

including the director of central intelligence, George J. Tenet, to criticize the joint panel's methods. Officials have complained that it reached conclusions based on scant evidence and that it took evidence out of context.

The joint committee has already held at least one closed hearing on the F.B.I.'s relationship with a San Diego informer, the landlord of Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi a year before the attacks. The informer's role has become important because his former tenants are the hijackers who have come under the most intense scrutiny in the joint inquiry.

Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi, who were aboard the American Airlines plane that crashed into the Pentagon, were identified as Qaeda operatives by the C.I.A. in January 2001. But the C.I.A. did not ask the State Department to place their names on a watch list intended to prevent entry into the United States until late August. By then, they were both in the country. The C.I.A. sent information about the two men to the F.B.I. in late August, but by then there was little time left for the bureau to track them down.

The committee investigating the hijackers was also told by a retired F.B.I. agent who was the bureau's contact with the San Diego informer that he might have uncovered a hint of the plot through his informer network if the C.I.A. had provided the F.B.I. with more information earlier about the two men. <http://www.nytimes.com>

#### HONORING THE OUTSTANDING MUSICAL WORK OF MR. ANDREW HORWAT

### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Andrew Horwat, upon his selection to perform with the Honor Band of America.

Andrew has made Robert E. Lee High School history by becoming the first student ever from his high school to be selected for this national Honor Band. Every year student musicians all across the country are nominated by their band directors to take part in this national performance. After the nomination, musicians are evaluated by a distinguished panel of university wind conductors, and selected to attend the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival and National Percussion Festival. This year, the 11th District of Virginia is proud to send one of our own to this selective event.

Andrew is currently a drum major in the Marching Lancers, Lee High School's band. In March, he will represent this group when he travels to Indianapolis to perform with all other high school students selected for the Honor Band of America. This experience will provide Andrew with the opportunity to participate in rehearsals, master classes, and special clinics and concerts in addition to rehearsing with the Honor Band.

This experience will not only recognize Andrew for the dedication he has already exhibited, but also motivate him to continue his hard work. Andrew's accolade is a perfect example to young students that hard work and dedication do pay off. I believe that Andrew will serve as an example to his peers and

hope that through this experience, he will be able to share with them all that he has learned.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend this recognition to Mr. Andrew Horwat. His hard work and discipline are an example to all of us. The 11th District of Virginia is honored to have such a young talent in our community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all of his accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN WAYNE OWENS

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary life and accomplishments of my former colleague Wayne Owens, who passed away unexpectedly in Israel on December 18. His death is a great loss to his family, his many friends, and our nation. His death is also a great loss to the cause of peace in the Middle East, an end to which he devoted much of his professional life.

Wayne was fond of saying that President Carter had succeeded at Camp David by taking the leaders of Egypt and Israel each by the arm and refusing to let go until they had worked out their differences. His open admiration for the vision of these peace makers—and for their persistence—said much about his own values. Wayne believed that ordinary people with high ideals, integrity, and determination could work great changes for the good and resolve even the most intractable conflicts. He exemplified these virtues throughout his career with a deep religious faith and his characteristic exuberance, humility, and good humor.

Throughout his eight years of service as a member of the House of Representatives, Wayne followed his convictions, even when they came at a high political cost. In his first term in Congress, for example, Wayne voted his conscience and supported articles of impeachment against President Nixon as a member of the House Judiciary Committee. In his conservative home state of Utah, this was an unpopular decision that probably cost him a victory in his 1974 bid for the U.S. Senate. Nevertheless, Wayne viewed his vote as one of the most important acts of his public life.

When Wayne returned to the House in 1986, he continued to think and act with independence and vision. He fought to protect millions of acres of Utah wilderness. He stood firm to protect a woman's right to reproductive choice. He sought to put an end to nuclear testing, compensate the victims of radiation from past nuclear tests, and end the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons. He worked to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone National Park. He struggled to liberate Syria's captive Jewish community. And above all, Wayne strived to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

During his service in Congress, where he served on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and later as co-founder and president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, Wayne worked to support the frag-

ile and often flagging peace process in the Middle East. He traveled frequently and developed close personal relationships with business and political leaders throughout the region. At times when ministers and heads of state found it difficult to communicate with one another directly, Wayne often shuttled back and forth and served as a back channel for information. Leaders such as former Secretary of State James Baker, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and the late King Hussein of Jordan praised Wayne for his role in carrying such messages and noted that he had genuinely helped advance the interests of peace.

Wayne's vision was to bind Arabs and Israelis together through a web of personal and financial relationships, develop the economic potential of the Middle East, and create a shared stake in political and economic stability. In the months preceding his death, Wayne undoubtedly saw that his goal remained elusive and the path difficult to follow. But despite this, I believe Wayne was never daunted and never discouraged. He soldiered on until the very end of his life, and I don't believe he would have had it any other way.

We will miss Wayne and remember him for his vision, leadership, and commitment to peace.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 11, on the motion to recommit with instructions, H.J. Resolution 1, making further appropriations for FY03. I was regrettably unable to cast my vote at the appropriate time. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### HONORING THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of representation and positive activism that has been fostered by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. On this its 30th anniversary, I would like to praise the Caucus members for their diligent continuation of a heritage of public service to the citizens of the great state of Texas. My gratitude and respect as well to the Honorable Senfronia Thompson, the Caucus's only active original members, for her dedicated and tireless service to the Caucus and the State. This group of state leaders has steadily fought to ensure that the policy priorities of Texas reflect the best interests of all of its citizens. The education, economic, civil and human rights initiatives have revolutionized state services and have helped ensure that all Texans are empowered to achieve the American dream.

The Caucus will be hosting its statewide conference from February 5th through 9th, 2003. This year's poignant agenda and focus is entitled, "Without Vision the People Perish."