

ever, New Yorkers have demonstrated their grit, their courage and their determination. On September 11, 2001 New York took our enemy's best shot and never wavered or faltered. The police officers, fire fighters and all the rescue workers who raced into the inferno demonstrated unsurpassed courage and set the tone and standard for our nation and the world. Just as significantly, the families of the brave men and women who were murdered that day just because they went to work in the World Trade Center have demonstrated a class and dignity that defy comprehension.

None of us will ever forget where we were or what we were doing when we first heard the news of the terrorist attacks of September 11—the attack on the World Trade Center, the attack on the Pentagon and the bringing down of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania by uncommonly heroic passengers. Nor will we forget how our nation rallied behind President Bush as he commanded the war against international terrorism. That war will be waged on many battlefields and in many ways for many years to come. But we know that America will prevail. It will prevail in large part because of the fighting spirit that rose from the flames and smoke which engulfed lower Manhattan. And it is that spirit that the United States Congress has honored and acknowledged by holding this extraordinary session in Federal Hall. God Bless America.

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IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
CHRISTINA SUNGA RYOOK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition, and remembrance of Christina Sunga Ryook, whose young and vibrant life was tragically cut short on the darkest day in the history of America.

Despite their profound sorrow and pain, Dae Jin Ryook and Kyung Woo Ryook, father and mother of Christina, have found the courage to speak of their beloved daughter—to share their thoughts with the world, letting us know and understand the beauty within the heart, soul and spirit that characterized Christina.

Christina's love for life, and love for her parents, extended family and close circle of friends, was a true gift—a gift she gave freely. She kindly extended her generosity, compassion and thoughtfulness to everyone she knew, and her kind and loving spirit will live on forever in all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Christina Sunga Ryook, who possessed a profound sense of joy for life, and whose inner light radiates within the hearts of everyone who loves her. Please join me as I extend my deepest condolences to Christina's beloved parents—Dae Jin Ryook and Kyung Woo Ryook. May you both find solace and comfort by the light and memories of your special, cherished and beloved daughter, Christina Sunga Ryook.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON  
THE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE IN  
GUJARAT

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world witnessed yet another act of senseless violence. I rise as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans to express my condolences to the families of the victims of the brutal attack on the Swaminarayan Temple in Gujarat.

Thirty-two—including many children—died in an attack in Gandhinagar.

Last year, I led a congressional delegation to Gujarat immediately following the devastating earthquake that hit the state. From that trip and my dealings with the Gujarati community in the U.S., I have developed a deep fondness for the people of Gujarat.

During my visit, I visited the Swaminarayan Temple and witnessed first hand the efforts of the Swaminarayan Temple to assist victims of the earthquake. Our heart goes out to all Gujaratis harmed by this violent act.

The Swaminarayan organization was established in 1907. It is a religion that preaches religious tolerance and practical spirituality. I only wish that more people in this world shared those values.

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IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
MADELINE L. RYAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Madeline L. Ryan, social and community activist, and above all, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and friend to many.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Collinwood, Ohio, to working class parents who instilled values of social action and personal responsibility regarding the American labor movement.

While working and raising her three sons, Mrs. Ryan also found time to volunteer on behalf of workers' rights. She was an active member of the Communications Workers of America, and later was elected Vice President of the CWA Retirees Club. She lived by example, teaching others that the path for change was action and involvement. Mrs. Ryan helped organize workers; she walked the picket line; attended countless meetings; and even traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby Congress to secure positive change on behalf of the CWA.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Madeline L. Ryan, whose eloquent dedication to social justice, in word and deed, significantly impacted all who knew her. I extend my deepest condolences to her beloved husband, Arthur Ryan, sons Michael, Jeff and John; and also to her grandchildren, great grandchild, and extended family and friends. Mrs. Ryan's devotion to family and community will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING THE CONGRES-  
SIONAL COALITION ON ADOPTION  
INSTITUTE'S "ANGELS IN ADOPT-  
TION" PROGRAM AND THE HALL-  
MARK CHANNEL

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, last night the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute celebrated the fourth annual "Angels in Adoption" program. It was a remarkable celebration of the many heroes throughout the nation who have advanced the cause of adoption.

I had the great privilege to present to Lana Corbi, President and CEO of the Hallmark Channel, one of the 2002 National Angel Awards to recognize the Hallmark Channel's outstanding contributions to promote adoption through their television programming.

There are many who made the "Angels in Adoption" event such a tremendous success, among whom I would like to commend my Congressional Coalition on Adoption Co-Chairs, Senator LARRY CRAIG and Senator MARY LANDRIEU for their leadership and advocacy. I would also like to thank Maxine Baker and the Freddie Mac Foundation, and Paul Singer and the Target Corporation for their generous sponsorship of the "Angels in Adoption" celebration.

I want to add a special word of thanks to Kerry Hasenbalg, the Executive Director of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and her marvelous and dedicated staff (Wendy Cosby, Lynnette Cole, Katie Richardson, Jenni Byrd, and summer interns Kaitlin McNew and Emily Bonhoff) who gave so tirelessly of their time and talent to make this event such a success. I also wish to thank Chip Gardiner of my staff, Brooke Roberts of Senator CRAIG's staff and Kathleen Strotzman of Senator LANDRIEU's staff for their significant contributions to adoption advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to enter in the RECORD my remarks from last evening's "Angels in Adoption" program.

REPRESENTATIVE OBERSTAR'S PRESENTATION  
OF THE 2002 NATIONAL ANGEL IN ADOPTION  
AWARD TO THE HALLMARK CHANNEL

Tonight, we celebrate the men, women and children who have made profound contributions to adoption in their communities. Each Angel in Adoption has been deeply moved by this life-changing and life-affirming experience. For the Members of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, tonight is our opportunity to recognize their story, their experience. We are a better nation, and the lives of countless children and families have been touched in a powerful manner through adoption.

I have seen many families in my congressional district in Minnesota that have been touched by adoption, and I am delighted to recognize one of my constituents, Linda Forde from Deerwood, Minnesota for sharing her personal experience with adoption with me. Ms. Forde is an adoptive parent of two wonderful children who were born in Vietnam. Because of her concern regarding the treatment of U.S. families seeking to adopt from Vietnam, she contacted me to voice her support for these families. Through her advocacy, Ms. Forde has demonstrated that motivated citizens can make a difference to promote adoption. It is for this reason that I am pleased to recognize Ms. Forde for her dedication to orphans who seek their forever families.