

TRIBUTE TO GANTT'S  
EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Gantt's Excavation and Construction of Martinsburg, West Virginia; a recent recipient of the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Defense Employer Support Freedom Award honors businesses and organizations for their support of their employees who are enlisted in the National Guard and Reserves. Gantt's Excavation and Construction was among 15 honorees from across the Nation to receive the prestigious award. These employers have gone far above the required laws to accommodate their employees who must fulfill their military duties that arise throughout times of national need. They must often fulfill weekend and summer training, possible deployments and contingency operations.

I am proud to highlight the accomplishments of Gantt's Excavation and Construction, who represents the best of America's small businesses for its patriotism and dedication to our Nation's Armed Services. The business was established 35 years ago by Frederick Gantt and is currently operated by his three children, Daniel Gantt, Eric Gantt, and Janesa Smith. Janesa's husband, Tim Smith of the West Virginia Army National Guard of Wheeling recently returned home from a deployment to Iraq on July 27, 2007, and is employed by Gantt's Excavation and Construction. The business is located in Inwood, West Virginia, where they employ a staff of 65.

Madam Speaker, in this time of national sacrifice when the men and women of our Nation's armed services are being called to duty, it is an honor to recognize the Gantt family and Gantt's Excavation and Construction who have helped our enlisted men and women succeed both on the job and in the military.

CONGRATULATING MS. MAGGIE  
HECKENDORF

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Maggie Heckendorf of Cherry Hills Village, CO, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Heckendorf to gain a greater

understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Heckendorf and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO COL. RAIMUND  
WINZER, RETIRED, USAR

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Lt. Col. Raimund Winzer for his long and faithful military service to the United States of America. Lt. Col. Winzer honorably retired from service in the United States Army Reserve. After federal military retirement, Lt. Col. Winzer volunteered for the Governor of Michigan's National Security Task Force where his continuing contributions to national security and military administration earned him promotion to the rank of colonel. Col. Winzer retired from the Midland Public Schools where he was a teacher of the German language. He won the accolades of his students and their progeny for his unique, self-developed, German-language teaching methodology. Col. Winzer is the epitome of the citizen-soldier that has made major contributions to the defense of the United States of America.

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL  
SERVICE IN FAIRVIEW, NJ

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the members of the Fairview, New Jersey community who perished at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Roko Camaj, Danny A. Correa, Christian DeSimone, Jeremy Glick, James Ladley, and Diane Lipari will always have a special place in the hearts and prayers of Fairview Borough residents. These individuals will be missed, along with the other sons and daughters of New Jersey who died on that fateful day.

However, September 11th is not only a day for mourning. It is also a day on which we remember the heroism of so many Americans who responded to the call for help. Fifty-five of Fairview's police, fire, and emergency response personnel assisted at Ground Zero in the rescue and recovery efforts and in the treatment and triage of the injured. These individuals were an important part of the effort to save as many lives as possible after the terrorist attacks. Our entire Nation acknowledges and honors their selflessness.

This evening's 9/11 Memorial Service at the American Legion, Post 365 located at 110 Anderson Avenue in Fairview rightfully commemorates Fairview's loved ones who were lost and commends our first responders for their heroism.

Our Nation must always remember those who were killed on September 11th, those who survived the attacks, those who saved

others' lives, and those who gave their lives for others. In keeping their memory alive, we remind ourselves of the terrible price we pay if we fail to remain vigilant against those who wish us harm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, on Friday, September 7, 2007, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 860, 861, 862, 863, and 864 because I was leading a congressional delegation trip to conduct oversight in Iraq and to meet with U.S. military leadership and American men and women in uniform who are currently serving in theater.

Had I been present for rollcall 860, H. Res. 636 which provided for the consideration of H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 861, H. Res. 637 which provided for the consideration of conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction and Access Act, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 862, the Congress Amendment to H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 863, final passage of H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 864, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, had I been present on Monday, September 10, 2007, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 643.

CONGRATULATING MR. ANDREW  
HOOD

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Andrew Hood of Castle Rock, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

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