

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE KANSAS CITY  
FORD ASSEMBLY PLANT AND  
THE UAW LOCAL 249

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kansas City Ford Assembly Plant and the UAW Local 249 for their work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of organizations like the Kansas City Ford Assembly Plant and the UAW Local 249 signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Kansas City Ford Assembly Plant and the UAW Local 249 have raised more than \$67,000 to support the nationwide relief effort to provide for the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of the Kansas City Ford Assembly Plant and the UAW Local 249 is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though the nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continue to shine brightly on the world.

I am confident that the United States will seek out those that harbor hatred, terror, and depravity in their hearts; and we will defeat them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great nation and may God bless America.

IN HONOR OF THE ANNUAL  
PULASKI DAY CEREMONY

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Polonia Foundation of Ohio on their Annual Pulaski Day Ceremony in memory of General Kazimierz Pulaski.

Born March 4, 1747 in Warka, Poland, Kazimierz Pulaski achieved great military fame in Poland and soon became a national figure. In 1768 he and his father organized the Bar Confederacy and attempted to save Poland from Russian forces. He became a well-respected commander, but was forced into exile when the Russians pressured the confederacy to disintegrate. General Pulaski soon arrived in Paris where Benjamin Franklin actively recruited him for the American cause.

His service to America led him to the post of Brigadier General and was later recognized as the Father of the American Cavalry. He fought alongside George Washington at Brandywine and Germantown, but was mortally wounded in 1779 at Savannah.

The Polonia Foundation recognizes their obligation to see that the memory of the distinguished General Kazimierz Pulaski does not fade into history. His brilliant cavalry improvisations as well as his selfless service and dedication to our young nation's cause have earned him the respect of the American people.

This year, the annual Pulaski Day Celebration will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 6 at the War Memorial in Washington Park.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Polonia Foundation of Ohio for their outstanding cause of liberty and remembrance of a great man and soldier, General Kazimierz Pulaski.

IN RECOGNITION OF GLENDALE  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND  
HEALTH CENTER

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. On October 7, 2001, the hospital will celebrate its 75th Anniversary at its 14th annual Evening of Wine & Ross celebration.

The hospital's origins date back to 1926 when on January 13th Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center opened as Physicians and Surgeons Hospital with 47 beds. The hospital underwent three separate expansions in 1942, 1956, and 1968 making it better equipped to treat the growing population of the foothill communities. In 1955 the hospital's

name was changed to Memorial Hospital of Glendale and then again changed in 1986 to its current name, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health center.

The hospital has always shown a commitment to improving its facilities and increasing its level of care. In 1987, the Glendale Memorial Cancer Center was completed. This state of the art center is devoted solely to the prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer. In 1992, the hospital took on the challenge of treating some of the area's most critical patients with the completion of the Heart and Emergency Center. Even today, the hospital continues its expansion. Scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2002 is the Orthopedic Center as well as an addition to the Cancer Center.

I am proud to represent such an exceptional institution. With an outstanding staff of 1,250 full time employees and 562 physicians representing 63 specialties, it is no wonder that in 2000 the Heart center at the Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center was named as one of the top #100 heart centers in the country.

So today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Catholic Healthcare West, the Glendale Memorial Hospital, the Health center Board of Directors, and all the physicians and staff on their outstanding service to our community and wish them much success as they join in celebrating the Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center's 75th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE SALVATION  
ARMY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salvation Army for its work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of organizations like the Salvation's Army signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

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Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Salvation Army has assisted stranded travelers while planes were grounded and provided food for people both downtown and at KCI when heightened security left people without a means to get home. The patriotism and persistence of the Salvation Army is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

I am confident that the United States will seek out those that harbor hatred, terror, and depravity in their hearts; and we will clear them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great nation and may God bless America.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE GERIATRIC CARE ACT OF 2001

##### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Geriatric Care Act of 2001, an important piece of legislation which will help our nation prepare for the health care pressures associated with the aging of the baby boom generation.

Americans are living longer than ever, with the average life expectancy rising to 80 years old for women and 74 years old for men. While this is generally a positive development, there are costs associated with the aging of America. As seniors live longer, they face greater risks of disease and disabilities, such as Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and heart disease.

Geriatricians are physicians who are uniquely trained to help care for the aging and elderly. By promoting a comprehensive approach to health care, including wellness and preventive care, geriatricians can help seniors live longer and healthier lives.

It is critical that our nation have a sufficient number of geriatricians to help manage the aging of the baby-boom generation. Unfortunately, there are currently only 9,000 certified geriatricians, and that number is expected to decline dramatically in the coming years. Of the approximately 98,000 medical residency and fellowship positions supported by Medicare in 1998, only 324 were in geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry. We must do more to promote geriatric residency programs.

Unfortunately, there are two barriers preventing physicians from entering geriatrics: insufficient Medicare reimbursements for the provision of geriatric care and inadequate training dollars and positions for geriatricians.

A recent MedPac survey found that Medicare's low reimbursement rates serve as a major obstacle to recruiting new geriatricians. Due to their higher level of chronic disease and multiple prescriptions, seniors require additional care to ensure proper diagnosis and treatment. Medicare's reimbursement rates do not factor the complex needs of elderly patients. Because geriatricians treat seniors exclusively, they are especially affected by Medicare's low reimbursement rates.

Additionally, the Balanced Budget Act placed limits on the numbers of residents a hospital can have, based on 1996 numbers. This cap serves as a disincentive for some hospitals, and has caused them to eliminate or reduce their geriatric Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs.

The legislation I am introducing today would remedy both of these problems, so that America is prepared for the aging baby boom generation. The Geriatric Care Act would modernize the Medicare fee schedule to more accurately reflect the cost of providing care for seniors. It also would allow for additional geriatric residency slots, so that we can develop an adequate supply of geriatricians for the next generation.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DENNIS LEWIS

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to share a few words regarding the upcoming retirement of Colonel Dennis Richard Lewis, Program Branch Chief for the Army's Congressional Legislative Liaison. In the very near future, Colonel Lewis will retire after 27 years in the Army. He has distinguished himself, the Army and our nation with dedicated service.

Colonel Lewis began his career in the military in 1974, after graduating from the United States Military Academy. At West Point he excelled in academics, sports and became Airborne qualified as a cadet. Colonel Lewis later attended Purdue University, receiving a masters degree in Industrial Relations. His professional military development includes the Army Field Artillery Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. In addition to his academic achievements, Colonel Lewis became Air Assault qualified and became an Airborne Jump Master with the 82nd Airborne Division.

During the Cold War, Colonel Lewis served in numerous field artillery assignments including Nuclear Weapons Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battery Commander and Assistant Operations Office in Germany, Turkey and Southwest Asia. With this experience, Colonel Lewis returned to the United States Military Academy as a Tactical Officer.

Colonel Lewis' next assignments included some of the Army's most challenging. As a field artillery Operations officer, Colonel Lewis deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Upon return, Colonel Lewis was selected to command a field artillery bat-

alion in the 82nd Airborne Division. After completing his Battalion Command, Colonel Lewis was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Assignments at this post included coordinating military response and support to the crash of TWA Flight 800, the downing of two U.S. civilian aircraft over Cuba, the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and the Cuban and Haitian migrants operations in the Caribbean.

Colonel Lewis became a field artillery Brigade Commander in the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC and then served as Program Branch Chief for the Army's Congressional Legislative Liaison. In this position, Colonel Lewis effectively articulated the Army's goals, policies and programs to key members of Congress while serving as an advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Lewis has had an impressive career in the military. As he prepares for this next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Colonel Lewis all the best. We thank he for his 27 years of service to the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on September 25 I missed rollcall vote No. 359. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the vote.

#### RECOGNIZE THE MIDLAND EMPIRE RED CROSS

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Midland Empire Red Cross for their work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of organizations like the Midland Empire Red Cross signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our Nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Midland Empire Red Cross has mobilized "Henry's Kitchen," which is capable of feeding

10,000 people a day, to assist volunteers at the Pentagon in their rescue efforts. Additionally, Karla Long—the Emergency Service Director—is at Ground Zero assisting as a mass care specialist while 9 other volunteers and staff are helping in New York as well. The patriotism and persistence of the Midland Empire Red Cross is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the Nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our Nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

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REGARDING THE \$400 MILLION  
STRIPPED FROM THE DEFENSE  
AUTHORIZATION BILL

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, It is truly shocking that the House Defense Authorization Bill eliminated \$400 million from space-based defenses, cutting the highly successful Space Based Laser program and a restart for the equally successful but de-funded Brilliant Pebbles space based interceptor program. Conscience demands my protest.

The destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon involving the loss of 6,000 lives should have taught us a lesson on the need for vigilance. Freedom has a price. Attacks upon the United States can take the form of ballistic missiles, cyberwarfare, and attacks on our satellites as well as terrorism.

The World Trade Center was bombed in 1993. Plans for the aerial destruction of the World Trade Center by Islamic terrorist Abdul Hakim Murad were communicated from the Philippines to the United States in 1995. Six years of advance warning was supplied before the terrible events of September 11, 2001.

In 1995 China threatened the United States with a ballistic missile to exchange Los Angeles for Taipei. China, moreover, reinforced its threat in 2000, and in 1995 and 1996 demonstrated its proclivity to use ballistic missiles, launching them offshore Taiwan. Six years of advanced warning has been supplied of China's plans.

U.S. intelligence has been either unable or unwilling to inform us of the extent and purpose of China's military buildup. It is not for modernization but part of a deliberate buildup for threatening or attacking the United States. China's Long Wall Project building missile bases is aimed at U.S. forces in the Pacific.

Nor is China the only country building ballistic missiles. North Korea, Libya, Iran, Iraq as well as other countries are engaged in buildup of ballistic missiles. But the passage of a few weeks has not seared the conscience of Congress to the menace posed by ballistic missiles, a threat against which Mr. Rumsfeld has warned us.

The House Defense Authorization Bill saw fit to cut our defenses, cutting \$400 million from space-based missile defense programs, including the Space Based Laser and re-start of the Space Based Interceptor or Brilliant Pebbles. Aiming itself at out space-based defenses, the House Defense Authorization Bill substituted false economy for the senseless risk of our lives and freedom.

The disregard for our nation's defense is exuberated by a certain ignorance of ballistic missile defense programs. For Example, the opposition to the space-based defenses said the Airborne Laser was a stepping stone to the Space Based Laser evidently unaware of how the Space Based laser already completed the demonstration of its technology of its technology in 1997, four years ago.

It is evidently poorly understood how the Airborne Laser and Space Based Laser involve different applications and technologies. The Airborne Laser uses a chemical oxygeniodine reaction to power the laser suitable for an airplane or other platform in the environment of the earth's gravity. This laser, however, is not suitable for the zero-gravity environment of space. This Space Based Laser uses a hydrogen-fluoride reaction to power its laser, where the spent gases can be exhausted in the zero-gravity environment of space.

It is apparently not well understood, moreover, how the Airborne Laser relies on a complex mirror system for directing the laser beam. The Airborne Laser, in addition, is designed for transmission of the laser through the atmosphere at ranges greater than 100 miles. The Space Based Laser, in contrast, transmits its beam from space to around 35,000 feet in altitude, or above the cloud tops.

The House Defense Authorization Bill left \$32 million for space-based missile defenses including the Space Based Laser and any re-start of the Space Based Interceptor or Brilliant Pebbles where the administration requests \$165 million for the Space Based Laser. Funding levels for the Space Based Laser have been around \$130 million.

I vigorously protest this senseless abasement of our best missile defense programs. The United States is spending \$40 billion to respond to the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The price of a ballistic missile attack and the policy of deliberately leaving ourselves vulnerable, as embodied in the House Defense Authorization Bill, may be immeasurable.

I therefore urge this body, at the first and next opportunity to advocate not only the full and immediate restoration of the \$400 million cut by Congress, but to increase funding for space-based defenses, along with their necessary technological support and development.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis.

The Sisters have a long history of dedication to people of Northeast Ohio. Over the years, the sisters served in seventeen schools in Ohio, providing for a strong education and solid virtue and morale to thousands of students.

The congregation was originally founded in Wisconsin in 1901 to educate Polish immigrants who were settling in the Midwest. Forty-six Sisters comprised the original congregation that had grown to over 183 members in 1908, serving twenty-three parish schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio.

The ministry of the Sisters expanded greatly from its original focus on educating grade school children to include high school teaching, hospital care, special education, food pantries, missionary work, geriatric care, spiritual guidance and counseling, university professorships, pastoral care, and more. Their guidance and inspiration has touched thousands of people throughout the entire Midwest, and their caring missions stand strong today. While their mission and programs continue to expand, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis have not altered their founding spirit—seeking to serve the minors, the little people who often fall through the cracks of society.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating and honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. The Sisters have remained a strong force in our community, and will continue to touch the hearts and souls of many in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF  
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Southern California community of La Cañada Flintridge. On December 8, the city will celebrate its 25th year of cityhood.

In 1843, in the wake of the Mexican Revolution, Ignacio Coronel, a Mexican schoolteacher from Los Angeles, was granted a valley named "Rancho La Cañada." Later, U.S. Senator Frank Flint divided 1,700 acres south of modern-day Foothill Boulevard into large lots and called his subdivision "Flintridge." Eventually, the valley came to be known as "La Cañada Flintridge," as it is called today.

La Cañada Flintridge experienced its most rapid growth during the 20th Century. A diverse and resourceful collection of farmers, professionals, intellectuals, and ranchers toiled to develop a prosperous city. To this day La Cañada Flintridge reflects their hard work. It is a city with extensive cultural resources and an

educated population that has never abandoned the vision of its founders of successful small-town life.

La Cañada Flintridge is a bustling suburb with several important landmarks. The most recognizable institution in La Cañada Flintridge is the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the world's leading center for robotic exploration of the solar system, which is managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology. La Cañada Flintridge is also home to Descanso Gardens, a 165-acre botanical garden famous throughout the nation. The city also provides its citizens a full range of vital services and an excellent education in an independent school district.

On this 25th anniversary of the incorporation of La Cañada Flintridge, I offer my sincere congratulations to the city and its residents. La Cañada Flintridge exemplifies the American dream of a diverse coalition of individuals and families working together to secure business success, a high quality of life, and the friendliness and cooperation that is a hallmark of America's small-town suburbs.

RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT BODY  
OF SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Body of Savannah High School for their work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and father, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of young people like the Student Body of Savannah High School signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Student Body and Faculty of Savannah High School contributed more than \$1,400 and raised more than \$5,300 for the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to assist the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of the Student Body of Savannah High School is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

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free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

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CELEBRATING HEAR O' ISRAEL  
AND THE LISTEN TO THE CRIES  
OF THE CHILDREN NATIONAL  
CAMPAIGN 2001

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Hear O' Israel, which is sponsoring the Listen to the Cries of the Children National Campaign 2001. Hear O' Israel International, Inc. developed the campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families across Houston.

In October, Hear O' Israel will be celebrating the grand opening of their National Campaign Headquarters in Houston, Texas. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hear O' Israel.

Mr. Speaker, on February 22, 2001, Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown and the Houston City Council approved the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION: "LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE  
CHILDREN"

A non-profit non-denominational organization, Hear O' Israel International Inc., developed its "Listen to the Cries of the Children" national campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative side effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families. The campaign has heard the cries of the children and parents, young and old, and the veterans who are crying out due to neglect, physical challenges; broken homes; and or lack of adequate food, shelter, clothing, health care, or education. The "Listen to the Cries of the Children" National Campaign 2001 will promote ". . . wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and forgiveness that will break the suffering out of their prisons, visible or invisible."

As part of its ongoing effort to help the suffering, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., has conducted community oriented programs, campaigning with former gang members who were shot and, after becoming quadriplegic, are presenting themselves as physical evidence to reinforce the negative consequences of gang involvement and experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

As part of this year's campaign, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., will call for sixty seconds of positive communication between children and adults, in an effort to bridge cultural boundaries and unify a response to listen to the cries of the children. The campaign will also call for a "stop to violence and a response to mercy, love and compassion for our fellow man; turning the hearts

of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children towards the fathers; linking and strengthening the connection that should be present between every parent, child, American, and citizen of the world-wide."

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston do hereby salute Hear O' Israel International Inc., for its efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life for children, and extend best wishes for continued success.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston this 22nd day of February 2001.

MEMORIAL TO H. NORMAN JOHNSON,  
SAN BERNARDINO CIVIC  
LEADER

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to H. Norman Johnson, a lifelong civic leader in my hometown of San Bernardino, California. Mr. Johnson, who was the owner and operator of Fourth Street Rock Crusher in San Bernardino, died on September 19 at the age of 73.

Norm Johnson was the old-fashioned kind of civic leader, one who was deeply involved in his community because he loved it and wanted to make it a better place. He never held public office, but could always be counted on to work as a volunteer in the service of San Bernardino. He helped convince voters to pass an improvement tax that has made our streets safe, headed up a drive to provide underprivileged children with dental care and even campaigned to save the historic whistle at the local Santa Fe Railway depot yard.

Much of what Norm Johnson did came with no publicity. He donated all of the concrete for an addition to the local Lighthouse for the Blind, and made a similar donation for an addition to Santa Claus Inc., a local charity. Most of the Little League dugouts in the Inland Empire were provided and poured at no expense by Fourth Street Rock Crusher—and many of those teams were sponsored by the company, as well. When Yucaipa High School needed new volleyball courts, 200 tons of materials were donated by Norm Johnson and his company. When any church called, materials were supplied and delivered at no expense.

Norm Johnson worked closely with local schools long before it became fashionable for companies to "sponsor" a school. He ensured local libraries stayed in business. When San Bernardino Unified School District opened the new Arroyo Valley High School in August, Mr. Johnson advanced the city the funds needed to complete street improvements around the school.

A graduate of my alma mater, San Bernardino High, Mr. Johnson went to the University of Arizona to study business and engineering. He returned to take over Fourth Street Rock Crusher when his father became ill, and was in the office nearly every day since. His employees remember him as a tough, solid man who was unswerving in his loyalty to his company family. City officials will remember him for his insistence that they

must meet his standards in supporting San Bernardino. Please join me in expressing our condolences to his wife, Merrily, and three daughters: Christi Bulot, JayAnn Stanley and Debra Ann Borden, and in praising Norm Johnson's dedication to his city and community.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO  
GENERAL HENRY H. SHELTON,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT  
CHIEFS OF STAFF

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, General Henry H. Shelton became the fourteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 1997, and was reconfirmed by the Senate for a second 2-year term in 1999. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Born in Tarboro, North Carolina in January 1942, General Shelton earned a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University and a Master of Science degree from Auburn University. His military education includes attendance at the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama and at the National War College at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1963 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, General Shelton spent the next 24 years in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States, Hawaii, and Vietnam. He served two tours in Vietnam—the first with the 5th Special Forces Group, the second with the 173d Airborne Brigade. He also commanded the 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry in the 9th Infantry division at Fort Lewis, Washington; served as the 9th Infantry Division's assistant chief of staff for operations; commanded the 1st Brigade of the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and served as the Chief of Staff of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.

Following selection for brigadier general in 1987, General Shelton served 2 years in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff. In 1989, he began a 2-year assignment as Assistant Division Commander for Operations of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), a tour that included the Division's 7-month deployment to Saudi Arabia for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Upon returning from the Gulf War, General Shelton was promoted to major general and assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he commanded the 82d Airborne Division. In 1993, he was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of the XVIII Airborne Corps. In 1994, while serving as corps commander, General Shelton commanded the Joint Task Force that conducted Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti. In March 1996, he was promoted to general and became Commander in Chief of the US Special Operations Command.

In his 4 years as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shelton worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for military members and their families. He championed numerous initiatives including the largest across-the-board pay raise for the military in 18 years—helping to narrow the civilian-military "pay gap." His push for pay table reform targeted greater increases for mid-grade non-commissioned officers, and his retirement reform package reinstated benefits for those entering service after 1986. Furthermore, thanks to his dedication and support, an enhanced housing allowance was implemented to gradually eliminate out of pocket expenses for service members living off post. Finally, the Chairman was a strong advocate of the effort to reform medical health care, to make medical care more responsive—to include military retirees over 65.

The Chairman made great strides to improve the readiness of the US military by articulating a regiment for increased defense spending. As a result, the Department of Defense realized a \$112 billion increase in defense spending over the 5-year defense plan to arrest declining readiness rates. He additionally implemented new processes to carefully manage high demand/low density resources in support of the National Security Strategy.

The Chairman and his staff published *Joint Vision 2020* to establish goals and the metrics for the future joint force, and he established U.S. Joint Forces Command as the proponent for Joint Experimentation and Joint Force readiness. He established Joint Task Force-Civil support to increase the military's ability to respond to crises in the US homeland and established Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations to enhance protection of US information networks. General Shelton directed numerous initiatives designed to improve the interoperability of the four Services including a Joint Warfighting Logistics Initiative, development of a Global Information Grid, revision of all Joint Professional Military Education Programs and an enhancement on the joint warfighting focus of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.

General Shelton's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters), Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal with V device (with 3 oak leaf clusters), and the Purple Heart. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff (Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Military Freefall Badge, and Special Forces and Ranger Tabs and numerous foreign awards and badges.

General Shelton is married to the former Carolyn L. Johnson of Speed, North Carolina. Mrs. Shelton has been actively involved with service issues and support to military families throughout General Shelton's career. The General and Mrs. Shelton have three sons; Jonathan, a Special Agent in the US Secret Service; Jeffrey, a US Army Special Operations soldier, and Mark, their youngest son.

General Shelton represented the US military with great distinction for the past four years as its senior military officer. He participated in policy-making at the highest levels of govern-

ment but never lost the common touch with our men and women in uniform. General Shelton will indeed be remembered as a soldiers' soldier and a quiet professional.

TRIBUTE TO SARA LYNN STERLING,  
KRISTEN ROBINSON, AND  
JORDON SMITH OF LIBERTY  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School for their work in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks marks a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of young people like Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th, terrorist attacks, Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School have been decorating their fellow classmates jeans in lieu of donations for the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

I am confident that the United States will seek out those that harbor hatred, terror, and depravity in their hearts; and we will defeat them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great nation and may God bless America.

## HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLMES RUN ACRES

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a community in Fairfax County, Holmes Run Acres, on its 50th Anniversary. This neighborhood has been providing families with the best Falls Church, Virginia has to offer for many years and is well-positioned to continue to do so in the future.

Holmes Run Acres was designed with unique contemporary architecture to save trees and blend into the Virginia countryside. When the neighborhood was in its early stages, Fairfax County was a rural area. In 1951, the county was impacted by the post-World War II development. The residents of Holmes Run Acres decided this was time to form a Civic Association, and a year later they published "The Holmes Runner," a community newsletter.

Today, they still rely on their Civic Association meetings and publications, but, in keeping with technology trends, they have their information posted on the World Wide Web. These factors promote unifying, community-wide communications network.

Holmes Run Acres built the first community swimming pool in Fairfax County. Volunteers from the neighborhood worked with the Fairfax County Park Authority to turn an old dump site into the first neighborhood park in the County. The Civic Association encourages its residents to initiate and participate in activities that bring the community together, such as house and garden tours, art shows, classes and family gatherings.

The residents of Holmes Run Acres are always available to lend a hand with many community activities, including those events that are county-wide. During the 1960s their well-established Civic Association helped create an association for a newly formed neighboring community. During the holidays, Holmes Run's children run a gift drive for needy children outside of their immediate area.

The recent publication of the third installment of "Holmes Run Acres: The Story of a Community" proves that this community is going strong year after year. The publication provides background on the community's history and residents, as well as local history and plans for future improvements.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to thank Holmes Run Acres for all it has provided to the community. They will be celebrating on Saturday, October 6, 2001, and they will also have another event in the spring. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating them on 50 years of service and wishing them the best in the years to come.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation which will correct a great injustice being endured by many widows and

widowers throughout this Nation. Current Social Security law requires that those who have lost spouses surrender their survivor benefits when entering into a new marriage. Many of those who have lost spouses count these benefits as their only source of income and rely upon them for continuing their daily lives. To force these men and women to abandon survivor funds simply because they enter into a marriage after their spouse's death is outrageous.

This measure would be of very modest expense to the government, and the costs incurred are certainly justified by the positive results derived from the correction of this oversight. Senior citizens, a sector of our society often plagued by low incomes and tight budgets, would be the primary beneficiaries of this legislation, and we owe it to these citizens to provide them with every possible avenue to enjoy a proper standard of living.

Mr. Speaker, this bill would ensure that those who enter into a new, long-lasting marriage are not punished simply for finding another loving spouse. It is fiscally sound and morally correct. I thank you and urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI AIR GUARD'S 139TH AIRLIFT WING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Missouri Air Guard's 139th Airlift Wing for its work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of organizations like the 139th Airlift Wing signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the 139th Airlift Wing flew to McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey to bring back Missouri's Task Force One whose 65 volunteers had spent more than a week at Ground Zero in an effort to support the search and rescue effort. The patriotism and persistence of the 139th Airlift Wing is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the

line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

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## COMMENDATION OF COAST GUARD

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the men and women of the United States Coast Guard who have come to the rescue of South Texas communities of South Padre Island, Port Isabel and Brownsville.

Very early Saturday morning, Sept 15th, the Queen Isabella Causeway, the bridge that connects South Padre Island to the mainland was hit by a barge, resulting in sections of the bridge falling into the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Nine cars crashed into the water of the Laguna Madre, rocking the community with the fear that terrorists had struck in South Texas since it occurred the weekend following the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

The Coast Guard Group of Corpus Christi, South Padre Island and the Marine Safety Office arrived at once and worked tirelessly—around the clock—to recover the victims, and retrieve the vehicles and debris from the water in the canal so commercial traffic could move again through the canal.

No one was surprised by the instant response from our Coasties. They are amazing people. They began as soon as the tragedy was reported and worked with our local and state officials in providing further protection and emergency assistance for citizens in the area. They worked tirelessly around the clock.

They brought assets to the Valley from the Coast Guard, Corpus Christi Group to help with search and recovery. They were focused on recovering victims. They are well-trained and ready to perform brilliantly in a time of crisis like the bridge collapse.

The Coast Guard provided tremendous support to the local and state officials, which was a huge logistical chore. They helped ensure the re-opening of the canal so the Rio Grande Valley would receive fuel supplies, food and other necessities, which arrive via the Intra-coastal canal, closed to such traffic while the recovery is in progress.

One of the most satisfying things about watching these men and women do the work that they do is understanding the love they have for their job. They simply love what they do, and they are very good at it.

While we always appreciate the good work of the Coast Guard in South Texas and around our nation, we particularly want to thank them today for the hard work they did when they came to the rescue when our community needed them.

The Coast Guard has a wide range of responsibilities . . . in peacetime, they are law

enforcement; in times of war, they are soldiers. Right now they are working extended hours to carry out a host of responsibilities: search and rescue, enforcing our fisheries regulations, enforcing boating regulations, drug interdiction and other national security missions.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending these great Americans for their dedicated service to South Texas and our nation.

RECOGNITION OF MRS. SALLY  
FULTON RESTON'S DEATH

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the death of a notable civil rights leader and an extraordinary person.

Mrs. Sally Fulton Reston made numerous contributions to our community and led an exemplary life. As a civil rights advocate, she dedicated much of her efforts towards seeking equality for disenfranchised communities. She served as a Board Member for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, MALDEF, for seven years and also served as the second Vice Chair for the Board for a year. MALDEF protects and promotes the civil rights of Latinos living in the United States through sound public policies, laws and programs. Mrs. Reston's efforts and contributions earned her MALDEF's highest award, The Valerie Kantor Award. The Valerie Kantor Award is the highest honor presented to those who have served MALDEF and the Latino community.

Mrs. Sally Reston was also a renowned journalist. From 1968 to 1988, she was the co-publisher of the Vineyard Gazette. Furthermore, she also worked for The Junior League Magazine, Mademoiselle Magazine, Readers Digest in London, as well as the New York Times. Ms. Reston also enjoyed the simple things of life. She enjoyed photography, developing and printing her own work and had a great affection for the piano.

I am saddened by the loss of such a fine member of our community. I extend my sincerest condolences to the Reston family, as we all mourn the loss of a true civil rights leader and an exceptional person.

HONORING VIOLA S. MARTINEZ

**HON. HENRY BONILLA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Viola S. Martinez of Laredo, Texas on the occasion of her 70th birthday on October 4, 2001. Viola has been an outstanding member of my team since I ran for Congress in 1992.

While her family is native to Texas, Viola was born in Dearborn, Michigan in 1931. Viola returned to Laredo as a young girl and received her education there. Family plays a large role in Viola's life. Viola and her husband recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Viola

and Ernesto are also proud parents of three children, Ernesto J. Martinez Jr., Sara Martinez Tucker and Rosie Stevens.

Viola is the heart and soul of Laredo. Folks in this booming border city know that if you need something done, go to Viola. Whether it is assisting a veteran with benefits or helping a young family find the proper tax form, Viola goes the extra mile for each constituent.

Viola is one of those rare people who can successfully accomplish many work-related tasks while still finding time to volunteer in professional and community groups. Viola's dedicated service to the Laredo community reminds us of all that is good in America. Viola is truly a shining example for all citizens.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Viola for these nine years and I look forward to many more to come. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Viola Martinez a very Happy Birthday!

ALBANY FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albany First Christian Church for its work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of churches like Albany First Christian Church signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Albany First Christian Church has collected relief supplies from the congregation and community to assist grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of the Albany First Christian Church is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousand of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnesses unspeakable horror. America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

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depravity in their hearts; and we will defeat them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great nation and may God bless America.

OREGON AND CONSERVATION  
EASEMENTS

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, Oregon has a system unique to the nation in protecting its farmland. Other states have utilized conservation easements to preserve farmland. Oregon has used a comprehensive land use system though with a record of stunning success. According to Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development, the state has 16 million acres zoned for Exclusive Farm Use (EFU). This is in stark contrast to the 800,000 acres protected acres nationwide. That number is less than what we protect in the northern Willamette Valley alone, which is also our most populous area.

Conservation easements—the purchase of development rights—are what other states use to protect farmland rather than the zoning approach that Oregon uses. However, leaders in protecting Oregon's farmland are in agreement that no one tool alone does the job of protecting farmland. In addition to the state's zoning system, conservation easements would be appropriate in Oregon in selected locations. They would serve as a complement to, not a replacement for, the zoning administered by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

The primary reason Oregon has not used federal Farmland Protection Program (FPP) monies in the past is that our state was initially ineligible, but given recent changes to the program we now have the opportunity to participate. Another reason was that within our state it was thought that our land use system already served the need. However, there is increased awareness that zoning needs to be supplemented with voluntary incentives for land conservation.

This awareness has been increased by the passage last fall of Oregon ballot initiative, Measure 7. It amends Oregon's Constitution to provide that any property owner whose real property is reduced in value by government regulation must be paid compensation by the government for the lost value. While this measure is still in litigation, if it goes into effect, landowners could begin to make claims for compensation. Access to federal FPP funds would provide Oregon farmers the flexibility to accept conservation payments in lieu of other forms of compensation.

I very much appreciate the assurances that Natural Resources Conservation Services have provided me of their willingness to work with Oregon, as they are with any other state that has a unique situation, in utilizing the Farmland Protection Program. Oregon is eager to be a full participant in FPP. Increasing federal funding for this program and ensuring its accessibility for a variety of land conservation uses is key to its success in Oregon and other states.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute President Chen Shui-bian on the occasion of Taiwan's forthcoming National Day. As a birthday present to Taiwan, I believe all of us should support Taiwan's bid to re-enter the United Nations. After the admission of Tuvalu to the United Nations in 2000, the Republic of China on Taiwan is the only aspiring country that remains excluded from the United Nations. Taiwan has every right to be a member of the United Nations. Taiwan has a dynamic economy that is the envy of much of the world. Taiwan is the world's 17th largest economy and holds approximately \$100 billion in foreign exchange reserves. Politically, Taiwan is one of the freest nations. It has a democratically elected head of state and holds free elections at all levels. Taiwan's citizens enjoy full human rights and press freedom. By any measurable standard, Taiwan is an economic powerhouse and a beacon of democracy. Taiwan's twenty-three million citizens need a voice in the United Nations. By excluding Taiwan, the United Nations is violating its own principle of universality. The Republic of China on Taiwan has much to contribute to the work and funding of the United Nations and other international organizations. I urge my colleagues to give their support to Taiwan's campaign to return to the United Nations and other international organizations. I also wish to add that Taiwan was shocked and devastated by the events of September 11th. Taiwan shares with us the belief that those terrorist acts are reprehensible and must be condemned. Taiwan grieves with America whose homeland was attacked by shameless terrorists. An attack on America means an attack on Taiwan; it means an attack on democracy and our way of life. Taiwan is ready to help us combat terrorism anywhere and everywhere. Happy Birthday Taiwan!

TRIBUTE TO ALYSIA C.  
BASMAJIAN

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity today to pay tribute to Alysia C. Basmajian.

Alysia Basmajian was twenty-three years of age. She was a graduate of Godwin High School and the College of William and Mary, and was just beginning her career as an accountant at the World Trade Center.

Alysia's life was brutally taken from her by the hand of terrorists—radical extremists who are seeking to destroy the ideas embodied by America and her people. Alysia was a symbol of the American dream—working hard for herself, her family and her country.

Henrico, and the entire Richmond area, has experienced a great loss. Our entire community mourns along with Alysia Basmajian's parents and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband and two-year-old daughter.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, a precious life was ripped from our midst.

Alysia Basmajian represented the bright future of America. Working in the world's economic capital, Alysia was a hard worker and a true leader.

On September 11, Alysia Basmajian reported to work in the World Trade Center in New York City. Alysia began her day conducting the nation's business, when terror struck, taking her life and thousands of others. Because Alysia represented American freedom, she was attacked.

We owe Alysia Basmajian for paying the price of freedom with her life, and we will always remember her sacrifice. Let us honor her memory.

TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY BLOOD  
CENTER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Blood Center for its work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been should-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of organizations like the Community Blood Center signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our Nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Community Blood Center has assisted in blood drives and blood donations to support the nationwide relief effort to provide for the injured survivors. The patriotism and persistence of the Community Blood Center is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the Nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our Nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

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UNITED WE STAND

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, following the tragic terrorist attack on our Nation September 11, Americans have responded with an enormous outpouring of generosity and patriotism. I am proud to call to the attention of my House colleagues one effort within my Congressional District.

At a ceremony in Dayton, Ohio, on October 5, Jeff Cottrell, Ron Witters, and Dana Applegate will present the American Red Cross Disaster Fund a check for \$1 million generated by sales of patriotic T-shirts and sweatshirts celebrating the irrepressible American spirit. Cottrell, Witters, and Applegate operate Screen Works Inc. in the Dayton suburb of Vandalia, Ohio, which manufactures the shirts.

The shirts depict a bold image of the Statue of Liberty and an American eagle with outstretched wings of red, white, and blue, and proclaim, "United We Stand."

The image was designed only hours after the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters. Within three weeks, the company's Web site registered 130,000 hits. Orders have come from all over the United States and around the world.

Much of the work producing the shirts came from volunteers. All profits go to help with the relief effort for the September 11 victims and their families.

The success of this fund-raising effort is a tribute not only to the citizens of the Dayton area but to the people throughout our great Nation who have declared their resolve that, even in these dark moments, America will stand united.

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO AS-  
SISTED IN THE RELIEF EFFORT  
AT THE PENTAGON

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on the United States, we have witnessed an outpouring of generosity throughout the nation—be it monetary donations to the local volunteer fire department, blood donations to the Red Cross or time donations to any number of volunteer organizations assisting in the relief operations at both the Pentagon and the World Trade towers.

In the midst of the human evil and premeditated acts of death and destruction which marked Tuesday, September 11, it was easy to become disheartened. But out of the rubble, time and again, fellow Americans have risen to the occasion, offering a helping hand, a warm meal or a simple smile, thereby restoring our faith in humanity. These acts of service often go unnoticed and unrecognized, but not unappreciated.

The Pentagon, just a few miles from the nation's capital, was a hotbed of volunteer activity. Americans from all over the country put busy lives on hold, taking leave from their jobs and responsibilities at home, some using cherished annual vacation leave, to reach out to fellow citizens. Touring the Pentagon's south parking lot last week, you might find the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association faithfully serving day in and day out, or a church group from Louisiana which had driven through the night only to cook large kettle pots of jambalaya. And of course there were two organizations, which have become a mainstay at disaster sights throughout the country, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. All of these groups, many of them faith based, were instrumental both in the tangible parts of the relief operation, which included blood drives and food preparation, and in the intangible parts, like lifting the spirits of weary rescue workers.

Another organization which was a pivotal part of the relief effort at the Pentagon was Christ in Action, based out of Manassas, Virginia, which is part of Virginia's 10th Congressional district. It is a nonprofit organization

which was founded in January 1982 by Dr. Denny and Sandy Nissley.

Christ in Action prepared and served a remarkable 3,000 to 5,000 meals each day. In the twilight hours of the evening and the hours before sunrise, they and their team of volunteers diligently prepared up to 500 breakfasts to be ready by 5 a.m., for distribution to various areas of the Pentagon where workers could not leave their posts. Between 5–9 a.m., they served another 1,000 to 1,500 breakfasts. And that was just one meal cycle.

Christ in Action's tent was designated the "official" meal place for the entire relief effort by an office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The relief workers that were permitted to leave their sites often retreated to the Christ in Action tent as a treasured respite from the arduous task before them. Located just 200 feet from the crash site, the tent was near the intersection of two newly created "streets" in this impromptu tent city, American Way and Freedom Lane. A large American flag hung behind the stage in the tent, from which various military bands performed during the lunch hour each day, and cards and letters from students and children around the country were

gathered in boxes at the foot of the stage, to be read by workers in need of some encouragement during the course of the day.

In this time of need, Christ in Action found strength in its unyielding faith, and has displayed an outpouring of love and warmth to countless relief workers from across the country. Christ in Action answered a call to service before the call was even sounded and in doing so gave us a glimpse of the spirit which will carry our nation through this trying time.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2001*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on the amendment offered by Mr. HOSTETTLER to the FY02 District of Columbia Appropriations bill on September 25, 2001, rollcall No. 354, I was unavoidably detained on official businesses. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".