yeah)-daddy's little girl . . .

HONORING REV. JUAN MARTINEZ  
AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 40th  
PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to my dear friend, Reverend Juan Martinez, as the congregation of the Door of Salvation Pentecostal Church honors him on his 40th pastoral anniversary. This is a tremendous milestone for Reverend Martinez and for the community he has served for the last four decades.

One of the eldest Hispanic ministers in New Haven, Reverend Martinez has been an active and vocal member of our community since his arrival. Upon making his home in New Haven, Reverend Martinez established the church known as "Iglesia Peurta de Salvacion" which has flourished under his leadership. Throughout the last half century, the Hispanic population has grown at a rapid rate and we have been fortunate to have Reverend Martinez working so diligently in our community.

As the pastor for 40 years, Reverend Martinez has ministered to the spiritual needs of hundreds in the Hill community—strengthening our bonds of faith and helping to build stronger neighborhoods of which we can all be proud. As a community leader he has embodied the spirit and values of our great nation. Today, Reverend Martinez continues down his chosen path—providing counsel and offering solace and guidance to those most in need. With his unparalleled dedication and talent, he has made a real difference in the lives of many.

Throughout his lifetime, Reverend Martinez has exemplified the qualities we need in our community leaders. I am proud to join his wife, Maria, his six children, family, friends, and the congregation of the Door of Salvation Pentecostal Church in extending my warmest congratulations as he celebrates his 40th pastoral anniversary. His good work and invaluable contributions have left an indelible mark on our community.

IN MEMORY OF CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER CHARLES STANLEY

**HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, Chief Warrant Officer Charles I. Stanley was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. It had been 33 years since the Army helicopter he was piloting crashed in bad weather in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. A search and rescue mission to find Stanley and six others on the helicopter following the crash had been unsuccessful.

For more than three decades, Stanley's family was unsure of his fate, and wondered if he would always be classified as MIA and if their grief would have no end. Finally, in November of 2000, several years after a crash site was identified, Stanley's remains were positively verified through DNA analysis. His burial at Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground, took place last week and finally gave his beloved family some closure after decades of uncertainty.

Stanley grew up in Highland Heights, OH. He was a graduate of Mayfield High School and attended Ohio State University before enlisting in the Army in 1968. He was just 23 years old at the time of his death.

Stanley is survived by a brother, Ronald Stanley of Highland Heights, a sister, Carol Subel, a Chagrin Falls resident, and many other family members. Sadly, Stanley's mother and father both passed before learning of their son's fate.

At Stanley's funeral last week, about 50 family members, friends and Vietnam veterans gathered at Arlington to pay their last respect and to give this military hero a long overdue farewell. There was a chapel service at Fort Myers and then a graveside burial at Arlington, complete with a three-gun volley, a flag presentation and the performance of Taps by a lone bugler.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Ohio, I extend my condolences to Stanley's family. I am pleased that you finally were able to give your brother the burial that befits him as a war hero, and that you have gained some closure in this painful chapter of your lives. Please know that Charles Stanley's heroic service and sacrifice for our nation are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

FOOD SAFETY REQUIRES MULTI-  
PRONGED APPROACH, INCLUDING  
IRRADIATION

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, the recent recall of ground beef highlights the need for increased attention to food safety and the means to achieve it. An editorial in the August 2, 2002, Norfolk Daily News, discusses the need to utilize a variety of approaches to further ensure safety. This includes adequate inspection at the plant and proper food preparation. In addition, the editorial states that "the Federal government has made it possible,

though not simple, for processors to employ the most fail-safe system of all—irradiation. Already in wide use in the food industry, it can extend shelf life as well as destroy the pathogens which seem to survive despite inspection efforts. Its use needs better acceptance in the red meat industry, and especially from those activists who claim to have the best interests of consumers at heart."

The Food and Drug Administration has approved irradiation for the control of pathogenic micro-organisms in red meat. The FDA concluded that irradiation reduced disease-causing microbes and did not compromise the nutritional quality of treated products. While the U.S. food supply is generally very safe, we must continue to seek improved methods of ensuring this safety. Irradiation is one of these methods.

TRIBUTE TO THE PONY LEAGUE  
TERM OF NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am bursting with pride today as I rise to honor an extraordinary group of young athletes, the PONY (Protecting Our Nation's Youth) League Team of Norwalk, California, my hometown. On August 24, this team completed its undefeated competition in the 2002 PONY League World Series in Washington, Pennsylvania, with a commanding 10-0 victory over Levittown, Puerto Rico, to become the world champions. Norwalk became the first United States team since 1999 to win the PONY League World Series, and the third California team in six years to win the title.

After defeating tournament host Washington by a 11-7 score on the second night of competition, Norwalk cruised through the 13-game tournament with convincing victories over Hagerstown, Md. (11-0), Port Neches, Texas (11-4), and finally Levittown (10-0). The championship win ended their dominating four-game performance, in which the Norwalk team outscored their opponents by a combined score of 43-11.

We are often bombarded by negative stories about our young people involving violence and drugs. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this each of the young people on this team who have done something so positive in working together to reach this outstanding achievement: Art Gonzalez, Jimmy Buentello, Frankie Lucero, Johnny Perez, Gabriel Schwulst, Danny Dutch, Miguel Flores, Jesus Cabral, Tony Zarco, Jamil Acosta, Eddie Murray, George Sanchez, Richard Melendrez, Anthony Topete and Victor Sanchez.

I also want to recognize the team's manager and coaches, Ruben Velazquez, George Sanchez and Tony Rivas, as well as the parents of the players, who all played important roles in the team's success this season. Volunteers like these are the backbone of the PONY League, and without them the participation and success of our young athletes would not be possible.

The PONY League provides an excellent opportunity for 13 and 14-year-olds throughout the world to enjoy competitive baseball. The

PONY League was founded 1951, and since then over 5 million young athletes have participated. There are now 28,500 teams throughout the United States and 12 other countries. I have always been supportive of this League, the Norwalk PONY-Colt League, since my own sons played in it decades ago. I am very proud of all of the young people who have participated this season and many other seasons, but particularly the 2002 world champions from Norwalk, California. Congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WES WATKINS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed three rollcall votes on September 9, 2002, because I was attending meetings in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for rollcall votes 375, 376, and 377.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARSHALL  
DUANE SHERMAN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Marshall Duane "Whitey" Sherman, a longtime resident of Kremmling, Colorado. Mr. Sherman lived an extraordinary life and accomplished many things, he began his career as a lineman with the Estes Park Light and Power Company. Soon after, he worked as a consultant and inspector for various power companies throughout the state including the Department of Energy.

Despite his busy career, Mr. Sherman also managed to find time to make significant contributions within his community and throughout the State of Colorado. A cordial and responsible individual, Mr. Sherman spent much of his free time as a mentor to Colorado's future generations. He served as a 4-H leader and was involved in a number of church youth summer programs. Mr. Sherman also served on a host of other organizations that became influential to the welfare of the Kremmling community. He was president of the Middle Park Fair Board for ten years, served on the Kremmling Hospital board of directors, was the president of the West Grand Education Foundation, and was active in many groups within the Kremmling Community Church where he was a member.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take the time to pay tribute to a man that has epitomized what it means to be a benefactor of his state and a role model for future generations to emulate. He was a decent, hard working American who found the time to help others and helped to make the Town of Kremmling, Colorado a better place to live. My condolences go out to the Sherman family, his wife Geneva and their sons Marshall, Mike, and Rich. Although the loss of Mr. Sherman will be deeply felt throughout the Kremmling

community, there is solace in knowing that his life has made an impression that will transcend his death for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday September 4, 2002, I missed two votes due to flight delays. Although I received the appropriate leave of absence from the House, I wish to inform my colleagues and constituents of the 2nd District of Wisconsin on how I intended to vote on the roll call votes that I missed.

On Roll Call vote 371, I would have voted No. On Roll Call vote 372, I would have voted Aye.

#### MISSOURI'S #1 YOUNG BASEBALL TEAM

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to the Blue Springs Indians baseball team of Blue Springs, MO. These young players have distinguished themselves, the Blue Springs community and the State of Missouri with outstanding conduct on and off the field.

The Blue Springs Indians are the #1 baseball team in Missouri in the 8 years old and under USSSA Missouri League. The team managed this feat by winning the Missouri State Championship Tournament. The Indians finished 11th in the World Series and are ranked #15 in the nation.

The Blue Springs Indians are Taylor "Tator Tot" Cross, Luke "Biscuit" Crabb, Cole "Little Man" Erwin, Nate "Bear" Goff, Nick "G-Man" Gulotta, Gehrig "Lou" Hudson, Landon "Boot" Mason, Steven "Sully" Sullivan, Logan "Mowgs" Taylor, Brett "T-Rex" Valentine, Trevor "T-Bone" Wescott, and Andrew "Action" Wright.

Mr. Speaker, these young ball players have played a wonderful season of baseball and have made their friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing the Blue Springs Indians all the best.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable circumstances, I was forced to take a medical leave of absence from the House of Representatives from 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2002, until 12:00 p.m. on September 10, 2002. I respectfully request that how I would have voted had I been able to be present for votes be submitted and accepted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at an appropriate place as follows:

On Rollcall vote No. 375, H.R. 5157 offered by Representative DON YOUNG, on Federal Transit Formula Grants Flexibility, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 376, H. Con. Res. 401 offered by Representative DON YOUNG recognizing the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants each day, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 377, H. Res. 516 offered by Representative NORTHUP congratulating the Valley Sports American Little League Baseball Team from Louisville, Kentucky, for their outstanding performance in the Little League World Series, had I been able to be present I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 378, H.R. 5010 offered by Representative JERRY LEWIS to close portions of the conference on the Defense Appropriations bill, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 379, H.R. 3210 offered by Representative OXLEY to instruct conferees, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "aye."

On Rollcall vote No. 380, on approving the Journal, had I been able to be present, I would have voted "nay."

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE WES WATKINS

### HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today Oklahoma's delegation to the United States Congress pays tribute to our friend and colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma, WES WATKINS.

Following twenty years of service in the House, WES WATKINS is leaving Congress at the end of this term. His service on behalf of Oklahoma's Third Congressional District spans parts of four decades: From 1977 to 1991 as a Democrat, and from 1997 to the present as a Republican.

Those of us who have had the honor to serve and work with WES WATKINS know him to be one of the hardest working and most dedicated members of the Congress.

The Third District of Oklahoma has been one of the most rural, economically distressed areas of the nation, and WES WATKINS has made it his mission to lay the foundation for private sector economic development and job growth in his district.

Whether he was recruiting potential employers or seeking federal funding for basic infrastructure that most of the country takes for granted—like paved roads and running water—WES WATKINS has always placed the needs of his constituents first on his priority list.

When traditional financing couldn't be arranged for businesses to expand or locate in his district, WES WATKINS helped found Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, a non-profit economic development organization that in the past twenty years has financed more than \$200 million in business loans for rural Oklahoma. When a potential business recruit told him there was not an ample water supply to locate a coal-fueled electric power plant in his district, WES WATKINS obtained federal funding

to raise the level of a local lake to accommodate the plant's needs.

WES WATKINS led the effort to help fledgling rural businesses succeed by helping create the nation's first rural business incubators in his district. And he worked with Oklahoma's career and technology education system to create rural distance-learning centers to help bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas by bringing technology training directly to his rural constituents.

Thanks in large part to WES WATKINS' efforts, southeastern Oklahoma—once known for its welfare dependency—is now developing into one of the fastest growing areas of our state.

In addition to his economic development efforts in rural Oklahoma, WES WATKINS has earned a reputation as a strong supporter of our state's agriculture and energy industries. He has worked to improve rural health care and education. WES WATKINS has been an outspoken advocate for our nation's veterans and for a strong national defense. He has obtained funding for countless economic infrastructure projects like road construction, airport improvements, and water development in his rural district. And WES WATKINS' efforts to ensure Oklahoma's former Indian lands were eligible for federal Indian land tax incentives have provided Oklahoma with one of the best industrial recruitment tools in America.

With twenty years of experience in the House, WES WATKINS is the dean of Oklahoma's House delegation. His leadership and wisdom will be greatly missed not just by his many admiring colleagues, but by his district, his state, and his nation.

Thank you WES, for your many years of service and for a job well done. Your friends in Oklahoma's congressional delegation wish you the best of health and continued success in the years to come.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE ULIBARRI

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Judge Joe Ulibarri of Pueblo, Colorado and recognize his contributions and service to his community. After twenty-three years in the Pueblo Municipal Court, Judge Ulibarri has retired. Throughout his tenure, Judge Ulibarri has made a number of important rulings, notably his 1991 decision that allowed the Municipal Court to accept juvenile citations and relieve the state Court of their backlog, leading to the expeditious handling of juvenile cases in Pueblo. The career and accomplishments of Joe Ulibarri are a testament to fine public service and most certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation.

Judge Joe Ulibarri was born on July 31, 1943 and was educated at Southern Colorado State College where he received an Associate of Arts degree in Social Studies and English. He went on to study law at the University of Denver School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1970. Following graduation he earned a job as a staff attorney

working for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Denver, Colorado. In 1979, Judge Ulibarri became the Assistant Municipal Judge for the City of Pueblo, and after ten years was promoted to the position of Presiding Municipal Judge. In retirement, Joe plans to spend more time with his new granddaughter, Noelle Elora, who was born January 3, 2002. Joe also hopes to travel with his lovely wife Juanita and perhaps even return to teaching part-time.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege that I recognize Judge Joe Ulibarri and his selfless contributions to our legal system and to his community. Joe has worked hard throughout his career and it is my honor to bring forth his accomplishment before this body of Congress and this nation. Good luck to you Joe in all your future endeavors.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DONALD  
J. PEASE IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF OHIO'S 13TH CON-  
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, a long time friend of mine and former Member of Congress, Edward F. Weber, requested that I submit the following statement in memory of his friend and colleague, Donald J. Pease.

Mr. Speaker, the family, friends, and constituents of Ohio's 13th Congressional District mourn the passing of our former Member, Donald J. Pease. Don was elected to

Congress in 1976 and served until his retirement in 1992. Among other assignments he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee where he was instrumental in drafting certain significant changes to the income tax law.

It is probably very rare when two members of the same high school class serve together in this House, as Don and I did in the 97th Congress. It was my privilege to have been Don's classmate at Jesup W. Scott High School in Toledo, Ohio from which he and I graduated in 1949. Don was elected president of the senior class, a position he forfeited in favor of being the editor of the school paper, because school rules prohibited the holding of two major offices. I know that Don received many honors; among those was his election in 1981 as a charter member of the school's Hall of Fame. All of the '49ers will miss him greatly.

From high school Don went on to Ohio University and from there pursued graduate studies on a Fulbright Scholarship. When his formal studies were finished, Don established a business career in journalism, as the editor and co-publisher of the Oberlin News-Tribune. He combined this with service in the Ohio Legislature for 10 years before his election to Congress.

Don's friendliness and his humor, his keen mind and ability with words; and the integrity with which he approached each given task were distinguishing characteristics wherever he was and whatever he did.

A heart condition caused Don not to seek reelection in 1992, and it was his heart that suddenly took his life on Sunday, July 28, 2002 while at home in Oberlin. Regardless of our political persuasion, Ohio, especially the 13th Congressional District, is a better place because of individuals like Don Pease.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of a former colleague, Donald J. Pease. Our democratic institutions

and the American people are better served through the diligence and determination of public servants, like Don, who have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of others. I am confident that Don's life will continue to serve as a model for future generations on how one individual can serve his community and positively influence others around him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don's family and friends during this difficult time. We wish them the very best.

IN MEMORY OF FAY LATHAM

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2002*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my dear friend, Fay Latham.

Fay was a loving mother, grandmother, and servant of God, but to me she was first and foremost a trusted friend. If I can convey but one overriding memory of Fay, it is that she was always there for me from the earliest days onward. As I embarked on my career in government service, she was active in each of my campaigns, contributing even more than I could have asked. I owe her much.

While Fay's loss to the community will be considerable, her dedication and commitment to principal will continue to inspire. We must continue to remember and honor people like Fay Latham who steadfastly step in the breach when principle and duty call. Her husband Jesse and her family have my continuing gratitude and respect.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.  
 Environment and Public Works  
 To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.  
 SD-406

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking, entitled "Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design".  
 SD-366

Armed Services  
 To hold closed hearings to examine the situation in Iraq.  
 S-407 Capitol

10 a.m.  
 Foreign Relations  
 Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine current tensions in South Asia.  
 SD-419

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
 To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill (P.L. 107-171).  
 SR-328A

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine the challenges for public health relative to the West Nile Virus.  
 SD-430

Indian Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1392, to establish procedures for the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior with respect to tribal recognition; and S. 1393, to provide grants to ensure full and fair participation in certain decisionmaking processes at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.  
 SR-485

10:15 a.m.  
 United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control  
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy in the Andean region.  
 SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 Public Health Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the adequacy of childhood vaccines.  
 SD-430

SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 a.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and sustainability of U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.  
 SD-366

10 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the enrollees and lineal descendants of enrollees whose names appear on the final Indian rolls of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations (historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes).  
 SR-485

Judiciary  
 To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations.  
 SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 Housing and Transportation Subcommittee  
 To hold oversight hearings to examine transportation security one year after September 11, 2001.  
 SD-538

SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold oversight hearings to examine the role of Special Trustees within the Department of the Interior.  
 SR-485

10 a.m.  
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction of tobacco products.  
 SD-430

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
 To continue hearings to examine stem cell research.  
 SD-124

10 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to consider the nominations of Quannah Crossland Stamps, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, and Philip N. Hogen, of South Dakota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.  
 SR-485

CANCELLATIONS

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.  
 Conferees  
 Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on general provisions.  
 S-207 Capitol