

Brooklyn. Sikh businesses have been stoned and cars have been burned. A Sikh boy was even shot in New York. Many Muslims and other minorities were also subjected to violent attacks.

"We hope that there will not be any more of these incidents in connection with the anniversary of the attacks. "Violence against innocent people of any religion or ethnicity is unacceptable," said Dr. Aulakh. "It must be condemned and the violence must be ended."

TRIBUTE TO MR. SAMUEL J.
TENENBAUM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime friend, Mr. Samuel J. Tenenbaum of Lexington, SC. On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, Mr. Tenenbaum will receive the Lifetime Achievement award in the area of philanthropy from the Columbia Urban League Guild.

The Columbia Urban League is a non-profit organization that works for equal opportunity for everyone. The Columbia Urban League Guild is an affiliate and volunteer arm of the Columbia Urban League. The Lifetime Achievement Award is an award given to an individual who has made significant contributions to Columbia, the Midlands region, and the state.

A 1961 graduate of Savannah Country Day School, Mr. Tenenbaum graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History. He went on to do graduate studies in American Studies at the University of Minnesota. In 1967, he went to work in his family business, Chatham Steel Corporation, from which he retired in 2000 as Vice-President.

An outstanding citizen of the State of South Carolina, Mr. Tenenbaum presently serves as chairman of the Alston Wilkes Foundation, trustee of both the Columbia Jewish Foundation and the Columbia Museum of Art, and chairman of the Alumni Advisory Committee to the Institute of Jewish Studies at Emory University. He is also a member of Habitat for Humanity, First Union Bank Advisory Board, The Richard W. Riley Institute of Furman University, and The Kosmos Club.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Sam for longer than either of us care to remember. He has been a driving force behind the scenes in almost every major community initiative affecting the Columbia Metropolitan area. He puts his heart and soul into each and every endeavor whether it is raising money to replace a New York City fire truck lost on September 11th or building bridges between different racial and ethnic groups. Sam Tenenbaum is one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever known who prefers to stay out of the limelight and let his generous spirit speak for itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commending Mr. Samuel Tenenbaum on his Lifetime Achievement recognition by the Columbia Urban League Guild. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

FOSELLA-WATT MOTION TO
INSTRUCT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we continue our war on terrorism, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to decimate the terrorists that are threatening our very existence and have singled out Americans who represent freedom and democracy, so cherished by our citizens.

I strongly support the Fossella-Watt motion to instruct which will finally allow American victims of international terrorism to receive compensation from blocked assets—judgments they were already awarded.

Last week, we commemorated the anniversary of 9/11. A day that marked the most devastating acts ever committed on U.S. soil.

There may not be another Member of Congress who lost more constituents in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center than I did.

I knew countless number of victims and their families and one year later, the pain and hardship go on. No amount of money can bring back our loved ones, but this motion to instruct can work to prevent future tragic acts of terrorism.

It paralyzes the financial resources of those terrorist organizations and increases our ability to go after the sources of funding for these organizations and cells. It sends a message to terrorists that we will not stand for the murder of innocent Americans. And, those who target Americans will be punished.

The United States must use every tool in its arsenal—military, diplomatic, and legal—to protect Americans and other innocent parties against these random acts of terror.

The Fossella-Watt motion to instruct is a tool to weaken the terrorist grip.

I urge my colleagues to retain this provision in the final version of the Terrorism Insurance bill.

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY ROGER R. RAPP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Roger R. Rapp, who on October 3, 2002, will be retiring after serving 30 years at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roger personifies the steadfast career civil servant. He began his federal career at the Veterans Health Administration in 1972, advancing through various positions which included field assignments at VA medical centers in Dayton, Ohio, and Washington, DC. Ultimately, Roger moved to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), where he served as the director of the National Cemetery Area Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1987, Roger was named Director of Field Operations for the NCA. In March of 2000, his title was changed to that which it is today, Deputy

Under Secretary for Operations. As the one responsible for operations and construction at NCA, Roger has personally visited each of the 120 VA National Cemeteries.

Roger's dedication to veterans and their families is apparent to all who know him, and he truly is a man with a vision. He has been a leading voice in ensuring the expansion of existing cemeteries, development of new national cemeteries, and expanding the State Cemetery Grants Program. Through his leadership, the number of national cemeteries increased from 103 in 1973 when NCA was formed, to the current 120; five new national cemeteries are currently in the planning stages.

It is said that Roger knows the majority of NCA employees nationwide on a first name basis, and he has devoted his career to helping all VA employees take pride in their jobs and focus on the needs of veterans. Owing to his leadership, NCA scored 93 percent on the American Customer Satisfaction Index, the highest score of any federal government entity. Roger was also instrumental in establishing the Director Training Programs to provide upward mobility and career advancement for VA employees throughout the system. Additionally, he's contributed significantly over the years to Leadership VA, the agency's executive development program.

Mr. Speaker, Roger Rapp is an advocate for veterans and has dedicated 30 years to this advocacy—20 years with the National Cemetery Administration alone. And when the situation called for it, he has done so with humor and selflessness. Indeed, Roger was a lucid and forthright witness when testifying before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Thank you, Roger, for your dedication to America's veterans. You are leaving, a lasting legacy of dedicated federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL RICHMOND

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Richmond, President and CEO of The Woodlands Operating Company, as he prepares to retire from 30 years of dedication and service to The Woodlands Community.

Michael Richmond is a visionary. He shared in the original vision for The Woodlands almost from the very inception when he joined George Mitchell and his team in 1972.

During these past 30 years, Michael's career moved rapidly within The Woodlands Corporation and then into The Woodlands Operating Company. He became treasurer, then senior financial officer and moved into the operations area as senior vice president of commercial development. In 1985 he was named executive vice president of the company with responsibilities encompassing commercial, The Woodlands Conference Center and Resort, investment properties, apartments, office buildings, industrial development and retail shopping centers. Today, thanks to Michael's leadership, The Woodlands is a model of success.

In his three decades of service and exemplary performance in developing The Woodlands, the new owners Morgan Stanley and