

not overly consumed by our economic ties that we turn a blind eye to ensuring strong border security. Our two countries will need to stand side by side and continue working together as neighbors to approach future challenges and confront mutual dangers to keep our countries safe from terrorism.

It is now a known fact, despite some of the rhetoric in the American media, that none of the 9/11 hijackers entered across the U.S.-Canadian border to plan and implement their attacks. However, there have been two confirmed cases of terrorists captured while attempting to cross our large and extensive northern border. There is no denying that this threat still exists today and those who seek to do us harm will continue to exploit our vulnerabilities.

The United States and Canada have taken measures to better secure our shared border. Recent efforts include a 32-point plan, commonly referred to as the "Smart Border Accord" that secures the border and facilitates the flow of travelers and goods through coordinated law enforcement operations, intelligence-sharing, infrastructure improvements, improvement of compatible immigration databases, visa policy coordination, common biometric identifiers in travel documents, prescreening of air passengers, joint passenger analysis units, and improved processing of refugee and asylum claims. I applaud these efforts and welcome ways to improve document standards that govern travel across our borders. I believe this can be done without sacrificing security and efficiency.

In today's world, with the threats that we face, it is essential that we have friends and allies. Our Canadian neighbors to the north

are our friends. I again congratulate them on their successful elections and look forward to working together in the future to ensure that both countries remain safe, secure, and prosperous for years to come.

HONORING OFFICER MARC A.
REIDER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Marc A. Reider for his thirty years of exemplary service to the citizens and businesses of Tredyffrin Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Officer Reider retired as a decorated officer on December 23, 2005 from the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

As an outstanding public servant, Officer Reider retired as one of the most highly trained officers in the field of accident reconstruction. In addition to his many honors, he also served on the Tredyffrin Township Police Department's Traffic Accident Review Board. While on this Board, he oversaw the agency's forensic mapping team where his leadership and attention to detail helped to recreate and solve difficult auto related cases. Officer Reider is highly regarded throughout Pennsylvania as an expert witness in vehicular accidents and also serves as a member of the American Board of Forensic Examiners.

Officer Reider also takes the time to share his knowledge with younger members of the

police force. He has held a Pennsylvania Municipal Police Certificate since 1983 and has had the distinct honor of serving as an expert instructor in traffic accident investigations for the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy. Throughout his distinguished career, Officer Reider has worked tirelessly to make the Township, County, and Commonwealth a safer place. His dedication to service and professionalism will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Officer Marc A. Reider for his many years of exceptional service and professional contributions to the Tredyffrin Township Police Department and community. I am honored to stand before you to congratulate and celebrate Officer Marc A. Reider on his many impressive accomplishments.

REMARKS ON H.R. 4939

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today, the House considered legislation to increase spending. I support the Global War on Terror and would have supported a clean bill to continue to provide financial support to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, I could not vote for this bill because it was loaded with extraneous unrelated spending initiatives that run up our deficit and take precious resources away from our troops in the field and those fighting the War on Terrorism.