

Schwartz, recently named the fifth President of Cleveland State University. Cleveland State University has evolved as a beacon of achievement, learning and hope for past, current and future generations within our Cleveland community. The leadership of Dr. Schwartz sets a tone of confidence, achievement and excellence for every student, faculty and staff member at Cleveland State University. The current and future leadership and direction from Dr. Michael Schwartz holds the promise of guiding, strengthening and enhancing our most treasured educational institution for many years to come.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, On this somber anniversary of the terrible attacks on our country last September, we pause in remembrance of all those who died, and we stand in solidarity with the many families here in our communities and elsewhere who continue to live every day with the grief and pain of their unspeakable loss. Their lives and ours will never be the same, but we come together today in communities large and small across our nation not only to comfort one another and remember but to proclaim anew our values as Americans—values that we as a nation have rediscovered in ourselves and each other since last September 11th; values that challenge us to live better, nurture our relationships, and serve our community; values that command us to respond to tragedy as all of these brave families have—with courage and resolve, undaunted by acts of cowardice and hatred.

This gathering today is yet another step that we as a community, indeed we as a nation, are taking together to win this battle against the assault on innocent civilians living in a free society. While we continue to experience competing emotions of sorrow, anger and frustration, we refuse to allow these acts to rob us of our values and our spirit.

My colleagues and I will continue to work together with the President to bring about the end of terrorism. We have the ability and the wherewithal to confront this challenge as we have met so many others in the past so that when future generations pause in remembrance of this day in our history, they will do so in the shelter of a just and free and united country.

IN HONOR OF THE CLUB AZTECA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognition of the Club Azteca of Cleveland, Ohio, on the momentous occasion and celebration of their 70th anniversary.

Club Azteca was formed in 1932 as a social club that offered individuals and families of Mexican heritage an opportunity for support, entertainment, and a continuation of the traditions and culture of Mexico—their beloved

homeland. Club Azteca was progressive from the beginning. Since its inception in 1932, the Club admitted women on an equal basis, with the right to hold office and participate in all decisions concerning the organization.

Many Mexicans emigrated to America in search of greater opportunity for themselves and their families. Like many immigrants, citizens of Mexican heritage brought with them their faith, strong sense of family, and rich culinary dance, and musical traditions and talents.

The Club Azteca has been a reflection of the Mexican American community in the Cleveland area for seven decades; its leaders continue their dedication to the celebration and promotion of their Mexican heritage and continue to provide cultural, educational and social services to its members.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of the founding and current members of the Club Azteca, as they celebrate their 70th anniversary. This wonderful organization has provided support for Mexican Americans, and has greatly enriched Cleveland with their contribution of Mexican culture and heritage—a significant aspect of the multi-cultural fabric of our whole community.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND ELI
MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to two brothers who were recently honored by the Alamosa County Sheriff's Department and the San Luis Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for saving the life of a disabled Blanca, Colorado man at San Luis Lake. Frank Martinez and his brother Eli Martinez, both of Capulin, Colorado saw three men in danger of drowning in the San Luis Lake and with a heroic effort managed to rescue two of them. Their acts of bravery and valor most certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this Nation.

On May 10, the Martinez brothers were enjoying themselves with a day by the lake. Nearby, Kelly Richard McNeil, 36, of Blanca was out boating with his son James Janus Edward McNeil, 16, and his son's friend Adam Stark, 16. The Martinez brothers witnessed Richard McNeil being blown from his boat into waves that were as high as four feet. McNeil's son and his friend jumped in immediately to try and help only to become victims of the rough waters. The Martinez brothers dove as close as they could and leaped into action. Through their quick response the brothers saved McNeil and helped Stark safely return to the boat.

When presented with a certificate for their extraordinary action and Red Cross skills, the brothers simply expressed regret that they could not save James too. Such heroics reflect the American values second nature to the former Conejos law enforcement officer, Frank, and his brother, Eli. Their efforts show the mettle that keeps this country strong.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Frank and Eli Martinez for their courage and heroic actions. Their efforts saved the lives of

their fellow man and their heroism is a tribute to their fine character. It is my honor to bring forth these acts of bravery for the praise of this body of Congress.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, our Nation was attacked by terrorists who believed that by taking innocent life, they could destroy our spirit and tear down the principles, values, and freedoms that we hold dear. Despite our initial shock and horror on that fateful September morning, Americans from all walks of life proved the terrorists wrong by immediately joining hands to search for survivors, comfort those who lost loved ones, and bring about healing and renewal. There has never been a time when the world witnessed greater heroism, compassion, and unity.

Under the leadership of President Bush, our Nation has made great strides to bring justice to those who perpetrated this evil and improve our Nation's defenses against future terrorist attacks. Our men and women in uniform responded valiantly, toppling the Taliban regime and bringing freedom to a Nation that had served for many years as a haven for terrorism and oppression. The effort to protect our Nation from terrorism is ongoing, and patience will be necessary as we work to establish a permanent Department of Homeland Security and thwart the continued efforts of those who seek to kill innocent Americans in order to advance their political agenda.

Looking back over the past year, it is clear that the events of September 11th have strengthened our Nation and given us a greater appreciation for freedom. Americans have demonstrated that we are committed to working together to preserve our freedom so that we will continue to be a beacon of hope to freedom-loving people around the world.

HONORING CUYAHOGA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, for their creation, organization, support and promotion of the annual Cuyahoga County Fair—now in its 106th year.

Although most of Cuyahoga County is no longer agricultural, the two hundred members of the Agricultural Society present the public with a glimpse of the agriculture and farming of days gone by, as well as current and future agricultural products and trends.

The Cuyahoga County Fair is an annual rite of summer for the entire Cleveland community. Reflecting the mission of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, the Fair is a yearly opportunity for education, exhibits, and demonstrations of agricultural products, past and present, that are unique to our community. Annual outings to the Fair, as families