

to a worthy cause that indeed allows us to show our humanitarian side as well as our diplomatic side, which are important complementary tools in our fight against terrorism.

A LEADER FOR SPACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, today, the House has taken final action on the appropriations bill that funds the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This is an appropriate time to recognize the extraordinary contributions of NASA Administrator Dr. Dan Goldin, whose energy and vision have been essential to continuing our Nation's leadership in space exploration.

As he prepares to leave NASA and return to the private sector, we should recognize Dan Goldin's superb leadership during his tenure as head of America's space agency.

My association with Dan Goldin began not long after I came to the House of Representatives in 1993. I learned that NASA was considering cutting jobs at the space shuttle manufacturing plant in Downey. We discussed NASA's plans over coffee in the Members Dining Room, and I told him of my concerns about further job losses in Southern California, where the economy already was devastated.

I was impressed from the very beginning by Dan's forthrightness, his commitment to what he viewed as best for the space program, and his willingness to listen to new and different ideas. Unfortunately, the scale-down of the shuttle program and the consolidation of space-related activities was unavoidable.

The manufacturing plant in Downey, sadly, has been closed. Those who worked there have retired or have gone to other jobs in Southern California. These are the workers who developed and built the Apollo moon capsules, the Sky Laboratory, and all of our space shuttles.

Throughout this process, Dan Goldin has been true to his word in working with me and the City of Downey to address hardships created by the closure and to overcome barriers to an orderly transfer of the NASA property to the City of Downey. He recognized the city's need to get on with its economic revitalization. He has consistently directed NASA officials in Washington and Houston to work with Downey to move forward.

In October 1998, a ceremony was held in Downey for the transfer of the first parcels of the NASA property to the city. The transfer process had faced various delays and complications, but the ceremony was a great tribute to the strong working relationship that had been developed between NASA and the city in completing this difficult transition.

NASA's timetable calls for completion of the process in March 2002. A

number of steps are required between now and then, and it is critical for Downey that there be no slips in that time line. It already has been several years since the facility was closed. It is critical that Downey receive the final parcels so that its economic revitalization plan can move forward and the developer can begin working to restore the city's economy.

We continue to work with Dan Goldin, Associate Administrator Sutton, and other senior NASA officials in this important effort. I know they will continue to do all they can to keep the schedule on track.

I wish Dan Goldin all the best as he leaves NASA for new challenges. I know that Downey officials look forward to inviting Dan to visit the city so they can thank him for helping advance a much-needed economic recovery effort.

Mr. Speaker, Dan Goldin is the ablest leader and executive of any major department in Washington during the years I have had in Congress. When President Clinton cut \$5 billion from the NASA budget and the space shuttle program, many key people went elsewhere. They gave up. Dan Goldin refused to despair. Instead, he provided the leadership that was needed to pull the program together and continue NASA's vital missions.

As a result, today we have an excellent space program and a growing partnership with Russia. Dan Goldin deserves our thanks for a job well done and our best wishes in all of his new endeavors. He has served our Nation well.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 981

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 981.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHUSTER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1999 REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES UNDER NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1966, HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT OF 1966, AND MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION AND COST SAVINGS ACT OF 1972

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the Department of Transportation's Calendar Year 1999 reports on Activities Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safe-

ty Act of 1966, the Highway Safety Act of 1966, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 8, 2001.

HONOR THE FALLEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have before me a growing list of over 3,000 individuals who perished on September 11, 2001. This list, provided by the Congressional Research Service, includes the names of many of the victims of the recent horrific attacks on our great Nation. I stand before the House to pay my respects to our fallen brothers and sisters, and I encourage my colleagues to join me today, and for as many days as it takes, in honoring those individuals who lost their lives or are still missing.

We have all heard the numbers, the devastation, the pain of the families and our Nation's anguish. What we have not heard in Washington are these names. These individuals all represented a life, a family, an employer, a country, a way of life. I hope to in some small way honor these individuals by reading their names aloud for all to hear of America's and our world's tremendous pain and loss.

These individuals will not be soon forgotten. By reading their names, we do not bring them back or even ease the pain of families and friends, but again we show that this House and our Nation honor our fallen brothers and sisters.

As the wife of a retired professional firefighter of 30 years, this tragedy hit especially close to home. Hundreds of firefighters and police officers were killed and injured on September 11, 2001, because of their brave attempts to save victims of the brutal attacks, and left families, friends, and countrymen grieving the loss of these courageous souls. These dedicated professionals are in my thoughts and prayers.

I, like many of my colleagues, lost constituents in this awful attack. I ask for God's blessing on Virginia's First District residents Teresa Martin, Marian Serva, Martha Reszke, Allen Boyle and Brenda Gibson. Please forgive me in advance for any mispronunciations of names.

Additionally, I ask for God's blessings on the following:

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Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Gordon McCannel Aamoth, Maria Rose Abad, Edelmiro Abad, Andrew Anthony Abate, Vincent Abate, Laurence Abel, William Abrahamson, Richard Anthony Aceto, Heinrich B. Ackermann, Paul Andrew Acquaviva, Christian Adams, Stephen George Adams, Donald Leroy Adams, Shannon Lewis Adams, Patrick