

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on September 5, 2002 because I was taking my kids to their first day of school.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4727, the Dam Safety and Security Act of 2002, and also in favor of H. Res. 94, honoring the contributions of Venus and Serena Williams.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN EDWARD WRIGHT

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Edward Wright, originally from Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Wright was recently awarded a citation for distinguished service from the Secretary of the Interior for his outstanding contributions in the field of public affairs for the Office of the Secretary.

Mr. Wright is the Senior Public Information Officer in the Secretary's Office of Communications, where he is held in high esteem and is respected for his media relations expertise, institutional knowledge, and familiarity with the key issues confronting the Department of Interior.

As Senior Public Information Officer, he provides expert public affairs counsel to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Director of Communications. In addition, departmental communications managers rely upon Mr. Wright for guidance and direction regarding public affairs messages and strategies.

Mr. Wright has also fostered important working relationships with reporters in the national media. He has a reputation for his responsiveness and willingness to go the extra mile to meet media deadlines. Earlier this year during the Department of Interior's unveiling of the Competitive Sourcing program, Mr. Wright worked closely with the Office of Policy, Management, and Budget was responsible for all media relations planning and execution. With his guidance, the launch of this plan in the media was an outstanding success, generating accurate and positive media coverage.

Most recently, Mr. Wright has been the lead for the public affairs office in the Office of the Secretary for implementation of media outreach and communications related to the Department of Interior/USDA National Fire Plan. In this capacity, Mr. Wright has worked effectively with federal and state communications

officers to develop news releases, fact sheets, and interviews with key media. Mr. Wright, through his enduring hard work, unwavering attention to detail and diligence in promoting Departmental ideals, portrays a public information specialist that others can emulate.

For his service which has earned him Departmental commendation as well as his co-workers' respect, I recognize Mr. John Edward Wright.

RAE AND MAL WEBBER CELEBRATE THEIR 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family and friends who have gathered to congratulate Rae and Mal Webber of New Haven, Connecticut as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Throughout their six decades together, Rae and Mal have dedicated much of themselves to enriching our community—bringing the generosity and compassion they have shared together to us all.

It is not often that you find individuals who so willingly volunteer their time and efforts on behalf of their communities. Rae and Mal have a rich history of advocacy and unparalleled commitment—their unwavering spirit changing the face of Greater New Haven. I have often had the pleasure of working with both Rae and Mal and am continually inspired by their devotion and dedication to our community.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Committing a lifetime of work to our young people, Rae exemplified this ideal as an educator. Throughout her career, she touched the lives of thousands of children, ensuring that they were prepared with the skills and knowledge they needed to pursue their dreams. In addition to her professional career, Rae volunteered much of her time to community organizations. Through her efforts on behalf of the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, Rae helped many Connecticut residents find ways to make their voices heard. Rae was also active in the coordination of the communal service held at the Immanuel Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Day. Her contributions, as a professional and community member, have truly made a difference in the lives of many.

A vocal public advocate, Mal's efforts on behalf of New Haven's Jewish community and the Greater New Haven area, have left an indelible mark that will not be forgotten. Education and the gift of knowledge were a central focal point of Mal's incredible work. As Chairman of the

Board of Directors, during a pivotal point in its history, Mal led the efforts to save and enhance the New Haven Public Library—which has ensured the library's continued success today. Mal also served as the Director of both the Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council and Anti-Defamation League during the times of the Civil Rights Movement—a tumultuous time throughout the nation.

Using his unique position in these two organizations, Mal worked diligently with clergy, political, and community leaders to sustain the relationship between our Jewish community and the Greater New Haven community as a whole.

Today, as they celebrate their lifetime together, we, as a community, extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for all that they have done to enrich our lives. I am proud to join their children, Susan, Henry, and Bruce, family, friends and community members in congratulating them on this very special occasion and extending my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO MARIE HOLINSWORTH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, during my service as a Member of the House of Representatives, it has been my honor and privilege to rise and pay tribute to organizations and people who really make a difference in the Michigan community. Today I rise to recognize Marie Holinsworth, Legislative Chair for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2358 Ladies Auxiliary in Roseville, Michigan.

As Legislative Chair, Mrs. Holinsworth has been a tireless advocate for the VFW's "Priority Goals." No veterans' subject is insignificant to Mrs. Holinsworth. With her quiet strength and customary eloquence, Mrs. Holinsworth's letters to my office express a comprehensive understanding of the issues and clearly set forth the agenda the Ladies Auxiliary is pursuing.

At the recent Michigan VFW State Convention, Mrs. Holinsworth was recognized for her legislative duties by being the recipient of two top awards. The first was the "Most Outstanding Promotion of the Legislative Program" for her efforts in writing letters, working at polls and meeting with candidates and legislators. This distinction was enhanced by the announcement that she also won the award for the "Best Promotion of Priority and Security Goals," placing first among over two-hundred and fifty Auxiliaries in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Holinsworth for the wonderful work that she has done for the Ladies Auxiliary, and heartily congratulate her on winning the awards which she so richly deserves.

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TRIBUTE TO DAN B. WALDEN

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special citizen in my district. Dan B. Walden has provided continuous efforts on behalf of children and education throughout his community and throughout the state of California. Dan Walden graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in economics. For the past 33 years he has worked at Bank of America in industrial engineering, management, planning and project management. He has recently retired. Dan Walden has served as a school board member in Walnut Creek since 1988, serving as president in both 1994 and 1995. Along with this he was extremely active in the Contra Costa County School Boards, as its president in 1991 and 1996. Not only has he served his community, but the entire State of California as well. Dan Walden was a member of the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly since 1991. He has also served on numerous association committees. He served as chair of the CSBA Legislative Committee and Schools and Media Crisis Communications Task Force. Dan Walden has also served as chair of the Annual Education Conference Planning Committee in 1997. His desire to help did not stay in California as he has participated on the National School Boards Association's Policies and Resolutions Committee and the NSBA Pacific Region Bylaws and Regional Nominating Committees. Apart from the School Boards Associations he has also been active in community initiatives including the Contra Costa County Partners in Education, Project R.E.A.D. and the Walnut Creek Library Foundation, which he served as its first president. Dan Walden is now the outgoing President of the California School Boards Association for the 2002 year. I am very grateful for all of the hard work that Dan Walden has done in our community, the State of California and our country.

THE MILITARY PHYSICIAN EQUITY ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for the Military Physician Equity Act. This legislation will level the playing field for Uniformed Services (Title 37) physicians so that they have the option of receiving the same annuities as civil service physicians (NIH, HHS etc.) and Veterans Affairs (VA) physicians.

Currently, civil service physicians (Title 5) and VA physicians (Title 38) are allowed to have their recruitment/retention bonuses counted as part of their "high-three" for purposes of determining their retirement annuity. The "high-three" is the system whereby one's highest three consecutive salaries are used to determine an annuity. By allowing for recruitment/retention bonuses to be counted as one's salary, a retiree receives a bigger retire-

ment check each month from his former employer. We do not feel it is just that Title 5 and Title 38 physicians should have received this benefit while military physicians do not. Our bill does not create any unique benefit; it only allows Title 37 military physicians to receive the same benefit that other Federal physicians receive.

In addition to the fairness issue, it is also a matter of good policy. The government cannot pay physicians on the same scale as physicians employed in hospitals, HMOs, and universities. Consequently, enhancing the benefits of our military physicians is an essential way to retain our best doctors. Passage of this bill would help offset the loss of income for Federal physicians if they choose to remain a public servant. This important legislation helps ensure that the government can recruit and retain highly trained and well-qualified physicians and I urge my colleagues to support it.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
PLACER HERALD'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the 150th Anniversary of my hometown newspaper, the Placer Herald, which traces its roots to the first printing press used in California.

On September 11, 1852, the first edition of the Placer Herald was published for 25 cents per copy in Auburn, California, not far from where gold had been discovered a few years earlier. Established by Tabb Mitchell, Richard Rust, and John McElroy to serve the mining community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, the newspaper was housed in a plain, board-sided storefront office. As an interesting historical note, the paper was printed on California's very first printing press—the one that Sam Brannan had brought to publish The California Star.

In 1892, a new, two-story brick building measuring 30 feet by 75 feet was erected on the site of the Placer Herald's original headquarters. After changing hands many times over the subsequent years, new owners moved the paper in 1963 to Rocklin, California, where it continues to be published.

I wish to commend the modern Placer Herald for its ongoing service to the people of Rocklin and neighboring communities. For 150 years, it has maintained its heritage of reporting local news to a segment of California's Gold Country. The newspaper serves a valuable purpose by both reflecting and shaping the community it serves. As we celebrate the Placer Herald's sesquicentennial, let me add my wishes that the newspaper will flourish for another century and a half!

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS
MUST STOP BLOCKING SENSIBLE
WILDFIRE PREVENTION EFFORTS

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial from the August 3, 2002, Norfolk Daily News. The editorial emphasizes the need for proper forest management in order to prevent disastrous wildfires. Unfortunately, as the editorial indicates, all too often sensible management plans designed to reduce wildfire threats have been delayed or defeated by environmental activists.

[From the Norfolk (NE) Daily News, Aug. 3, 2002]

ACTIVISTS HAVE TO SHARE BLAME

The extreme environmental groups accused of contributing to the wildfires in the West this year are scrambling like mad to say it wasn't their fault. But as a recent report shows, they in fact have a lot to answer for:

The report comes from the U.S. Forest Service, and as press accounts note, it shows that administrative appeals delayed almost half of 326 projects last year that were aimed at lowering the wildfire threat through the hacking away of underbrush and small trees. Those making the appeals, of course, were more often than not environmental groups.

In response, the environmental groups maintain that what they're actually doing is trying to save the forests from the awful, dreadful timber industry, as if anytime the timber industry profits, life on this planet has somehow worsened. It's true that removing the biggest and oldest trees does not serve fire-prevention purposes, but that's not what the projects aimed to do. And meanwhile, it's also true that the preferred solution of environmental activists—controlled burns—is often no solution at all.

The problem with controlled burns, in addition to being extraordinarily expensive, is that the unwise suppression of natural fires over many decades has led to a buildup of what wildfires like to feed on, namely all that underbrush and all those small trees.

The consequence is that the burns cannot be controlled, as was amply illustrated two years ago when one such attempt destroyed 200 homes in Los Alamos, N.M. That burn was also mismanaged, but there are fewer and fewer stretches of forest where even the best management can be assured of keeping such burns from getting out of hand.

Thinning the forests mechanically is not only safe and effective and good for the future grandeur of the forests, but not nearly so expensive, because the timber industry helps foot the bill.

Delays in the process have to stop if we are not to see many repeat performances for this year's destruction.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN B. BEAUDOIN

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention an outstanding individual, John B. Beaudoin. Mr. Beaudoin has been chosen as the 2002 recipient of the

Frank W. Kennedy Memorial Award. During the 1960s, Frank Kennedy served with distinction as the president of the Board of Directors of the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club. This award, named in his honor, is given to a member of the community that embodies the characteristics of Frank Kennedy—integrity, generosity, and loyalty to the community.

The 2002 recipient of this award, Mr. Beaudoin, is a graduate of Syracuse University with a masters in social work and, for the last 34 years, has been working for the Rensselaer County Commissioner of Social Services. With his unparalleled concern for youth and the elderly, John Beaudoin has used his role in the Department of Social Services to improve conditions within his community. He has developed various services such as homeless shelters, day care initiatives, and dealt with child protective issues, to name just a few of his accomplishments.

John Beaudoin has distinguished himself within the Department of Social Services, as well as the many affiliated organizations he has worked with. John has developed numerous programs to serve every facet of the community and is certainly deserving of this award.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to join with the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club in honoring John Beaudoin. I am sure that John's admirable efforts on behalf of the local community will continue well into the future.

CONTINUING CRISIS IN FOSTER CARE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, there is a crisis affecting the 500,000 children in foster care in this country. Day after day, there are reported cases of sexual abuse, neglect, and even death of foster children, all while under the care of the state child welfare agencies. Social workers remove children from their homes because of abuse and/or neglect. Yet neither safety nor stability is ensured by child protective services interventions.

In the following article, The Washington Post reports that a 7-year-old boy, a ward of the District's Child and Family Services Agency, was warehoused in a group home for older foster children, where 12-year-old boys later admitted to sodomizing him. Additionally, officials confirmed that other boys were sexually abused at that facility and at a separate group home for mentally retarded foster children.

But severe problems in the foster care system exist in many states and jurisdictions beyond Washington D.C. Articles and reports that I will provide in subsequent extensions document how children in foster homes, children's shelters, and group homes are sometimes subject to even greater abuse as a result of those placements.

A strong federal law passed in 1980 establishes tough accountability standards to protect children in foster care. It is evident that there has not been sufficient oversight at the state or federal level, and that billions of dollars are being spent, often in violation of federal law, to perpetuate a system that fails to

provide children and their families with necessary services and safeguards.

The circumstances described in these reports underscore the need for lawmakers, practitioners, and advocates to work together without delay to reform the child welfare system and to review the enforcement and implementation of our foster care laws without further delay.

The article follows:

[From the Washington Post, Aug. 1, 2002]

D.C. SPEEDS GROUP HOME CHANGE; MOVE FOLLOWS NEW REPORT OF ASSAULTS ON BOYS

The director of the District's child welfare agency yesterday ordered her staff to speed up the removal of children under 12 from foster group homes, as officials learned of another unreported case of alleged sexual abuse involving youths at one of the privately run facilities.

The agency acknowledged yesterday that it did not remove an 11-year-old mentally retarded boy from one of the homes until nearly three months after he reported being sexually abused by a 15-year-old resident.

A city social worker learned of the April 9 incident shortly after it occurred but did not report it until July 2, city officials said. Police then interviewed the 11-year-old and his 12-year-old roommate, who also reported being sexually assaulted, and removed them from the home. The alleged perpetrator is still at the facility.

The case is the latest in a string of such incidents that were not promptly reported to authorities. Last week, city officials said that a 7-year-old boy was sodomized by two 12-year-olds at another group home in April and that the home's staff did not report the abuse until two days later. This week, officials said that home also failed to tell government monitors about a 1999 abuse incident.

The D.C. Child and Family Services Agency announced yesterday that it has strengthened its procedures on the reporting of abuse and that it will refer for prosecution any caregiver or employee who fails to make such a report.

More than 400 District foster children are in congregate care, as group homes and other institutions are called, and the agency's policy is to limit the facilities' use to older children and those with special medical needs.

Yesterday, Olivia A. Golden, the agency's director, ordered an inventory to determine how many group home residents are younger than 12. She ordered her staff to review those cases and prioritize the children for placement with foster families or relatives or for reunification with birth parents. A key hurdle to that effort, however, is a shortage of foster families, especially families who are trained to offer therapeutic services for children with intensive needs.

Golden's order comes one year after the agency emerged from six years of federal court control, the legacy of a 1989 lawsuit filed over poor conditions in the child welfare system. The agency is trying to improve its regulation of private foster care institutions, which have never been licensed because the city failed for 15 years to implement a 1986 licensure law.

"We knew we were coming into a situation where congregate care was substantially overused, and we knew that group home providers did not have enough resources and staff," said Golden, who took over the agency in June 2001.

Golden said she was "surprised and saddened" by the severity of unreported abuse. "The fact that we're still having tragedies is what we have to change," she said.

Marcia Robinson Lowry, the New York-based lead counsel in the class-action suit against the District, said yesterday that she has asked the agency's court-appointed monitor to investigate the recent incidents.

"We had been focusing on children 6 and under, but it is clear that the problem is well beyond that and that children under 12 should not be in group home facilities," Lowry said.

In the latest abuse case, a police report obtained by The Washington Post indicates that during an April 9 bed check at the group home, in the 800 block of Floral Place NW, staff members observed the 15-year-old running out of the two younger boys' bedroom with his pajama pants open.

The 11-year-old told the staff that the older boy had touched him on the buttocks, according to the police report.

The report states that when a detective went to investigate on July 2, the boy said he had been forced to perform oral sex on the 15-year-old. The boy's roommate corroborated the account and said his penis was grabbed by the teenager on the same night.

The 11-year-old "stated that this has occurred several times and each time he has reported it to the staff of the group home," the police report said.

Moderate mental retardation has been diagnosed in all three boys. The 11-year-old is living temporarily with his family while awaiting an alternative placement, and the 12-year-old has been placed with a foster family.

The group home is run by a nonprofit contractor, Community Multi Services Inc. It operates five homes that serve up to 18 mentally retarded foster children, as well as seven care facilities and 15 apartments for adults with developmental disabilities. It is paid nearly \$3,500 a month for each foster child.

Constance A. Reese, the contractor's program director, said her staff interviewed the three boys and had them seen by a doctor but determined that "nothing took place with these children." She said the staff notified the three boys' social workers and sent an incident report to a government monitor.

Mindy L. Good, a spokeswoman for the child welfare agency, said that the 15-year-old boy's social worker learned of the incident April 10 but "completely failed to report this until July." The social worker, Emmanuel K. Baah, called the agency's abuse and neglect hotline in July after his supervisor ordered him to do so, Good said. The hotline staff then contacted the police.

Good said Baah violated agency policy on the reporting of abuse by not immediately calling the hotline or informing his supervisor. She said that the actions of the group home, the monitor and the social workers for the two younger boys also are being reviewed.

Baah, who has worked for the city since 1992, said he received a dismissal letter from the agency yesterday. He said the group home told him about the incident April 18, right before he went on a six week vacation. He said he did not call the hotline because group home employees were reviewing the alleged abuse and "because they were not sure whether it was substantiated or not."

For years, city law has required health care providers, law enforcement officers, educators and social service and day-care workers to immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect to the police or the child welfare agency.

Group home regulations that took effect in September require any staff member who knows of possible abuse or neglect to call the hotline immediately and submit a written report within 24 hours to the child's social worker and the child welfare agency.

But in February, the agency sent a letter to foster care institutions indicating that staff should make oral reports to social workers during business hours and to the hotline during evenings and weekends. Yesterday, the agency said that the 24-hour hotline, 202-671-SAFE, should always be used.

In addition, the agency said it will refer violations of the reporting requirements for prosecution and push for an increase in the penalties for violators. Currently, failure to report abuse or neglect is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days.

Staff researchers Bobbye Pratt and Karl Evanzz contributed to this report.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JONATHAN W. WEISS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 401, the residents of Jefferson County, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jonathan W. Weiss as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING SPECTRUM IN MARIN
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Concerns, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Spectrum began its work in 1982, under the leadership of Rev. Janie Spahr, and with the direction of Executive Director Paula Pilecki, Spectrum has continued to pursue its mission to "strengthen, mobilize and serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people, and promote acceptance, understanding and full inclusion in Marin County."

Spectrum is the only organization in Marin County that focuses exclusively on addressing the needs of LGBT people. In twenty years, over 1,000 volunteers have helped tens of thousands of people come together to speak out against fear and discrimination. Spectrum works with a national network of social justice advocates to make the world a more inclusive and safe place for all people. Spectrum recognizes that in a diverse community, it is important that people learn to respect each other and their differences.

Spectrum plays an active role in the community, providing outreach programs that edu-

cate the community on LGBT people and provide systems of support for LGBT people. Spectrum's Speakers Bureau makes presentations to elementary, middle and high schools, colleges and community groups. Volunteer speakers share their personal stories to dispel myths and stereotypes about LGBT people. Spectrum's program, Rainbow's End, provides support for LGBT and questioning youth, 14-19 years old. Community Connections focuses on LGBT seniors providing peer support, facilitating social groups and educational forums.

Mr. Speaker, Spectrum has played a pivotal role in the LGBT community. The support they provide to LGBT people and the education they provide to the public has had an everlasting effect on Marin County.

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION
OF "TO LIFE: STORIES OF COURAGE
AND SURVIVAL TOLD BY
HAMPTON ROADS HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS LIBERATORS AND
RESCUERS"

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the publication of "To Life: Stories of Courage and Survival as told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators, and Rescuers."

I also wish to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the following statement issued by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, upon publication by the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater of the book "To Life: Stories Of Courage and Survival told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators and Rescuers." Rabbi Zoberman, son of Polish Holocaust survivors, and his daughter Rachel are among the contributing authors.

STATEMENT OF RABBI ZOBERMAN

Out of the depths of Jewish anguish and an aching human soul, with much trepidation to disclose accounts so personal and intimate yet with a compelling need to unburden heavy-laden hearts, reaching out to connect across a separating abyss, this—courageously, convincingly and caringly—shared tales of woes and victories is an enduring gift of Tikvah, reassuring hope for generations.

Out of the Shoah's poisonous fires still threatening to consume civilization, hope is painstakingly garnered and guarded from the midst of despair, a reminder of humanity's capacity to stand up to indefinite evil—physically, psychologically and spiritually—to ensure that infinite goodness will be the lot of all God's children.

Hope that dreams dashed by blind hatred and boundless cruelty perverting the divine image within us cannot ultimately be destroyed by demonic depravity deposited in the recesses of human depravity. While affirming the Holocaust's uniqueness we recall with horror the September 11th, 2001 terrorist strikes and the genocidal wars in Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia, further diminishing us. Hope that life's sacred and sweet essence of creative potential, more imperative, fulfilling relations and maturing growth will prevail over the stifling emptiness of a culture of death. Hope that the holiness in the

victims' lives, symbolized by the flickering Sabbath lights, is within reach in spite of history's harsh winds. Hope that glorious Israel reborn, the surviving remnant facing continued trials and tribulations, will ever be a fitting testimony to its martyred people's inspiring bequest of prophetic values and undying faith. Hope filled with lasting gratitude that the United States of America, home and haven to the persecuted and oppressed, a weary humanity's best and last beacon of light, will retain its great pluralistic vision. It valiantly defeated Nazism and it will win as well its war on global terrorism.

Our heroic survivors, rescuers and liberators have entered portals not one else has, a land only they traversed, leaving behind lost dear ones safe from hurt and humiliation under the Shechina's broken wings. They dared remember, recall and retell for memory empowers the living and is the dead's lasting memorial. Rebuilding and healing their lives in Hampton Roads, the survivors along with their children and grandchildren provide us with indelible past and present lessons of perseverance, purpose and promise. The treasured candles of their cherished lives will brightly shine, eternal watch and witness, kindling a path for shalom's blessing to yes highlight a global community at harmonious peace.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this important publication to all Members of the House of Representatives. The stories of Holocaust survivors must be documented and told again and again. In doing so, we will ensure that such inhumane horror will remain present forever in our collective conscience, so that we, above all else, will never let this dark chapter in our history ever repeat itself.

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING
MORNING JOURNAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, The Morning Journal published in Lisbon, Ohio will celebrate its 150th anniversary on September 15, 2002; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal started as The Buckeye State in 1852 and became the Evening Journal in 1909; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal has grown to become the largest newspaper in Columbiana County; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal serves its community with publication seven days a week;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing the Morning Journal on September 15, 2002 its 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ROSELLE, MICHAEL
HINGSON'S GUIDE DOG, FOR HER
BRAVERY AT WORLD TRADE
CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roselle, a yellow Labrador dog, whose

bravery on September 11 as she led her blind owner Michael Hingson from the World Trade Center is an inspiration.

Michael and Roselle have become well-known as representatives of the power of the human/animal bond to build a trust that can carry them through even the greatest tragedy.

Michael was working on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center when the building was struck. After making sure everyone in the office was evacuated safely, Roselle and Michael began the long descent down the stairwell. Despite the heat and smoke, they calmly made their way from the building and started running for the subway as Tower 2 began to collapse. In the subway, Roselle guided Michael and another woman down the stairs and led Michael to the home of a friend in mid-Manhattan.

Michael has traveled with a dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind for 37 years. Roselle's ability to lead, and Michael's to command, under such difficult circumstances embodies the success of the lifelong partnerships developed through this program.

Mr. Speaker, Roselle's story demonstrates that there were many kinds of bravery on September 11, 2001. It is appropriate to honor the bond that enabled her to save the life of Michael Hingson.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA ON
THEIR 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Smithfield, Virginia on the marking of their 250th anniversary this year.

Smithfield has a population of 6,584 and is approximately 10.1 square miles in size. Located on the banks of the Pagan River in Isle of Wight County, Smithfield, Virginia was incorporated in 1752 from land donated and surveyed by Arthur Smith IV. Smithfield offers residents a small-town atmosphere, a great school system, affordable housing, and a beautiful historic downtown.

While numerous Tidewater localities suffered during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, Smithfield was spared the devastation. Since the Town's inception, Smithfield has worked hard to maintain its architectural heritage and small town charm.

The rise of Smithfield is most often credited to its world famous ham industry. Known as the "Ham Capital of the World," no visit to Smithfield can be considered complete without enjoying a quality ham.

To mark the Town's anniversary, on September 28th, the residents of Smithfield will be making the largest ham biscuit in the world. The ham biscuit will be eight feet in diameter and large enough to feed 1,752 people. I hope the Guinness Book of World Records will recognize the biscuit as the world's largest ham biscuit.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the citizens of Smithfield, Virginia, as they celebrate the Town's 250th anniversary and wish them continued success and prosperity in the years to

come. While rich in history and in the beauty of its surroundings, the greatest part of Smithfield is the people who live there. It is truly an honor and privilege to represent the people of the Town of Smithfield in the United States House of Representatives.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MARK DUGAN

HON. ROBERT. W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Mark Dugan is a hero who used his knowledge of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to help save the life of a one-year-old child; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan acted quickly and efficiently without hesitation or thought of himself; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan is an asset to the New Philadelphia community in his preparedness and willingness to help others; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan has displayed remarkable responsibility by becoming trained in life-saving first aid and furthermore by his real-life application of that knowledge;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Mark Dugan for his selflessness and heroism.

POINT REYES NATIONAL
SEASHORE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Point Reyes National Seashore on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. On September 13, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed into law P.L. 87-657 "to save and preserve, for the purpose of public recreation, benefit, and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped."

Conceived as a park in the 1930s, the hard work of dedicated people made Point Reyes National Seashore a reality many years later. Today the Seashore, located an hour's drive from the urban San Francisco Bay Area, is enjoyed by over 2.5 million visitors annually. It comprises over 71,000 acres including estuaries, beaches, coastal grasslands, salt marshes, and coniferous forests and contains 45 percent of North American avian species and 18 percent of California's plant species. The Park is the best site for whale watching on the West Coast with as many as 200 migrating whales sighted per day. In 1988 Point Reyes National Seashore was internationally recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for its examples of the world's major ecosystem types and named the Central California Coast Biosphere Reserve.

Lying just across the San Andrea Fault from the rest of North America, the Point Reyes peninsula is also a geological land in motion which has moved over 300 miles in the last 100 million years. Visitors to the Park's Earth-

quake Trail can see the results of this activity from near the epicenter of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

The cultural history of Point Reyes dates back 5,000 years to a time when the Coast Miwok Indians inhabited the peninsula. Over 120 Miwok archeological sites exist within the park. In 1579 Sir Francis Drake was probably the first European in the area, landing on the shores of the Bay which bears his name. Lighthouses and lifesaving stations, several still available to visitors, were established in the 19th century in response to the many shipwrecks in the treacherous waters off the coast. In the early 19th century Mexican land grantees established ranchos, and today ranching operations continue in the Park's pastoral zones.

Today, under the direction of Superintendent Don Neubacher, the Park successfully balances the needs of visitors and ranchers with the preservation of ecosystems and historical sites.

Mr. Speaker, Point Reyes National Seashore ranks among the top twenty most-visited National Park service areas in the country and exemplifies the Park Service's mission to "care for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREA
ARAGON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you with great pride to honor the accomplishments of Andrea Aragon of Pueblo, Colorado. Andrea was one of the six distinguished women to receive the 2002 YWCA Anna Taussig Tribute to Women Awards on Thursday, June 6, 2002. She was selected for her unparalleled dedication to the education of the youth of Pueblo, her personal philanthropy. Andrea Aragon has exemplified unrelenting passion in not only her professional life, but her personal one as well, and I am honored to pay tribute to her accomplishments today.

Andrea is the perfect example of a model citizen who commits selflessly to the betterment of her community. She currently dedicates her time to countless boards that strive to improve the integrity of the community, such as the Colorado Student Loan Obligation Authority, the University of Southern Colorado President's Leadership Program Advisory Board, the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation Board, the Columbine Girl Scouts Board, and the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch Board and previously served as Executive Director for the Latino Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her term as Executive Director, Andrea increased membership by seventy-five percent which provided the Chamber with new, renovated offices and space. In July, Andrea was elevated to become the proctor of the office of development and alumni relations for the University of Southern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the compassion of Andrea Aragon of Pueblo, Colorado and her ability to inspire the

community of Pueblo to strive for their dreams. Her actions are an integral asset to those around her, and the entire State of Colorado. Congratulations on your achievement Andrea, and I wish the best of luck to you and you future endeavors.

COMMENDING THE NATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the one hundred and ninety-one nations that participated in last week's United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development. I hope that the cooperative efforts of these nations will begin to solve the mounting problems that have been brought to bear by decades of rampant consumption, resource depletion, and overpopulation.

I applaud a major victory of the conference: China's decision to join the Kyoto Protocol and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. I welcome Russia's intention to do the same very soon in the near future. But, I am left with profound disappointment at the United States continued failure to offer our leadership and cooperation in this effort.

The United States, absence at the World Summit on Sustainable Development was not only a setback to America's leadership in the world, it was indicative of the Bush Administration's lack of commitment to solving a problem for which we are a major cause.

Fossil fuel consumption and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions—the major contributors to greenhouse gas and global warming—are on the rise, most notably in the United States and Asia. The United States, Canada, and Mexico are the primary source of CO₂ emissions in the world. In fact, CO₂ emissions in North America have grown steadily over the last decade, nearly 16 percent between 1990 and 2000. Meanwhile, these emissions have declined in the former Soviet Union, Europe and Japan.

The World Summit was a unique opportunity for nations to cooperatively address what scientists have long stated are the serious consequences of global climate change. Major glaciers and arctic sea ice are retreating, causing sea levels to rise. Rainfall has increased in the Northern Hemisphere leading to unexpected flooding and related disasters. Insurance payments for flood and storm damage rose by \$28 billion in just a decade. Meanwhile, droughts and subsequent poverty and famine have been devastating large parts of Asia and Africa.

The President's failure to attend the summit—like his withdrawal of the United States support for the Kyoto treaty—puts the world's environment and economic well being in jeopardy, even as nations forge on without us. The President's indifference only isolates us from our allies and alienates the developing world.

Indeed, the root causes of global climate change are inextricably tied to the economic and social conditions in which much of the world lives. We cannot ignore the lack of economic opportunity and poverty that help

breed extremism and hatred toward the United States. The World Summit was a profound opportunity for us to lend a compassionate hand to improving lives of people throughout the world.

The United States, as the only remaining superpower, is expected to show leadership on all issues affecting the global community. The President's decision to abandon a leadership role on global climate change and sustainable economic development, I fear, will severely harm our standing in the world—not to mention the environment—for years to come.

HONORING KEVIN EISENBERG

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Kevin Eisenberg, a student at Corona Del Mar High School in Newport Beach, California. Kevin is not you average, everyday student; he is motivated, dedicated, and committed to helping his fellow Americans who are currently serving and fighting for our great nation.

Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Kevin wanted to show his support for the troops who are risking their lives for us, as well as remember his late grandfather, Mr. Sam Cooper, who was a serviceman in the Navy. Subsequently, he decided to raise money for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, an organization that does not solicit donations.

Kevin used money previously earned to purchase American flags and bake apple pies, which he then sold from a stand on Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa. All of the profits, including the initial investment, have been presented to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. In addition to financially supporting this great agency, he circulated information about the organization, helping everyone realize the vital role it plays to American service personnel.

During the six weekends Kevin spent outside at the stand, he raised \$1500.00. What was important to him was not the amount of money actually raised, but more simply, increasing awareness. He wanted his fellow Americans to realize the importance of contributing and serving, with the hope that a chain reaction would ensue.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House please join me in honoring and commending Mr. Kevin Eisenberg for his selflessness, service, and devotion to our great nation, and to those who make the ultimate sacrifice so we may remain free.

PHILO T. FARNSWORTH

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of television.

Though his name is largely unknown in much of the world, Philo was born in Beaver

City, Utah and later moved to Idaho. At the age of just 14 he conceived of the idea of manipulating electrons while plowing a field on his father's farm.

Seven years later he demonstrated his invention for a small circle of friends and family in San Francisco—and television was born. September 7, 2002 marks the 75th anniversary of Philo's remarkable invention.

Philo struggled to establish a patent for his invention, taking on electronics giant RCA. He battled the corporate giant for the patent rights and his dedication and persistence paid off.

Philo later went on to develop radar systems and the electron microscope in addition to conducting research on nuclear fusion. It was only after his death in 1971 that Philo's achievements in television were acknowledged.

In 1992, the state of Utah presented the United States Capitol with a gift, the statue of Philo Farnsworth that now graces the Hall of Columns, downstairs from this Chamber.

He was hard working and imaginative, as so many Utahns are, and I would like to honor his efforts today. His enthusiastic interest in science sparked a series of technological advancements that truly shaped the 20th century.

HONORING A LIFETIME OF WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY ROBERT E. ROUNDTREE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of work and accomplishments by Robert E. Roundtree. A Florida native, Bob Roundtree has spent the last 18 years in Springfield, Missouri, where he has been the General Manager of Springfield City Utilities.

Bob Roundtree has risen to the top of his profession in the management of public utility companies. His utility career began more than half a century ago. He started in 1948 as the "oiler" for the power plants in his hometown of Gainesville, Florida. Roundtree says an "oiler" is a glorified name for janitor. During the next 30 years, Roundtree moved through the ranks of the utility company, retiring in 1978 from the position of general manager.

Roundtree moved on to manage utility companies in Brownsville, Texas and Dalton, Georgia before arriving in Springfield in 1984. He transformed the corporate culture of Springfield City Utilities, which provides electricity, natural gas, water and bus services to a community of more than 150,000 people. Roundtree put the utility on sound financial ground, held utility rates stable, improved the reliability of the electric system, instituted safety programs to improve gas line safety, and promoted creation of a water pipeline that ensures adequate water resources for the community for the next 30 years. He also placed the utility company at the forefront of economic development by directing the creation of a major industrial park that is the source of hundreds of new jobs.

His leadership won him the "Springfieldian of the Year Award" in 1995. He has also been recognized by the Hawthorn Chapter of the Professional Secretaries International with

their "Executive of the Year Award" in 1991. The American Public Power Association named him their recipient of the "Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award for Individual Achievement." Roundtree is a past president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the American Public Power Association. He has also given his time and energy to Junior Achievement, the Safety Council of the Ozarks and serves on the boards of several organizations. His favorite non-profit organization is "Project SHARE," a program through City Utilities to pay utility bills for those in need.

Bob Roundtree's big smile and deep voice are reassuring and project his confidence and vision. Bob says he is ready to retire to enjoy more time with his wife Alice Ruth, his three children, and four grandchildren.

The community he adopted 18 years ago is a better place because of his vision, work and diligence. The people of Springfield, Missouri and the customers of City Utilities offer Bob their best wishes for a bountiful retirement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MANAGEMENT ANALYST LYNNE
MATTOS FROM THE UNION CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, 2002, the Union City Police Department will celebrate the retirement of one of its finest officers, Management Analyst II Lynne Mattos.

In her 22-year career, Lynne has served the Union City Police Department in many capacities, working as a Crime Prevention Specialist, Community Relations Manager, and Management Analyst II.

Lynne Shelton was instrumental in developing Union City's Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs, the Police Department's False Alarm Program, and Crime Prevention's National Night Out. Lynne was involved in organizing almost all of the special events sponsored through city/police department collaborations, including the Gladiola Festivals in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the prestigious awarding of "All-America City" in 1999, and "WinterFest," an annual event to raise funding for many of the city's community-based service groups.

The recipient of countless accolades and letters of appreciation from citizens, businesses, Boy Scout troops, Lions Clubs, homeowners associations, and the school district, Lynne Mattos has made a lasting impression on the entire community. Lynne is also active on the city's Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and has been a member of the city's Planning Commission since February 1990.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Lynne Mattos in commending her for her many years of dedicated service. Her commitment to excellence has left its irreplaceable mark on the entire Union City community.

SPEECH BY DR. LESLIE
LENKOWSKY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on August 27, 2002, Dr. Leslie Lenkowsky, the CEO of the Corporation for National Community Service, and a constituent of mine, addressed the National Press Club on the subject of "Protecting the Homeland: What Volunteers Can Do." His words are particularly meaningful in light of the fact that he was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate in October of 2001, at a time when many thousands of Americans were volunteering in the recovery from the September 11th attacks. I commend the speech to my colleagues.

PROTECTING THE HOMELAND: WHAT
VOLUNTEERS CAN DO

On September 11, as smoke poured from the ruins of the World Trade Center, along with New Yorkers, hundreds, if not thousands, of New Jerseyites headed toward Ground Zero to help. Many went right to work, assisting the hard-pressed "first responders": police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, among others. But many also found themselves without clear guidance about what was needed or where they could best serve. Of New Jersey's 21 counties, only three had networks called "VOADS"—Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters—which are the principal channel through which public agencies responsible for dealing with emergencies can call on the resources of the nation's nonprofit groups. As a result, many people who wanted to be helpful had difficulty finding ways of doing so.

What happened in New Jersey occurred elsewhere in the United States as well. Americans stepped forward in record numbers to give blood, make donations, even travel long distances to help the searchers and console the survivors. No one who knows our country's history should have been surprised; we have long been unique among the nations in our willingness to give and volunteer, especially in the face of local and national emergencies. But this outpouring of generosity stretched the abilities of our charities. Blood banks wound up with more supplies than they could keep; for all the exceptionally great work they did, the Red Cross and other groups encountered big challenges in distributing the contributions they received; so many people showed up to search the rubble of the World Trade Center, William Langewiesche's extraordinary series in *The Atlantic Monthly* reports, that the site became even more dangerous than it already was.

Moreover, this particular national emergency is not one which is likely to end soon. As the cache of videos uncovered recently by CNN so clearly illustrates, these perpetrators of evil are determined to strike again, and to strike in ways that heretofore had been considered unthinkable. To prevent what we can prevent, and to prepare ourselves for what we cannot, will take a concerted effort that involves not just our intelligence and security agencies, and our trained "first responders," whose efforts were critical in helping New York deal with the terrorist attacks, but also an unprecedented level of commitment by everyday people—by volunteers—to support those first responders and ensure that homes and families, schools and places of business, houses of

worship and other public spaces are prepared to face any crisis.

No one should doubt that Americans are prepared to make this commitment. But what we must strengthen is our capacity to make this commitment effectively. We often think of volunteering as something we do spontaneously, as when we are moved by an appeal to help or the images of a needy group of people on our televisions. As we saw on September 11, there is a lot of truth to this, but as we also saw on that day, volunteering requires more to be useful in dealing with the threats we now face. It requires not just the will (of which Americans have always had plenty), but also careful and creative thought about the ways.

That is part of what President Bush is trying to do with the USA Freedom Corps. Last November, in a speech in Atlanta, the President responded to those asking what they could do to help by calling on Americans to "get directly involved in this war effort, by making our homes and neighborhoods and schools and workplaces safer." A few weeks later, in his State of the Union address, he created the USA Freedom Corps, a major Presidential initiative aimed at fostering a new culture of "citizenship, service, and responsibility" and helping the nation's voluntary groups build the kind of capacity they need to better assist not only in the war effort, but also in the many other vital tasks they perform in our communities.

As part of that sweeping initiative, the President called for the creation of a new set of Citizen Corps programs to deal specifically with the issue of homeland security. Today, FEMA and the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services are working together to create and expand these programs.

At the Corporation for National and Community Service, we have long utilized Senior Corps volunteers and AmeriCorps members in public health, public safety, and disaster relief and preparedness. These programs were not designed specifically to deal with terror attacks, of course, but our members were well trained and fully able to take on the task. And like other Americans, they were glad to have the opportunity. Many, for example, have long worked with the American Red Cross and FEMA, responding to disasters and ensuring public safety. Currently, twenty American Red Cross Chapters sponsor National Readiness and Response Corps teams staffed by AmeriCorps members. These teams have assisted more than 430,000 victims of natural disasters since 1994.

Members of our National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program, responded to the September 11 attacks, helping to process requests for aid, distributing relief checks to victims' families, and assisting them with paperwork and other kinds of support, both in New York and Washington. While the rescue workers combed through the site, our Corps members were helping out with the little things that truly made a difference in people's lives. They worked at Pier 94 in New York, at a Red Cross phone bank in Northern Virginia, and elsewhere. As one AmeriCorps member put it in an e-mail: "The hours are long, the cases are stressful, the food is fattening, but all in all we wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now."

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants are also working around the nation to free up police and other "first responders" by taking on basic tasks that divert them from focusing on public safety. Volunteers with special skills, such as our veterans, provide backup assistance to fire and medical personnel, while ordinary citizens can and do provide basic administrative assistance to police stations, hospitals, and fire stations

so that those with highly technical skills can focus their time and energies on the tasks they are trained to perform.

In Daytona Beach, for example, nearly two hundred members of our Senior Corps participate in the local Citizens on Patrol program, helping police with traffic management and neighborhood watch. They wear uniforms, look for suspicious activity, remove disabled vehicles, watch vacant homes, and search for missing persons. They have fingerprinted thousands of children in an effort to keep them safe in the community. Last year alone, they served more than 51,000 hours and logged more than 360,000 miles in their patrol cars, allowing trained law enforcement officials in the county to focus on crime prevention and real emergencies.

And there's more to come. Just a few weeks ago, we became one of the first federal agencies to direct grant money to community groups working in homeland security. The \$10.3 million in grants we gave to 43 private groups and public agencies in 26 states and the District of Columbia will support more than 37,000 homeland security volunteers across the nation. The grantees included: the venerable American Radio Relay League, based in Connecticut, which will create a national communications network of amateur radio enthusiasts prepared to respond in disasters when those new-fangled cell phones and pda's become inoperative; Mercy Medical Airlift, a charitable organization based in Virginia that usually flies critically ill patients to receive treatment around the country, but will also now prepare its network of pilots to fly at a moment's notice, transporting emergency blood shipments to hospitals, key relief agency officials to disaster sites, and needed materials to rescue and response crews; and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, which will train an intergenerational group of 2000 public housing residents in emergency preparedness, crime prevention, basic responder skills, and the use of two-way radios. In several communities, the American Red Cross will be working with local organizations to develop response plans and in New York City, the AmeriCorps Public Safety Program will place members in firehouses to relieve some of the administrative burdens on the "bravest of the brave," who sacrificed so much for all of us on September 11. Last, but not least, one of our grants will establish the New Jersey Secure Corps, whose main objective will be to ensure that every county in that state has a fully functioning VOAD.

These programs, I believe, represent some of the most appropriate and effective ways that citizens can help prepare for or respond to any future attack. They build on our strengths—the vast array of voluntary groups that are spread throughout our nation and the credibility they enjoy with so many Americans—to create an organized network that is ready, willing, and able to tackle emergencies whenever and wherever they arise. They do not ask ordinary citizens to take on the often difficult and dangerous tasks that the "first responders" and other specialists are qualified to do. But by coordinating their efforts with those trained professionals, these programs enable ordinary Americans—such as Senior Corps member Roseann Schneider, who is here today, but would otherwise be helping the Montgomery County police—to make extraordinary contributions to our nation's safety and security when the occasion requires them to do so.

Most importantly, by enlisting Americans in serving their country, these programs—and the broader efforts of the USA Freedom Corps—help to perpetuate our country's greatest source of strength, both in war and in peace: a citizenry that is actively engaged in public life.

When he announced the creation of USA Freedom Corps, the President also asked Americans to devote at least two years of their lives—or 4,000 hours—in service to their

Congress also needs to pass the Citizen Service Act, the legislation pending in the House right now would bring much needed improvements and reforms to our programs—as well as more resources. It has been almost a decade since the laws that authorize our programs were last debated and authorized—and while we have done much to expand and improve our programs with lapsed authorization, we think that debate and discussion will take us much further—and will ultimately help enhance the availability of quality volunteer opportunities for individuals and improve the quality of service that volunteers provide in response to many of our greatest national needs, including homeland security. A clear Congressional endorsement of this work would be a fitting way to recognize the efforts volunteers made on September 11—and are still making—to guard against the evils of terrorism.

Here with us today is one of those people: AmeriCorps member Mark Lindquist, who is a team leader at the DC campus of our National Civilian Community Corps. Right after September 11, he helped run shuttles between the Pentagon and Red Cross headquarters in Arlington, set up Red Cross centers for rescue and relief workers, as well as for survivors and their families, and a phone bank which people could call for more information. And during the rest of his AmeriCorps year, he took the training he received in helping victims of catastrophes to La Plata, Maryland, as well as states that had been ravaged by floods and forest fires.

All of us at the Corporation for National and Community Service, including our chairman, former Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and distinguished board of directors, are privileged to work with people like Mark and on issues such as volunteerism, philanthropy, and national service for many years now. For the first time in a long time, the values that we seek to inculcate and perpetuate through programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America—patriotism, democratic citizenship, a concern for the national purpose, the desire to give back—are on the front burner of our nation's politics.

But they won't stay there forever. Dr. Robert Putnam, author of the book *Bowling Alone*, recently noted that: "in the aftermath of [last] September's tragedy, a window of opportunity has opened for a sort of civic renewal that occurs only once or twice a century. But though the crisis revealed and replenished the wells of solidarity in American communities, so far those wells remain untapped."

We should not lose the momentum toward civic connectedness and service to others that came out of the terrible event whose anniversary we will mark in just two weeks. Our Nation still has a great need for volunteers, in homeland security and in many other areas. And public service itself is a responsibility that attends the privilege of life in a free society. Among all that we will be called upon to remember in the next two weeks, let us not forget that the ideals embodied by our country are not only worth defending. They are also worth serving.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM
OLTERMAN

SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow as I rise to pay tribute to the memory and passing of Colorado Division of Wildlife biologist, Jim Olterman of Dolores, Colorado. Jim Olterman had an exemplary career in his time at the agency and embodied the prin-

ciples of honesty, hardwork, and courage that Coloradans and all Americans should strive to exemplify. As his family mourns his loss, we should pay tribute to a man who has contributed so much not only to the vitality of the region's wildlife, but also to the State of Colorado.

Mr. Olterman tragically lost his life Wednesday when his plane crashed while he was carrying out aerial fish-stocking duties high in the lakes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. As the most experienced pilot in the CDOW, Jim understood the danger that was involved in flying these high risk operations, but he chose the assignment because he believed in the division's mission to ensure the vitality of animal species in the wild.

Mr. Olterman served a very distinguished career in 27 years at the division. After attending Oregon State graduate school, Mr. Olterman entered into Division of Wildlife training classes and, in 1972, began to work for the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Ridgeway District. In 1979, Jim was promoted to the position of senior terrestrial biologist for the district, followed by a promotion in 1994 to senior terrestrial biologist for the entire Western Slope of Colorado.

Jim was involved in the reintroduction of many wildlife species in Western Colorado such as moose, lynx, and the black foot ferret. He was also the lead biologist of big game species in his district and played a crucial role in the expansion of big game herds throughout the region. Well-liked and widely respected throughout the agency, Jim Olterman was known as the "go to guy" who could always provide assistance and a thoughtful opinion on a broad range of subjects. It has been widely expressed throughout the CDOW that his pleasant company will be deeply missed and the proficiency and expertise that he brought to his work will be irreplaceable.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect and great sadness that I recognize Mr. Jim Olterman before this body of Congress and this nation for the definitive contributions he made to his profession, to Colorado, and this nation. He devoted his life to the protection and management of Colorado's wildlife, and I commend him for the diligence and commitment he displayed in his professional endeavors. He will be missed by the many souls he touched in his life and I express my sincere condolences to his wife Robin and his family.

REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, recently, as the one-year anniversary of September 11 approached, I looked back over the statement I released the day after the attacks occurred. As I read the statement that was issued even as the smoke and dust still billowed over Lower Manhattan, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, I was struck by how easy it was to write some of the words and how difficult it was to write others.

It was tremendously difficult to put into words my feelings of disbelief and anger over the insane acts of 19 individuals and their supporters. It still is. It was heart rending to try to voice the sorrow and sympathy I felt for the victims and their families. And that, too, is still difficult.

It was not difficult, however to write the words of hope, pride and conviction I had for this country and its people on September 12. And, today, a year later, I am happy to report that the hope, pride and conviction were well-founded. On September 12, 2001 I wrote, in part:

"As I walked to work across the Capitol grounds this morning, a day after the attacks, I was struck as I often am by the incredible beauty of the U.S. Capitol building. The dome was shining a brilliant white against a clear blue sky on a beautiful late summer day. I realized that the glorious dome, such a symbol of the strength and stability of our country, might well have been the final target of the ill-fated fourth hijacked plane.

"The simple truth is that even if a terrorist act had destroyed the dome, or if a thousand terrorist acts had obliterated the entire capital, America would still be standing firm as it is today."

In the past year, we have cried and cursed. We have opened our hearts and our wallets. We have buried our dead and we continue to heal our wounded and sorrowful. We have cleared the debris and begun to rebuild. Our President has led, and Congress has indeed stood shoulder to shoulder with him in support. Our soldiers have fought bravely and we here at home have done what we do best—we went back to work.

We will never again look at the world in the same way. We are sadder. We are wiser. We are closer. And, as I said a year ago, we are still standing firm. We've been through a lot. There will be tough times ahead, but today I have even a stronger feeling of hope, pride and conviction in our country and its people. God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO GARY QUICK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A UNION LEADER

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man who was a union member for over forty three years and a union leader in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for almost that long. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gary Quick on the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2002.

Gary Quick was born in downstate Michigan on October 28, 1940 and moved with his family to Rapid River in the Upper Peninsula as a child. Gary graduated from Rapid River High School in 1959.

Gary's union career began when he accepted a position as a sub assembler at the Harnischfeger Corporation plant in Escanaba, Michigan on May 4, 1959. With the new position came membership in United Auto Workers Local 632.

Gary came from a union family so he understood and valued the importance of union membership and union leadership. Gary was elected by members of Local 632 as Steward in 1963 serving until 1966.

Gary maintained the respect of the union rank and file and was elected Vice President of U.A.W. Local 632 in 1967. After two years as Vice President, Gary was elected President of Local 632 in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, Gary is not just a leader in his union, he is also a patriot who has a great love of his country. While serving his brothers and sisters as president of local 632, Gary also served his country as a United States Army Reservist.

Gary was honored to be sent to the U.A.W. Constitutional Convention as a delegate seven times between the years 1966 and 1983. He also served as a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council. In addition to his union activities, Gary served as a Commissioner on the Delta County Road Commission for six years.

The United Auto Workers Union recognized Gary's union leadership skills and service and appointed him to a union staff position as an International Representative in the United Auto Worker's Escanaba Sub-Region I-D office in April of 1989.

While serving as an International Representative, Gary successfully negotiated union contracts in a wide variety of employment settings including the health care, higher education, automotive, and aerospace industries.

Not one to shy away from public service, Gary also served on many community and industry boards and councils such as the Blue Cross Blue Shield Advisory Board, the Labor management Board, and the Private Industry Council.

After attending his last U.A.W. Constitutional Convention this year, Gary announced his retirement effective June 30, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, when Gary was asked to recall the biggest influence in his union career, he responded that former United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther was the most influential figure in his career. The late Walter Reuther, who was known to call everyone he met brother, made many profound statements in his lifelong effort to better the lives of workers everywhere.

One such statement inscribed on Reuther's statue in the Walter and May Reuther Gardens at the Black Lake U.A.W. Educational Center in my district reads: "There is no greater calling than to serve your brother. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Mr. Speaker, brother Gary Quick responded to his great calling and brother Quick has served his brothers and sisters well.

While Gary may be retiring from his active position with the union, I know that he will retain his love and support for his brothers and sisters in labor. Gary will now be able to focus his activities toward his wife Beverly and step-daughter Tina, who, together with friends, relatives and union brothers and sisters celebrated Gary's retirement at a dinner on September 7, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting Gary Quick, a true personal friend and a friend of labor in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES H. GOMEZ

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of CalPERS' highest-ranking officials, Mr. James H. Gomez, as he ends his tenure as the Deputy Executive Officer.

James Gomez was appointed to the position of Deputy Executive Officer of CalPERS in December of 1996, a position that is second in command and serves as the chief operating officer under the CEO. As chief operating officer, James Gomez was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the \$145 billion retirement system. He led the implementation of CalPERS' strategic plan to ensure the system is a world-class administrator of retirement and health benefits for public employees.

While at CalPERS, James Gomez made his mark by improving customer service with the Customer Call Center which significantly improves the ability to provide solutions to members' problems. He also led the effort to obtain \$7 billion in state funding to benefit state and public school employees. The imaging project he oversaw allowed 51 million records to be imaged for increased record efficiency. CalPERS is a more effective and efficient organization due to the hard work and dedication of James Gomez.

James Gomez has been a public servant for close to 30 years working for the State Department of Benefit Payments, State Department of Social Services, California Department of Corrections, the County of Santa Clara, and most recently CalPERS. His dedication to public service kept him with the California State Department of Social Services over several years where he was tasked with ensuring that all children and foster care services were difficult to enter into but simple to leave.

James Gomez is the recipient of many distinguished awards and recognitions, including the American Society of Public Administrators and the Outstanding Public Administrator Award. In recognition for his contributions, he has earned the One to One, Leadership Award, Share the Path Program, along with other such distinguishable awards.

I am honored to join the employees of CalPERS in commending James Gomez for his many years in public service. His dedication to the community has been great and his commitment to the employees of California will serve as a model for others to follow.

U.S. SHOULD ASSUME INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I expected that the United States would have taken a leadership role in the recent international summit on sustainable development. Instead, I am disappointed to report that this Administration has taken a back seat in international discussions on global warming and increasing the use of renewable energy.

GLOBAL WARMING

The United States is the number one contributor of greenhouse gases worldwide. We have a responsibility to provide the necessary international leadership to address global warming. It is shameful that the Bush Administration has elected to ignore that responsibility. Not only did the Bush Administration decide that the United States should not take a leadership role on addressing the challenges presented by global warming, but worse, it also

tried desperately to keep the climate change issue off of the World Summit on Sustainable Development Agenda earlier this month in Johannesburg.

We may not agree with every international recommendation, and we must chart our own course. But at the time we must engage the issue not only here at home but also with our global neighbors around the world. If we don't show leadership, then we abdicate leadership.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Even though we in the U.S. account for only 4 percent of the world's population, we ac-

count for 20 percent of the world's energy use. We are the world's great producer and great consumer. We must take responsibility for the consequences of our prosperity. Simply seeking voluntary standards to protect the environment will not solve the problem. Without some sort of specific timetables or goals, we will never get there. Partnerships are successful only when there is binding accountability. The Enron and WorldCom scandals have shown us the hard way that corporate self-policing will not work. We don't need corporations to

do to our environment what they have done to their employees' 401 Ks.

Our national energy policy must include a forward-thinking plan to increase the use of renewable energy—in our buildings, automobiles, and appliances, the large sources of carbon dioxide emissions. Tax credits, incentives to use smart energy plans, and efficiency programs such as those offered by the Brooks Energy Sustainability Lab are all steps in the right direction to create more energy-efficient buildings and appliances.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

Time to be announced

Finance

Business meeting to consider H.R. 5063, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services.

S-216 Capitol

9:15 a.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on seapower provisions.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, focusing on the expansion of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), in which the standards for courts to approve surveillance of foreign intelligence gathering are far less demanding than those required for approval of a criminal wiretap.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the status of aviation security one year after September 11, 2001.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

345 Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters.

SH-219

SEPTEMBER 11

1:30 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on readiness provisions.

S-211 Capitol

4 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

345 CHOB

SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

2123 Rayburn Building

10 a.m.

Intelligence

To hold joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001.

S-407 Capitol

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine successful strategies for Indian reservation development.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine restoring economic security for workers in the nation one year after September 11, 2001.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine replenishment authorizations for the World Bank's International Development Association, the Asian Development Fund, and the African Development Fund.

SD-419

11 a.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on airland provisions.

SR-232A

1:30 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on emerging threats provisions.

2212 RHOB

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Wayne Abernathy, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, to be followed by a business meeting to mark up S. 2239, to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirements for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers, S. 1210, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and the nomination of Wayne Abernathy.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2537 and H.R. 3833, bills to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, Signed at Moscow on May 24, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-08).

SD-419

3 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on personnel provisions.

HC-8 Capitol

5:30 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on strategic provisions.

HC-8 Capitol

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

SD-406

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking, entitled "Remedying Undue Discrimination through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design".

SD-366

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine current tensions in South Asia.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1392, to establish procedures for the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior with respect to tribal recognition; and S. 1393, to provide grants to ensure full and fair participation in certain decisionmaking processes at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and sustainability of U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the enrollees and lineal descendants of enrollees whose names appear on the final Indian rolls of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations (historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes).

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction of tobacco products.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine stem cell research.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Special Trustees.

SR-485

CANCELLATIONS

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees, in closed session, on H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on general provisions.

S-207 Capitol