

The strength and vitality of the United States of America is in the diversity of its people, the diversity of its ideas, the freedom to express those ideas and the opportunity to achieve one's potential and direct one's destiny.

Mr. Speaker, these ideals and principles are absolute and will not be surrendered or weakened by the cowardly acts of terrorists who fear the sunshine of freedom and the responsibility it brings.

Let us forever remember that the date September 11 reaffirms the principles for which the United States of America was founded and that on this day each year freedom shall ring from every community in this great land and the Voice of America will be heard around the world.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. DILLON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon were united in marriage July 31, 1977 and are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dillon as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

HONORING MARTHA EZELL
"MAMA" TUNE FOR A LIFETIME
OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha Ezell Tune, "Mama Tune," of Antioch, Tennessee, for a lifetime of devotion to family, faith, and community.

Mama Tune's contributions to Davidson County, and particularly, the Antioch area, have impacted many. Whether it be her involvement and leadership in civic matters, cooking meals for family and friends, working the polls on election day, writing a history of the Antioch community, or substitute teaching at Antioch High School, Mama Tune is an individual who is an inspiration to us all.

A Tennessee native, Mama Tune graduated from Antioch High School in 1941, alongside her brother, James. That same year she married James Tune. The two enjoyed 50 years together and had two children, Buford and Sam, and three grandchildren. Mama Tune's sons are successful Middle Tennessee business owners.

Tune received her education from Middle Tennessee Teacher's College and the Univer-

sity of Alabama. She taught at Una Elementary School for several years. She has been teaching in the Metropolitan Davidson County School System as a teacher or substitute teacher for fifty years and currently substitutes at Antioch High School on a regular basis. Many times she teaches students whose parents she once taught in school. Her profound influence for the good has shaped many lives over the years.

Mama Tune often touts the accomplishments of the students she taught at Antioch. She pours more than knowledge into their lives: she pours love and they do not ever forget it.

The Clement family has known and appreciated the friendship of the Tune and Ezell families for a number of years. In particular, we have enjoyed many conversations and meals at their home, including such southern delicacies as homemade chocolate pie, cornbread, green beans, fried chicken, and macaroni and cheese. Mama Tune is well known for her cooking and included a number of her best-loved recipes in the book, "All I Know About Antioch High School, The Town, and My Life."

Individuals like Mama Tune are those who make this nation great—individuals who are willing to give of themselves and their time for the betterment of the state and the community through acts of kindness and love. Today we honor her for a lifetime of achievement.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this Joint Resolution and in doing so, I stand in solemn remembrance of the tragic events of a year ago and a pride in America's response.

While the loss of life was immense, and the impact of the terrorist attacks was felt far from New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the terrorists failed. The group of men, and the larger organization they represented, wanted to break the will of a proud and strong country. The world stands in witness to their failure.

Instead of falling apart, our country united. Our brave first responders worked tirelessly to help survivors; we saw ordinary citizens involved in heroic efforts; and all across the country Americans joined together to offer assistance.

The outpouring of support and unity could be seen in every flag that was flown with pride across this country. The United States of America rose to the challenge presented to it with a resolve that was felt around the world.

Now, on our first Patriot Day, when we see our flag at half-mast, let us not only remember the tragic events of a year ago, but also the strength exhibited by all Americans. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, expressing solidarity on this day of remembrance.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of millions of seniors across our nation who are forced to choose between buying their food, paying their rent, or purchasing their medicine. For too many seniors, this is truly a life or death situation that none of them should have to face.

Unfortunately, this Congress is just weeks away from adjourning for the session and we are still no closer to enacting a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Over two months ago, we had an opportunity to debate and vote on a bill that would provide a meaningful prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program. The "Medicare Rx Drug Benefit and Discount Act (H.R. 5019) would add a new "Part D" to the Medicare program with voluntary prescription drug coverage for any senior that chooses to enroll. Participating seniors would pay a set \$25 per month premium and a \$100 a year deductible. In return, Medicare would cover 80% of all drug costs up to \$2,000 a year. Once a senior reached the \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit, Medicare would then pay for all drug costs beyond that point.

The House leadership refused to allow this bill on the floor. Instead, in the dead of night, while our nation's seniors were fast asleep, a majority in the House passed a bill that might as well have been written by the pharmaceutical industry. No substitute was allowed and no amendments could be offered. There was nothing even remotely bipartisan about that evening.

The bill that passed at 2:30 a.m. on June 28 does not establish a prescription drug plan under Medicare. Instead, it relies on private insurers who are free to design their own plans, charge their own prices, decide which drugs to cover, and tell our seniors what pharmacies they may use. It does nothing to bring down rising drug costs nor does it address the issue of reimportation. Most importantly, the House leadership knows this bill has no chance of passing the Senate. It was a political gesture, not a policy priority.

Where does this leave our nations seniors? They are still being forced to choose between food, shelter, and their medicine. They are still paying exorbitant prices for the same medications that are available in Canada and overseas for a fraction of the cost. They are still waiting for this House to act in a responsible manner.

My House colleagues on both sides of the aisle, we still have time—it is not too late. Let's work together in a bipartisan manner to meet our parties' respective promises to the American people and provide meaningful prescription drug benefits. Together we can bring hope and relief to our nation's seniors and pass a real Medicare prescription drug plan before this Congress adjourns.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 10, I was unavoidably detained due to my involvement in the Maryland primary. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Aye," on rollcall No. 378, on motion to close portions of the conference on H.R. 5010; "Aye," on rollcall No. 379, on motion that the House instruct conferees on H.R. 3210; "Aye," on rollcall No. 380, on agreeing to the Journal; "Aye," on rollcall No. 381, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 513; "Aye," on rollcall No. 382, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H.R. 3880; and "Aye," on rollcall No. 383, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Con. Res. 320.

STATUE DONATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the city of Leidschendam-Voorburg in the Netherlands for their act of friendship towards their sister city, Temecula, California.

As a way to express their sentiments of sorrow and sympathy for the events that occurred on September 11th, the citizens of Voorburg have graciously donated the statue "Singing in the Rain," by Frans Kokshoorn to the city of Temecula. The residents of Voorburg donated thousands of dollars to have this statue built and shipped to Temecula for its installation on this day of remembrance.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the events of one year ago, I would like to join the city of Temecula in thanking the city and citizens of Leidschendam-Voorburg for this genuine gesture of kindness during a difficult time for every American.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SECURITY ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Security Act.

The National Institutes of Health, founded in 1887, is one of the world's foremost medical research centers, and the Federal focal point for medical research in the U.S. Comprised of 27 separate components, mainly Institutes and Centers, NIH has in excess of 75 buildings on more than 300 acres in Bethesda, Maryland.

The research centers at NIH study some of the most infectious diseases in the world, including anthrax, smallpox and West Nile virus, as well as nuclear waste and radioactive material. Unfortunately, because of the work NIH

does, they present a prime target for terrorists that wish to do America harm. Therefore, it must be a paramount goal of this Congress to ensure that NIH can protect itself against an attack. Presently, NIH does not have the ability to do so.

After September 11, Congress authorized the 322-acre biomedical research facility to bolster its security by doubling its police ranks from 64 officers to 108. This decision was made by U.S. intelligence experts who determined that the NIH campus is vulnerable and a potential target for terrorist attack and/or infiltration and theft of protected materials and research. Unfortunately, the force has never reached such heights due to its current pay and retirement system.

NIH police are one of the lowest paid in the Washington-Metropolitan area. The minimum salary for NIH police, \$26,415, falls thousands short of what's offered by some federal agencies, and even by some local police departments. Making matters worse, NIH police are not classified as federal "law enforcement officers," and are thereby denied the superior retirement benefits that distinction affords. The result is in low retention of officers and difficulty with recruitment. Without retirements included, there exists a 77 percent attrition rate at NIH yearly. Currently, the force has faced such problems with officer retention and recruitment that by June, its numbers had dwindled to about 50.

Due to the severity of the situation and the resources that NIH protects, I am introducing legislation that would allow NIH to bolster its security force. This bill would add no additional costs to the federal government, it would simply allow some long overdue flexibility to be used by NIH. This would include:

Making NIH Police "Federal Law Enforcement Officers," which allows their officers who are doing the same essential work as other "law enforcement officers" to receive commensurate salaries and retirement pay.

Allowing NIH police to carry firearms, serve warrants and subpoenas, and make arrests without warrant for any offense against the U.S.

Conducting investigations within the U.S. for offenses committed on property occupied by NIH.

Without these changes, we are undoubtedly allowing a prime target to remain vulnerable to terrorists. Protecting the 4-million square foot research hospital, the third largest federal building in the world, must be a priority of this Congress and I urge support for this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SHAYNA L. SMITH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Shayna Smith has devoted herself to education during her enrollment at Wheeling Jesuit University; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has spent countless hours in the pursuit of academic excellence; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthu-

siasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in graduating from Wheeling Jesuit University;

Therefore, I join the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Shayna Smith as she receives her Bachelor of Science from Wheeling Jesuit University Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOB STANLEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. Bob Stanley. I am proud to recognize Mr. Stanley for more than twenty years of devoted service to the trucking industry and the state of West Virginia.

For the last nineteen years, Mr. Stanley has been the Managing Director and President of the West Virginia Motor Truck Association. During his prestigious years as President, Mr. Stanley has built an organization that is financially strong and well respected throughout the state of West Virginia. As a voice for the trucking industry, he is also highly respected and regarded as a true professional and gentleman.

Prior to his employment in the trucking industry, Mr. Stanley served twenty-six years with the West Virginia State Police. In 1979, Bob Stanley retired as Lt. Colonel/Deputy Superintendent.

It is an honor to commend Mr. Stanley on his service to the trucking industry as well as to the state of West Virginia.

HONORING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BILL CIRONE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, Bill Cirone. I have known Bill for many years, dating back to the days when I was a school nurse in the Santa Barbara County schools, and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to honor him today.

On October 3, 2002, the Emmaus of Santa Barbara will present the 2002 Richard Breza Service to Santa Barbara Award to Bill Cirone. I can think of no more deserving person than Bill to receive this award, as he has served Santa Barbara County Schools for the past 20 years in his position as Superintendent. Bill has created the nationally acclaimed Santa Barbara "Center for Community Education and Citizen Participation" and has constantly emphasized the importance of community service in our schools. Bill has served on the board of directors or advisory committees for many organizations, including the University of California at Santa Barbara Gevirtz Research Center, the National Association of Partners in