

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to accord honorary citizenship to the alien victims of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States and to provide for the granting of citizenship to the alien spouses and children of certain victims of such attacks.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 182, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should allocate significantly more resources to combat global poverty.

#### STATEMENTS OF INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1892. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37 Carl Path in Deer Park, New York, as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, I rise today to introduce legislation to pay tribute to a great New Yorker, a beloved leader and noble public servant, Deputy Chief Ray Downey of the New York City Fire Department. The legislation I'm introducing today with my colleague, Senator SCHUMER, would name a post office in Deer Park, New York as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building."

Firs, I want to express my deepest sympathies to his wife, Rosalie, and their five children for their terrible loss.

A hero among heroes, Ray Downey was one of the most decorated members of the Fire Department, awarded five medals for valor and 16 unit citations. His esteemed career spanned nearly 40 years with the New York Fire Department, including service with both ladder and engine companies, as

well as rescue squads. A former Marine, Downey joined the New York fire department in 1962, first serving in Brooklyn.

From the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, Chief Downey helped lead the department with his skill and courage. He was considered a leading expert on rescues involving collapsed buildings. For nearly 15 years, he commanded Rescue Company 2 and in August, because of his leadership and skill, he was promoted to Special Operations Command, which dealt with hazardous materials and rescue work. The reach of his work extended beyond New York City. He was a leader of the Urban Search and Rescue Team, which assisted in the Walton Floods response in Upstate New York, as well as the "ice storm" that hit Upstate in 2000 and Hurricane Georges and the Dominican Republic.

Due to his incredible knowledge of how buildings fall down, he has been described as having "rock star" status among firefighters across the country. Congressman Israel, who introduced the companion legislation in the House of Representatives, summed it up well, saying, "He is a national treasure." I could not agree more.

Chief Downey was also a member of a national advisory commission on domestic response to terrorism. Nearly five years ago, he warned that our next war would be fought in an urban area, and, unfortunately, he was right. Early on September 11, at age 63, just like he did a thousand times before, Ray Downey responded to the call for duty. In spite of his age, he joined the heroic and unforgettable effort to save lives in World Trade Center towers. The unmistakable courage and the incalculable sacrifices that he and all the public safety officers who responded that day made for the good of their communities and their country are the kinds of virtues and values that make them real-life heroes.

It has been reported that after September 11, Ray Downey's wife Rosalie, found a manila folder in his brief case filled with letters and praise from his lifetime of service. This modest man, who never boasted of his incredible rescues, had immense pride in his work, and rightly so. He quietly chronicled his service to the city and the manila folder grew thicker.

His life of service will also live on in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives he touched through his bravery and leadership. We will never forget Ray Downey's extraordinary career and I ask you to join us today in supporting this legislation, which will create a lasting tribute to this legendary figure. Ray Downey leaves behind a grateful city, in awe of all he achieved on its behalf.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 200—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

SENATE RESOLUTION 199—HONORING THE LIFE OF REX DAVID "DAVE" THOMAS AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS DEATH

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HELMS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas the Senate has learned with great sadness of the death of Dave Thomas from liver cancer at the age of 69 on January 8, 2002;

Whereas Dave Thomas, born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 2, 1932, and adopted shortly thereafter by Rex and Auleva Thomas, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a lifelong advocate and activist for the cause of adoption;

Whereas Dave Thomas, in 1979, was awarded the Horatio Alger Award for dedication, individual initiative, and a commitment to excellence, as exemplified by remarkable achievements accomplished through honesty, hard work, self-reliance, and perseverance;

Whereas from 1990 until 2000 Dave Thomas was national spokesman for numerous White House adoption and foster care initiatives;

Whereas Dave Thomas received numerous awards including the Angel in Adoption Award by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption for generating awareness of the thousands of children waiting for permanent homes and loving families;

Whereas Dave Thomas, in 1992, established the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and donated his speaking fees and profits from sales of his books, "Dave's Way, Well Done!" and "Franchising for Dummies", to adoption causes;

Whereas Dave Thomas established the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, to work with national adoption organizations, individuals and public and private agencies to raise awareness about children awaiting adoption and to provide direct support for programs seeking to find permanent homes for children in foster care;

Whereas Dave Thomas established the Dave Thomas Center for Adoption Law to ease and facilitate the adoption process through education, advocacy and research;

Whereas Dave Thomas was a constructive force in shaping corporate health policy to cover adoption expenses and, through his efforts, 75 percent of Fortune 1000 companies