

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RONALD
WALDEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with a sad heart that I rise to mourn the passing of Ronald Walden from Durango, CO. Ronald was a dedicated teacher and talented baseball coach and recruiter. It is my privilege to recognize and pay tribute to his service to the Durango community and the state of Colorado before this body of Congress and this Nation.

At age 15, Ronald was the youngest person ever certified to coach Little League Baseball. Ronald's interest in the sport grew, and when he graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, he began coaching baseball and teaching at Durango High School. He amassed an impressive record of accomplishments as a coach, which included over 200 victories.

Ronald also served as a scout for several Major League Baseball teams, and additionally worked with the University of Arizona, and Arizona State coaches to recruit quality players. His love for the Durango area, and the kids that he coached was evident with his volunteering in the community. Ronald wrote the grant for the Drivers Simulator and Range for Charleston High School, and authored a new health, safety and driver education program for Durango that was used as a model for other state programs.

Mr. Speaker, Ronald Walden was a dedicated coach who put his heart and soul into his love for baseball and bettering his Durango community. The student body and faculty of Durango High School will surely miss his guidance and enthusiasm for life and the sport of baseball. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 2004, I missed rollcall vote No. 533. Rollcall vote 533 was on S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 533.

THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932 TO
1933

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 to 1933.

The horrors of famine are often brought about by droughts, floods or other natural oc-

currences, but the deaths of more than 7 million Ukrainian men, women and children during this period were the direct result of deliberate policy decisions by a repressive government.

Seeking to suppress Ukrainian aspirations for independence, the government of the former Soviet Union ruthlessly imposed forced collectivization and grain seizures. Survivors have spoken of eating bark and weeds to subsist, of the desolation of entire villages, and of Red Army soldiers going door-to-door throughout villages confiscating food and livestock. Witnesses testified that the harvests of the early 1930s were bountiful, and while innocents starved in the streets, Soviet soldiers guarded storehouses full of grain.

For decades after these events, the deaths were covered up and this man-made tragedy was denied by Joseph Stalin and the government of the Soviet Union. Even today, with first-hand testimony and overwhelming evidence, including the final report of the congressionally mandated U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, there are still those who seek to deny the truth.

Each year, we in Congress join with Ukrainians around the world to remember and honor the victims of this atrocity. Through public recognition of the Ukrainian Famine, we work to ensure this senseless cruelty against humankind is not forgotten, and that its remembrance may help to prevent such tragedies in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE GREAT FALLS
FREEDOM MEMORIAL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, which was dedicated on November 13 on the Great Falls Community Library grounds. I was pleased to join in the dedication of this memorial, honoring those residents of Great Falls, Virginia, who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The memorial was proposed by a 17-member Freedom Memorial Committee, headed by retired U.S. Marine COL Pete Hilgartner, to honor local residents who have given of themselves in service while defending liberty. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the project's concept in September 2003.

The plaza on the Great Falls Community Library grounds has a three-stone monument as the centerpiece. The large center stone will be inscribed with the words: "The Community of Great Falls, Virginia Honors Those Who Have Given of Themselves in Service to the Cause of Liberty and Freedom." In addition, the granite curb encircling the memorial plaza will be inscribed with words that highlight some of the principles and virtues held by those who give of themselves in the cause of liberty and freedom every day.

A book on permanent display in the library, titled "Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll," includes the names of members of the armed forces, firefighters, police officers, the six Great Falls residents who died in the Sep-

tember 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and others dating from the Civil War who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the cause of liberty. The common thread among them is residency in the Great Falls community. The stand which houses the honor roll book was created by Glenn Sjoblom, a resident of the Great Falls community.

The dedication ceremony included presentations of thanks to those who made the project possible, musical performances by the Amadeus Brass Ensemble and the King Ringers from Christ the King Lutheran Church, presentation of national, state and county flags that will fly over the memorial, and the reading of names of those honored with this memorial. The Honorable Theodore Olson, former U.S. solicitor general who resides in Great Falls, addressed the gathering. Ted's wife Barbara, whose name is among those on the Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll, was on flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon the morning of September 11, 2001.

I would like to share the names of those inscribed on the Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll:

Civil War: Private James Ballenger; Thomas Coleman, Civilian; Second Lieutenant Arthur W. Follin; Sergeant William R. Follin; Private Joseph Gunnell; Private Samuel Jenkins; Private F. Thomas Reid; Second Lieutenant George W. Swink; Major James W. Thrift; Private W. T. Tucker; Private John T. Walker; Private George L. Williams, and Private James W. Williams.

World War II: Sergeant (USAAF) George Frame; Private (USA) Robert Girard; Private First Class (USA) Harry Kanmermier; Second Lieutenant (USMC) Eugene Niswander, and Private First Class (USA) Ross Robey Poole.

September 11, 2001, Attack on the Pentagon: First Lieutenant Richard P. Gabriel, USMC, Retired; Ann C. Judge; Barbara K. Olson; Lisa J. Raines; Diane M. Simmons, and George W. Simmons.

In addition to Ted Olson, I also would like to recognize the following individuals who were part of the dedication ceremony: the Honorable Joan M. DuBois, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Honor Guard; the Honorable Stu Mendelsohn, former member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Amadeus Brass Ensemble and their director, Paul Ward; Reverend Paul Gysan of the Christ the King Lutheran Church; Pete Hilgartner, chairman of the Great Falls Memorial Committee; Mike Kearney, Co-Committee Construction chair; Milburn Sanders; Glen Sjoblom; Sam Clay; Roger Sudduth; Honorable Vince Callahan, Virginia House of Delegates; Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Boy Scout Troop No. 1577, led by Grant Johnson, Eagle Scout candidate and Co-Committee Construction chairman, and the Kings Ringers and their Director, Jane Cooper.

I would also like to recognize the hard working individuals who are responsible for the creation of this memorial. The members of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee are Pete Hilgartner, chairman; Beau Dietrich, Marge Gersic, Paul Gysan, Sara Hilgartner, Ellen Johnson, Grant Johnson, Michael Kearney, Linda Lammersen, Bob Pattavina, Janet Pattavina, Andrew Pendergrass, Milburn Sanders, Katayoon Shaya, Glen Sjoblom, Bill Ten Eyck, Nancy Wilson, and also Merritt Peters, with Paciulli Simmons & Associates, who