

each project, both over the short and long term.

To facilitate and demonstrate how these relationships between federal and other public and private lands and waters should work, the SPACE Act would also create a demonstration program with the National Wildlife Refuge System. This program would implement cooperative projects to be carried out on lands and waters of the National Wildlife Refuge System and their adjacent neighbors, demonstrating cooperation and helping to address the operations and maintenance backlog of the Refuge System. Because this is a demonstration project, the non-Federal lands involved would not have to have a State assessment yet in place. These projects would be the first to operate under this Act, and the results would be reported to the Council for inclusion in a database.

Finally, this legislation would create a rapid response capability under the National Invasive Species Council. The Governor of a State experiencing a sudden invasion of a harmful nonnative species may apply to the Secretary for monetary assistance to eradicate the species or immediately control it. All assistance would be given by the Secretary in consultation with the Council, and each rapid response project would have the same monitoring and reporting requirements as an Aldo Leopold Grant project.

Mr. Speaker, while there are a number of initiatives already in place aimed at combating invasive species, there is a void in existing statute as no current law is designed to directly protect and conserve our native species from harmful non-native species at the federal or any other level. There are laws directly addressing harmful nonnative species, but mainly through prevention. These include the Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act, the Alien Species Prevention and Enforcement Act, the Federal Plant Pest Act, the Plant Protection Act, and the Federal Noxious Weed Act.

In the development of this legislation, we have worked with a number of organizations including the Wildlife Management Institute, the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, the National Audubon Society, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the National Wildlife Refuge Association, the Izaak Walton League, the Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society and Trout Unlimited. Also consulted were the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the National Invasive Species Council, the Northeast Midwest Institute, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, The Nature Conservancy, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the American Birding Association and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

I look forward to working with all interested parties as well as the members of the Resources Committee to facilitate the enactment of this bill.

HONORING REVEREND WILLIAM H.  
HARGRAVE

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable friend and spiritual

leader—Reverend William Holt Hargrave. For more than 25 years, Reverend Hargrave served with distinction as the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Englewood, New Jersey. As a former Mayor of Englewood, I have had a wonderful opportunity to see him lead his congregation, and to experience his warmth and kindness firsthand.

The members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church are some of the most patriotic and spiritually uplifting people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. The congregation is filled with decent, honest, God-loving people who have a tremendous sense of community. Certainly, Reverend Hargrave's leadership has had a tremendous impact on all of their lives.

As a voice of comfort and reason, Reverend Hargrave committed himself to the church and provided guidance and wisdom to those in his congregation and community. Anyone who has ever known Reverend Hargrave knows full well that his heart is filled with love, compassion, and faith. His presence always put everyone at ease.

I wish Reverend Hargrave and his family all the best. We all thank him for his service and commitment to the Ebenezer Baptist Church and all the people of the great and good city of Englewood.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE 4-H CLUB

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of one of America's foremost youth organizations, the 4-H Club. In February, the 4-H Club will celebrate their centennial by holding a "National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century," the results of which will be reported to the President and Congress.

Since its founding in 1902, the National 4-H Club has helped in the education and development of our nation's youth. While 4-H started agricultural in nature, it has since evolved to include a variety of different educational programs for children in rural as well as urban areas, ranging from environmental preservation to career exploration and workforce preparation.

I congratulate the 4-H Clubs of Pennsylvania on their commitment to our nation's leaders of tomorrow. The past 100 years have proven the necessity for the 4-H Club and other similar educational organizations, and I wish for their continued success for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DAN RAMIREZ

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of good things going on in our communities that you don't necessarily hear about in the news. Recently, a friend in Charlotte, Dan Ramirez, went above and beyond the call of duty

to help a young man, dying of leukemia, get home to his family. Greyban Saenz, a 24 year old native of Honduras, wanted to be with his family. The Buddy Kemp Cancer Caring House in Charlotte contacted Dan the Monday before Thanksgiving to see if there was anything that he could do to help. Dan didn't think twice. He jumped right in to help find an affordable flight and someone to accompany Greyban on that flight. He worked through Thanksgiving, and got Greyban a flight, met him at the airport, made sure he was safely on the plane, and he even translated the doctor's discharge papers' into Spanish. Dan did all this for a man he had only known for 5 days. Greyban flew home to his family the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. Dan later said that as sick as Greyban was, he was animated and excited that morning. Glad to go home. I'm thankful for people like Dan Ramirez who go the extra mile to help someone in need. It's people like that make America strong.

TRIBUTE TO CREDIT UNIONS' ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED BY FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, many of our financial institutions have gone the extra mile to be of assistance to those affected by the incidents and their aftermath.

I rise today to pay particular tribute to the CEOs and volunteer board members of North Carolina credit unions.

Representatives of those credit unions, and of the North Carolina Credit Union League and CUNA, recently made the trip to Washington to visit my office not long after September 11.

While they had thought of canceling the trip out of respect for the larger issues stemming from the tragedy, they instead came to offer their support to this Congress. They also pledged that their credit unions will remain committed to serving the changing financial needs of their members and the citizens of North Carolina during this period of economic uncertainty.

For example, Mr. Speaker, the 3rd District of North Carolina is home to three major military bases—Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base—all of which are served by a credit union. These credit union employees help military personnel and their families with the money challenges that they face during these difficult times, and have committed to safeguarding the financial well being of our service men and women deployed overseas.

For instance, the staff of First Flight Federal Credit Union in Havelock, NC, has been working with the base legal department at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point to ensure that family members have the appropriate authority to conduct financial transactions on behalf of the service member while they are deployed.

Another example is the Seymour Johnson Federal Credit Union in Goldsboro, NC, which has established a call center hotline to provide