

We are living in historic times, and I have been so proud of the American people. New York City has been the personification of American strength and resiliency.

I have also been proud of our work here in Congress to put aside politics to provide our armed forces and law enforcement officers with the resources and tools they need to fight the war on terrorism, and to make this nation safer than it was on September 10, 2001. This war is not an issue of politics, it is an issue of patriotism.

Those responsible for last year's horrific events seriously miscalculated the strength and resolve of Americans. Our sense of security may have been temporarily unsteady, but our unity is unwavering. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument. No act of violence, no sharpened razor, can sever them.

America has been committed through this last year to the difficult realities of living in the shadows of war. We have gone on living our lives because to do otherwise would be giving in to the evil behind September 11. But there should be no doubt that we will remain committed until those responsible learn the steep cost of taking innocent lives—innocent American lives—on American soil. We will never stop working to make America safe and secure.

The flame of liberty remains bright and will continue to shine upon the world, casting deep into the dark shadows of violence, intolerance, and extremism. This is a time of remembrance. But it is also a time to renew our dedication to fighting until America is free from the threat of terrorism.

ABORTION NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the Floor this morning to express my strong support of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA). I believe the rights of religious hospitals and other health care entities who may be opposed, in conscience to abortion, from ever having to perform, provide medical training or fund induced abortions should be protected.

Lynn Wardle, Professor of Law at Brigham Young University, in his testimony before the Energy and Commerce Committee this summer noted, ANDA, "The basic issue in the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act is forced abortion. A forced abortion occurs not only when a woman is forced to have an abortion she does not want, but also when a health-care provider is forced to provide or participate in an abortion against her will. The right of individuals and organizations of individuals to choose in accordance with their conscience to not have and to not participate in abortion must be protected against extremists who are trying to coerce others to provide abortion services that these extremists want but which others find morally repugnant. That is what ANDA is about." The rights of individuals to

choose according to their conscience must be protected; it is the principle of freedom that we have the duty to defend.

As we face an ever-increasing rise in the cost of managed care many smaller, private, sometimes religious hospitals are forced to merge with larger hospitals in order to survive. Conscience protection would ensure that these smaller, often denominational, hospitals would not have to choose between providing services that violate their conscience and closing their doors. These hospitals were often first organized to serve the poor and needy, it is these very people that will suffer should these hospitals be forced to close. The heart of the matter is this: Health care entities, as well as individuals, deserve the right to choose.

Currently, 49 states have some kind of conscience protection for health care providers. It is time we clarify in law once and for all every doctor, hospital, and individual's right to act according to his or her conscience.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 25th I missed rollcall votes 411, 412, 413, 414 and 415 due to a family emergency. If I had been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 411, "yea" on rollcall 412, "yea" on rollcall 413, "yea" on rollcall 414 and "yea" on rollcall 415.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACK—SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS IN NEW YORK CITY

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, like every American, I will always remember September 11th. Today we gather to mourn our nation's losses and to demonstrate our resolve that America will not be slowed or diminished by terrorist attacks.

September 11th was an unsettling day for each of us, wherever we were. Nearly 3000 Americans lost their lives that day. All of us lost the sense of security that we as Americans had long taken for granted.

The victims came from all across the country and every walk of life. They had one thing in common—they were simply going about their business. It was a crisp, clear, sunny morning. I will never forget the contrast between the beautiful weather and the acrid smoke, dust and rubble at each of the impact sites.

Each of us shares the grief of families who lost loved ones. Each of us mourns the loss of innocence that resulted from the attacks.

Even in those darkest hours, however, America's light shined through. Millions of us joined together to donate blood and money to help the victims and their families. I visited the

Pentagon to encourage rescue workers, and worked with the FAA to ensure that medical supplies would continue to arrive at Maine hospitals during the shutdown of airline service. Maine businesses and individuals donated food and supplies for workers and displaced families.

The great irony of September 11th is that the terrorists sought to drive America apart, but instead brought us together as a nation. Our people have once again shown an incredible resilience and an ability to come together in times of need. America is, indeed, one nation, under God, indivisible.

The acts of terrorism perpetrated against our country have reminded us of the precarious nature of life and of the lives of those around us. We will always carry in our hearts the memories of those who were lost on September 11th. May we also always remember the patriotism and unity that we have experienced in its aftermath.

We stand together today as Americans, united in mourning and also in our resolve to triumph over factions that would tear us apart. Together, we will ensure that hope, freedom and justice will prevail.

BARBARA ANN "BOBBIE" HOUSEHOLDER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Householder, one of my constituents, passed away last week after losing a battle with cancer.

Barbara Ann was a longtime community volunteer and was well-known in my District for her extensive community service, as well as her years of association with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce. Barbara Ann helped organize events for the Adopt-A-School program, she volunteered for Leadership Blount and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival and also was a great volunteer in her church.

She retired with the title of vice president of community development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce. Although retired, she continued to work hard on her volunteer work. Up until a week before her death, she was recruiting volunteers for the United Way from her hospital bed.

Bobbie Householder was one of the finest people I have ever known and will be greatly missed by the whole community. Her efforts and achievements are an inspiration to us all, and I would like to call a newspaper article that was printed in the Maryville Daily Times about her life to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Daily Times, Aug. 22, 2002]

VOLUNTEER, FORMER CHAMBER OFFICIAL

HOUSEHOLDER DIES OF CANCER AT 74

(From Staff Reports)

Longtime community volunteer Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Householder of Alcoa died Wednesday morning at Blount Memorial Hospital after a battle with cancer.

Although she was never elected to public office, Householder was one of Blount County's best-known people through her volunteer work and her years of association with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.