

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ART VALENTI, PRESIDENT OF U.A.W. LOCAL 900 RETIREE CHAPTER

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a man who has dedicated more than 62 years to the United Automobile Workers, Art Valenti. As one of the original in-plant organizers who fought to bring the union to the Ford Motor Company, Art Valenti has dedicated his life the union movement. This year, as U.A.W. Local 900 members gathered to celebrate their 60th Anniversary, they recognized the Art "Little Caesar" Valenti for dedicating his life to Local 900 and the U.A.W. organization.

Beginning work at the old Ford-Lincoln plant on Livernois in 1939, Art was discharged just a year later on Friday, December 13, 1940. This marked the start of his long and laborious fight against the anti-labor programs in place at the Ford Service Department. Regardless of the many obstacles, Art began his efforts to organize workers in Detroit. Holding dances that raised countless funds to support union efforts, Art began organizing at his base, and was actively involved in many battles and a strike at the Ford Rouge Plant. When the U.A.W. Ford Agreement was signed in June of 1941, Art was reinstated to his job at the Ford Lincoln Plant and became an organizer and Charter member of Local 900, then a part of Local 600. Art "Little Caesar" Valenti continued as a union representative, and while Treasurer and activist continued his fight against unfair practices of the Ford-Lincoln supervision and Service Department. In the years following, Art served his local and cause as a trustee, guide, and Executive Board member to Local 900, as well as served as District Committeeman, Bargaining Committeeman, and finally President of Local 900. His hard work and tireless efforts established dinners for Retirees as appreciation for their years of service, won the largest individual back pay award at the time, and was one of only 25 American Trade Unionists to be sent to Denmark to visit with Danish Trade Unionists in 1952.

Art's dedication only continued with time, gaining appointment to the Vice President of the International Union's staff in 1957, where he remained until his retirement in June of 1980. Even after retirement, "Little Caesar" Valenti's commitment carried him to become elected as President of the U.A.W. Local 900 Retiree Chapter in 1981, where he has continued to bring the same fire and loyalty to his brothers and the union cause.

I applaud Art Valenti for his leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of leadership and service.

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN E. HYMAN

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Steve Hyman, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at NIH, recently left NIMH to become Provost of Harvard University. While I am very happy that he has chosen to take this important step, I very much regret that public service is losing such a significant figure working on behalf of patients and families affected by mental illness.

Steve is a very well known neuroscientist, and also a gifted communicator. We have worked together on several issues and events, most recently a briefing for Members and staff on the mental health effects of terrorism in the wake of the awful events of September 11, 2001. Steve has a remarkable ability to leave his audience—whether it is lay or scientific—with a more complete understanding of whatever complex issue he is addressing. This is critical to those of us who work to reduce and eliminate the entrenched stigma about mental illness that so unfairly plagues patients and families. As a scientist, Steve has many times asserted that science shows us absolutely no reason to treat those with mental illnesses as anything other than respected individuals affected by treatable illnesses who deserve health insurance coverage completely commensurate with the coverage provided for physical ailments. In fact, NIMH recently held a meeting in which I participated, focusing on the very real relationship between depression and physical disorders—something that is critical to understand.

For too long, those suffering from depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, or any of the other diseases that affect our brain and behavior, have faced discrimination, shame, and even scorn. Leaders like Steve have given us the tools we need to argue forcefully and credibly for equal treatment and equal justice. I believe that his leadership, scientific expertise, and his active participation in trying to educate policymakers like us, as well as our constituents—the American public—have moved us far down the path to eliminating stigma. Steve and NIMH were very much involved in the development of the unprecedented Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, a groundbreaking document that has had a major impact in this country. He also was a key participant in the equally groundbreaking White House Conference on Mental Health held in June of 1999, a public event that featured the President and First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, and many, many Members of Congress.

While we will miss Steve Hyman, I am confident that the course he has set for NIMH, and the people he has left to steer it, will enable it to continue to move steadily forward. I know that Steve has left a strong institution, but he has also left a major challenge for his

successor—to continue the momentum that he has built up over the five and one-half years he served us as NIMH Director. I haven't known him for a long number of years, but I do know Steve Hyman well enough to know that he will continue his role as champion of patients and their families, and that we are all better off for it.

TRIBUTE TO AMANDA JENKINS, SARAH GOSHMAN, AND MELISSA NUNNENKAMP

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize three of New York's outstanding young students: Amanda Jenkins, Sarah Goshman and Melissa Nunnenkamp. In January, the young women of their troop will honor them by bestowing upon them the Girl Scouts Gold Medal.

Since the beginning of this century, the Girl Scouts of America have provided thousands of youngsters each year the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

These awards are presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. The Gold Awards represent the highest awards attainable by junior and high school Girl Scouts.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Amanda, Sarah and Melissa and bring the attention of Congress to these successful young women on their day of recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, a previously scheduled commitment prevented me from being in Washington, D.C. and voting on H. Con. Res. 280 on December 4, 2001. Consistent with my record of strong support for

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Israel, I would have voted yes on this important legislation. H. Con. Res. 280 expresses solidarity with the people of Israel in the fight against terrorism.

The horrific murders of 26 innocent people by Palestinian terrorists during the weekend of December 1–2 make clear the need for all Americans to show their support for the people and Israel during this dangerous and troubled time. Our nation has no more consistent friend and ally in the international struggle against terrorism than Israel. The people of Israel set an invaluable international example with their commitment to democracy and freedom and dedication to working for peace. The people of Israel continue to pay a high price for these ideals. Their nation remains a target of a deadly and unrelenting terror campaign that is often aimed directly at young people and families. Israel deserves and needs our unwavering support at this difficult time.

I strongly support the resolution's call for the Palestinian Authority to destroy the infrastructure of Palestinian terrorist groups and to pursue and arrest terrorist whose incarceration has been called for by Israel. I strongly urge President Bush to take any and all steps to assure these goals are met, including suspending all relations with Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian Authority if necessary.

The safety and security of all people of the world who value freedom and respect the rule of law has never been more threatened. The United States and Israel must remain the closest of allies in our mutual quest to stop terrorism and work for peace. I am pleased to give H. Con. Res. 280 my unqualified support.

TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE M. RAINWATER, DEDICATED ACTIVIST AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who has given her life to the pursuit of justice and equality.

Annette M. Rainwater is one of Detroit's most committed activists. She came of age at a time when our country and our democracy were at a crossroads. When Dr. King called on Americans to join together to stand up for their rights, to register voters, to fulfill the promise of democracy, she answered that call. She answered it with passion, intelligence, and faith that we could shape a better future. Not only did Annette get involved, she stayed involved. Over the years, she has held leadership positions with such organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Council, the NAACP, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the National Political Congress of Black Women, just to name a few. But in all of these roles, her capacity to inspire others and her determination shone through.

Annette also worked tirelessly in her community. As a precinct delegate, she knocked on countless doors and recruited many volunteers. When it came time to get out the vote, Annette was always ready to help. She has offered her skills as an organizer as well, through her roles as a Board member of the Fifteenth Democratic District Congressional Organization and Democratic Party State Cen-

tral member. She has also been a dedicated public servant, serving as the chief of staff for Councilman Clyde Cleveland.

Although Annette is retiring, she will leave a legacy of activists and public servants to continue her work. She has been a mentor to many, including Llenda Jackson-Leslie, Vice President of the National Women's Political Caucus, Judge Greg Mathis, and Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware. These leaders and others will help keep the stories of the civil rights struggle alive—and help make sure that we move forward, and never forget where we've been.

To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, the measure of a person is not where she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where she stands at times of challenge and controversy. During one of the most difficult times in our history, Annette Rainwater stood for justice, equality, and a future that would allow all Americans the opportunity to reach our fullest potential.

Detroit is a better place because Annette Rainwater calls it home. She has earned our thanks for her half-century of selfless dedication to creating a more just city, state and nation.

BOOK DEVELOPED BY RON MORGAN

### HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Ron Morgan of Cape Canaveral, Florida, is becoming a well known expert on the U.S. flag. He has developed a comprehensive book, *The American Spirit in the New Millennium*, that endeavors to renew pride in our flag and to present a fair case about its legal protections, effectively countering the arguments of those who would allow our flag to be desecrated. He wants to inspire further research and study of not just the history of the flag, but United States history, law and government. I am proud that Ron Morgan is my constituent on Florida's Space Coast, and I thank him for his hard work and dedication to promote the values represented in our flag. I wish to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a chapter from his book that was updated since the September 11 attacks:

#### AMERICA UNITED—A CALL TO HONOR

On January 1 in the year 2000, the entire world was transfixed as a glowing ball of light descended above Times Square, amid the cheers and adulations of over one million New Yorkers. The amazing technology of the last century provided live pictures of this joyous event to every nation in the world, as the global celebration of Y2K signaled the grand commencement of this new millennium.

On September 11 in the year 2001, the entire world was transfixed as the symbol of this new millennium, the mighty twin towers of the World Trade Center, descended in a horrendous roar of fiery steel and concrete, with the unspeakable loss of thousands of innocent men, women and children from America and from 80 sovereign nations around the globe. The amazing technology of the last century provided live pictures of this insane crime against humanity, as the world reeled in terror.

As the immensity of the horror overcame the paralyzing visual shock, people from every nation on earth truly believed they were witnessing the beginning of the end of the civilized world—or as many describe it, the Apocalypse. The bright sunshine was instantly transformed into the pitch-blackness of a moonless night by billowing clouds of black carbon, grey concrete and white ash. Clouds that had not been seen in our nation for 70 years, since the towering clouds of brown dust swept relentlessly across the Great Plains in the 1930's and turned America's heartland into America's wasteland.

Fellow human beings began to emerge from those clouds, from the darkness into the light. Some walked, some ran, some carried each other—but all moved with dignity. The eerie, ash covered figures that stepped out of those clouds into the waiting arms of the rescuers, displayed no recognizable ethnic or racial characteristics visible to the naked eye.

We were one with them, and they were ours. New York City was truly united in a heroic display of courage, self-sacrifice, and compassion.

The mightiest city on the planet was brought to its knees in seconds by an act of barbarism unparalleled in history. But as the dust settled amid the raging fires that still burned, a wondrous transformation slowly enveloped that scene of mindless carnage.

The true American spirit began to rise higher than the tall towers that once dominated the skyline of New York. It gave vibrant notice that we have suffered a grievous wound, we have lost uncounted lives, but we will not be bowed, we will endure!

The spirit of courage that drove our fearless and tireless firefighters, police officers, medical personnel and scores of civilian volunteers, who offered their own lives to save others. The spirit of help that mobilized the entire city to aid and comfort the victims, their families and the rescuers who continued to brave unrelenting danger. The spirit of prayer that brought people of all faiths together, as never before in memory.

The spirit that galvanized the entire nation, with volunteers from every state and even foreign nations streaming in New York to help in the enormous effort of recovery. The United States Congress and the Administration were truly unified for the first time since World War II. Our nation spoke with one voice, with one purpose and with one message—This terror shall not endure. Our citizens and our freedoms shall be defended and preserved. Justice under law will prevail!

And the unyielding symbol of the American spirit began to appear on the helmets and the tunics of the incredible rescue personnel. It began to appear on cabs, buses, trucks, cars and subway trains. It appeared on apartments, shop windows, buildings, houses, street signs, light poles and trees. It was worn on lapels, shirts, jackets and hats. It was carried by hand and was waved on high. It was draped on the smoldering steel frames of a once mighty edifice, as a proud badge of honor and an unmistakable pledge of resolve and perseverance in the face of unconscionable evil. The Flag of the United States of America became our rallying cry and our inspiration, just as it has countless times before in the face of tragedy and adversity. It asked nothing in return, just the chance to serve us if we needed something beyond ourselves to remind us of our goal.

There is an incredible historical mosaic that blends and intertwines the past and the present in every city, town, and village in America. That mosaic was never more vividly displayed than in the streets of downtown New York on those fateful days in September 2001.

212 years ago President George Washington knelt down in St. Paul's Chapel, nestled near

the Battery on the island of Manhattan, New York. It was April 30, 1789. He had walked to St. Paul's from Federal Hall, where he had just been inaugurated as the first President of the United States. He prayed for guidance to lead a fledgling nation, with honor, into the unknown waters of a new concept of government.

On September 16, 2001 Mayor Rudy Giuliani knelt down in St. Paul's Chapel on the island of Manhattan in the area now known as Ground Zero. He prayed for guidance to lead his wounded city, with honor, in a humanitarian rescue and recovery effort of unparalleled proportions.

St. Paul's is a stone's throw from the World Trade Plaza. It was saved and preserved during the skyscraper construction that totally surrounds it, only because it was listed on the Historic Registry! The twin towers rained down million of tons of debris that rocked the ground with the force of an earthquake. Loose steel and concrete tore apart mighty buildings and filled the city streets around this hallowed site. But not one pane of stained glass in the chapel windows was broken.

At Washington's National Cathedral, President George W. Bush spoke for America to the clerics of all faiths, to our national leaders and to the United Nations representatives assembled in the pews of the cathedral. He humbly prayed for guidance to lead this country and indeed the civilized world, into a new age of freedom from terror and tyranny.

We now realize that the splendor of this new millennium cannot be achieved if we do not meet this worldwide challenge to our very way of life. A challenge that heretofore existed only in shadows and darkness, but now is clear and visible and formidable. The task that lies ahead is a daunting task that will require courage, judgment, patience and—above all—perseverance. The American people are up to the task!

Let us pledge to each other our will, our commitment, our strength and our steadfast unity. Working together as one people, we can strive to meet the three primary goals of this great nation that are so eloquently described in the Declaration of Independence: That personal security of life without fear; the cherished freedoms of our individual and societal liberty; and, the profound enjoyment inherent in the pursuit of happiness and prosperity.

Our nation has issued a Call to Honor. The American people and our noble leaders have stood up bravely and answered the call. They have answered the call with their sacrifice, their deeds and their generosity. They have proudly proclaimed their unity by gathering together with the one and only tangible object that truly represents each one of us individually and all of us collectively—the Flag of the United States.

America United is no longer a slogan. America United is now a reality!

SPEECH BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER RON RANKIN OF KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO

**HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House a recent speech by County Commissioner Ron Rankin of Kootenai County, Idaho. Ron is a veteran of the United States Marines and is a tireless de-

fender, like all Idahoans, of the rights our veterans preserved for us through their devotion. This speech was given by Commissioner Rankin on the occasion of the dedication of a new veteran's memorial. I urge my colleagues to read this speech and remember the sacrifices our veterans made for us and the continued sacrifices being made today by our men and women in uniform. With the consent of the House I would like to insert that speech for the record.

KOOTENAI COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL DEDICATION, NOVEMBER 10, 2001

(By Commissioner Ronald D. Rankin)

Once there was a nation of patriots, men, women, and children who loved their country, their flag, and their freedom, and the independence guaranteed by their divinely inspired United States Constitution. They honored their soldiers who fought to preserve their freedom and independence.

Then came the Korean War, the first war our country fought that we were politically prohibited from winning. This was followed by the Viet Nam War where hoards of drug crazed traitors cursed and spat upon combat veterans returning from a war that cost over 50 thousand casualties. Our fighting men and women were pilloried for the treasonous political decisions that protracted that war far longer than any other in our history.

That "hippie generation" is now being replaced by a generation which has never witnessed a war like those of the 20th Century—a generation that will determine the future of our country, our United States constitution, and our freedom.

They must be taught and reminded what American veterans have sacrificed for them to be able to live in freedom.

To that end, and through most generous private contributions, Kootenai County citizens are carving highlights of history into stone. A remembrance of some of the great moments in history that have molded and formed our futures.

Each of the fourteen laser-etched stone photo panels on this wall will represent a major military mark in history.

On the inside of the foyer/gallery, will be found separate pamphlets each describing a great event of military history.

One will describe in detail the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor, not the entire World War II but only Pearl Harbor. Another will describe in detail the barbaric Bataan Death March, where American prisoners of war were tortured, murdered and taken to Japan to work as slaves in the mines; another, the turning point of World War II in the Pacific—the Battle of Midway, where the sinking of so many Japanese aircraft carriers effectively broke the back of the Japanese fleet.

Iwo Jima; how that well known flag photograph came to be, and at what terrible cost.

The Navajo Code Talkers; American Indian patriots who saved the lives of thousands of their fellow Marines, sending and receiving combat messages in their ancient tongue that was undecipherable by Japanese intelligence.

A detailed account of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir in 1950 in North Korea—an epic in Marine Corps history.

The epic landing at Normandy on "D" Day—1944.

The heroic 2nd Rangers scaling a 100 ft. cliff to take a German pill box at the top of the coastal cliffs of Normandy.

The Battle of the Bulge. The hard fought heroic battles that were the turning point in the war in Europe.

The air war over Europe and the heroes of the B-17's.

The emergence of helicopters and river gun boats as weapons of choice in Vietnam. These and more to be added, will be a source of unrevised history for our youth of future generations as well as some of our adults of today who have little knowledge of the sacrifice of our combat veterans past and present.

It is our resolve here today in dedicating this memorial wall, that our veterans will retake their places of honor and respect in the minds of those so blessed by the freedom they enjoy. A legacy of the sacrifices of the generations of patriots past and present who have worn the uniform of our country with pride and dedication to the principles we all hold dear.

May God Continue to Bless America in all of her righteous endeavors.

This I ask humbly in the name of Jesus Christ—Amen.

BIPARTISAN TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2001*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3005, the Trade Promotion Authority Act.

I certainly recognize the value of trade, but contrary to the claims of the GOP leadership and Administration, passing fast track is not just about trade and the economy. It's about health, human rights, consumer and environmental standards. Unfortunately, the Thomas "fast track" bill is a roadmap to undermining these standards globally.

As members of Congress, we have an important role in shaping future trade agreements. As the influence of trade extends to other areas including health, education, and the environment, we must ensure that trade agreements reflect the values and standards that we have worked so hard to uphold. If we pass H.R. 3005, we give up our authority to influence the content of future trade agreements, and we erode the government's ability to guard against direct attacks on the progress we have made. Even more important, we eliminate a crucial piece of the constitutional process by limiting democratic debate and stifling the voice of the people. That's undemocratic and it's not smart public policy.

The GOP leadership argues that passing H.R. 3005 is the patriotic thing to do. Make no mistake, "fast track" does not rebuild, it does not restore, it does not heal and it will not bring America together. Instead, by pushing this divisive issue forward, we are driving America and its government apart when what America needs is unity.

H.R. 3005 will not advance fair trade policies, but policies that are harmful to our nation and the world. We CAN foster trade while ensuring that American jobs, civil rights, and our natural resources are protected. We just can't accomplish this goal through the enactment of H.R. 3005. With its lack of enforcement measures, H.R. 3005 jeopardizes international environmental agreements, compromises job security for American workers and curbs economic growth. That's why I will continue to urge my colleagues to support free trade, but only when it's *fair* trade.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M.  
CARKENORD OF THE L'ANSE  
CREUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Joseph Carkenord as he retires from nearly 50 years of service to the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools. Mr. Carkenord has been a teacher, administrator, and Board of Education Member in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools for nearly 50 years, and today marks the end of an era of dedication to the school district.

Raised in Indiana, Mr. Carkenord attended Ball State University, where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. It was then that his teaching career began. Soon thereafter, Mr. Carkenord accepted a position at South River Elementary School in the L'Anse Creuse School District. This began a remarkable career of devotion to education and public service in Michigan. By 1955, Mr. Carkenord had earned a Master's degree and was appointed Principal of the elementary school.

In 1959, while still Principal at South River Elementary, Mr. Carkenord became the Director for Special Education in the district until 1969. At the same time, he served as Director of the L'Anse Creuse Summer Program. He also served as Principal of the Neil E. Reid Elementary School.

During his tenure, Mr. Carkenord has had the pleasure of serving as President of the Macomb County Elementary Principals' Association, on the Michigan Principals' Board of Directors, and on the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education, as President and Treasurer. Although Mr. Carkenord has exhibited tireless support for public education, his commitment is just as strong. He and his wife Joann have resided in the L'Anse Creuse community for over 35 years. Their daughter and son, Barbara and Dr. David Carkenord are graduates of L'Anse Creuse High School North. We all expect his retirement not to diminish in way his continued commitment to the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools and its school board on which he serves.

It has been a privilege to our community to have Mr. Carkenord demonstrate leadership and commitment to public education and the L'Anse Creuse School District. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Mr. Carkenord's retirement after nearly 50 years of public service to his community.

**BIPARTISAN TRADE PROMOTION  
AUTHORITY ACT OF 2001**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM NUSSLE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2001*

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the President submitted to Congress his legislative agenda for international trade. I believe this agenda benefits America's consumers, farmers, and workers. Beyond that, I believe it will successfully advance a strategy for pro-

moting freedom, economic development and increased living standards abroad. The keystone of the President's agenda is Trade Promotion Authority or "TPA". TPA provides the President with a powerful tool to promote U.S. agriculture and manufactured goods abroad.

As I travel through Iowa, farmers have expressed to me their support for opening world markets for U.S. farm goods. According to U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, the President's primary trade negotiator, agriculture will be a primary factor in future trade negotiations. Indeed, agriculture currently accounts for more than 30% of all U.S. exports. On a national level, agricultural exports create 750,000 jobs, both on and off the farm.

Expanded trade opportunities very clearly benefit Iowa farms and the commodities that are raised on them. In my home district, approximately 35% of farm products are sold abroad. One in every five rows of corn are exported. This includes not just the unprocessed corn but value-added goods that create jobs including: meat, dairy and poultry products, corn feed, biodegradable plastics, and corn syrup. Soybean producers benefit from free and open trade as well. In the year 2000, U.S. exports of soybeans, soybean meal, and soybean oil totaled more than \$7 billion. Farmers want to earn a living from the land and with the free market without dependence on the government for financial assistance. TPA is essential to reach that goal. Congress is currently in the process of creating a new Farm Bill. However, any farm program devised would be fruitless without opening markets for farmers to sell their goods.

Agriculture is not the only business in my district that would benefit from opening international markets. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, 217 manufacturers in northeast Iowa export goods on a regular basis. The track record for business exports in Dubuque and the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has been impressive to say the least. Since 1993, when NAFTA was signed into law, Dubuque has seen a 75% increase in export sales. Waterloo and Cedar Falls together have posted an impressive 95% increase in export sales during that time period!

Deere & Company, a Quad Cities-based company, has several facilities throughout Iowa, including facilities in both Dubuque and Waterloo. This company's stake in opening foreign markets is very high. Deere exported \$1.8 billion in U.S.-made products in 2000. This reflects 16% of its total sales and 35,000 jobs that are export dependent. Deere has a stated mission of increasing its sales overseas. This mission is of great benefit to Iowa's working families. Deere's Waterloo Works is the company's largest exporting plant. One in four of the green tractors produced in Waterloo is headed overseas. TPA is important to companies like Deere because it will help stabilize our domestic farm economy, and gives the President more latitude in negotiating tariffs with countries that are seeking to modernize their agricultural development.

Waterloo Industries is much smaller than Deere, but also has a very large stake in the global marketplace. Approximately 10% of its products are sold abroad. Waterloo Industries produces high quality tool boxes and cabinets for both home and industrial use. On average, this company ships 3 semi-truckloads of these products abroad every day. This reflects

\$105,000 per day in sales and 1450 export dependent jobs, 10% of the company's workforce. Currently a third of Waterloo Industry's products to Canada. The remaining two-thirds are sold, among other places, in Europe, Australia, and Japan. It is my understanding that Waterloo Industries would like to expand its market in Asia and the Pacific. Tariffs for toolboxes in some Pacific rim countries are as high as 30%. I am hopeful that TPA can aid the President in negotiating a decrease of these high tariffs.

For some 60 years, Presidents have used a TPA-like system to open markets abroad. Congress allowed trade negotiating authority for the President to lapse in 1995. While our economy has continued to grow and our exports have increased since that time, we can and should still do more. The European Union currently has 27 preferential agreements with other countries, Japan has 130, and the United States is a party to only three of them.

This summer House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Thomas worked extensively with pro-trade Democrats to forge legislation to grant TPA while allowing Congress to retain its right to oversee the process. H.R. 3005 establishes a special trade oversight committee in Congress to consider environmental, labor, and human rights aspects of trade negotiations, and mandates the U.S. trade Representative to consult this committee on a regular basis. In addition, this legislation complies with rules established by the World Trade Organization and our other trading partners.

Mr. Speaker, as we begin the 21st Century, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the world is becoming a smaller place. More efficient means of transportation and communication have connected countries and regions of the world in ways that were unimaginable just a decade ago. Given these unprecedented changes and the United States' role in the world economy, it is critical that the United States be able to negotiate fair trade agreements with overseas nations. TPA offers the tools we need to face the challenges of our changing world economy. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the H.R. 3005.

**NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR  
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**HON. TIM ROEMER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This day allows Americans of all ages to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Early on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan launched a brutal and unprovoked attack on the U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Over 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 wounded on that fateful day—the day that President Roosevelt said "will live in infamy."

It was not until after World War II ended that the American people were fully apprised of what a severe, crippling blow the attack on Pearl Harbor inflicted on our defenses. The best of our Navy and our Army in the Pacific

was virtually wiped out in a single devastating blow. But the Japanese empire did not count on the galvanizing effect that this dastardly attack would have on the American people. In the wake of the events of September 11, 2001, we have once again witnessed how this powerful effect unites our country against evil.

Prior to December 7, 1941, the role of the United States in world affairs was the topic of intense debate. That debate ended as the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor. All Americans became united in the effort for victory with a vigor and determination unknown in any American conflict, before or since, perhaps with the exception of the resolve demonstrated by the American people since September 11th. The ultimate tragedy of Pearl Harbor was the fact that it could have been predicted and prevented. Candidates for graduation at the Japanese military academies had been asked to plan an attack on Pearl Harbor as part of their final examinations each year since 1931. The Japanese secret code had been broken, and the State Department was aware that an attack was imminent. However, the location was not known, and so our commanders were not notified in a timely fashion.

Mr. Speaker, this does not mean, however, that our 3,600 casualties were killed or wounded in vain. The heroism demonstrated that fateful Sunday morning did much to inspire millions of Americans to greater sacrifice and heroism which was necessary for our ultimate victory. This year will mark the 60th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and our thoughts and prayers will be those survivors and their families as well as the families who have lost sons and daughters in the war that followed.

RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) in particular, is losing a remarkable leader. Joseph Thompson, former Under Secretary for Benefits, is retiring after 26 years of service to veterans.

I met Joe at the start of my tenure as chairman of the Subcommittee on Benefits of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. I had a lot of detail to learn about the VA's claims process, and Joe's knowledge of the VBA was vast. A Vietnam veteran, Joe began his career with VA as a claims examiner in 1975, and through the years he worked in the Education Service, VA's Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia as Assistant Director, and spent seven years as the Director of the Regional Office in New York. It was in this position that Joe reengineered the regional office's business processes and former Vice President Gore awarded the first "Hammer Award" for reinventing government to the New York Regional Office. Joe asked his coworkers personally to accept the award from the Vice President, which they did in Joe's presence. It was only natural that Joe Thompson would take the helm of the VBA. While managing almost 13,000 equally dedicated employees, Joe was responsible for administering the service-related disability compensation pro-

grams, needs-based pension programs, home loan guarantees, GI Bill education assistance, vocational rehabilitation and job placement services, and life insurance programs—and he rose to the task.

Joe Thompson is indeed a visionary person. Under his direction, VBA developed the Roadmap to Excellence in an effort to improve service delivery, the Balanced Scorecard, which measured performance by each regional office, and established a system to improve the integrity of performance data in order to greatly reduce false or erroneous reporting of outcome measures. These were seen at the time by some as unorthodox ideas, but veterans and VA's stakeholders are better off today because Joe challenged the status quo. Joe laid the bench mark for future VBA employees, and he set the bar rather high, in my opinion. He is one of the most creative and innovative public servants I have known. And the well-spring of growth and change that Joe inspired is Joe's legacy to his fellow veterans.

I have enjoyed a strong working relationship with Joe Thompson and consider him a friend. He is the epitome of the federal employee who reports to work each day because he wants to make a difference, especially for disabled veterans. And I can say without reservation that Joseph Thompson has met the challenge of leadership in public service. I wish Joe and his family all the best following retirement. I am sure Joe's family is proud of him; I know I am.