

include depression, bi-polar disorder, anxiety disorders and schizophrenia.

Ms. Gretick has attended and reported on annual conferences of the Depression, Bi-Polar Support Alliance (DBSA) and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). She has served as a liaison with national and state mental health organizations such as NAMI and DBSA and also the Ohio Depression Awareness, Recognition and Treatment (DART) organization. She has been instrumental in providing regular educational programming on depression at the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) and the Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Caroline Gretick. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Caroline, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Caroline and her family all the best as we proudly pay tribute to her accomplishments.

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF HOMES DAMAGED BY HURRICANES

**HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 28, 2003*

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by my colleagues Representatives WALTER JONES, MIKE MCINTYRE, and BOB ETHERIDGE, in introducing legislation to provide elderly residents of North Carolina affected by floods with resources to repair their homes. Despite the fact that several years have passed, the effects of the catastrophic flooding from a succession of hurricanes in the late 1990s continue to be felt in North Carolina even today.

Thousands of North Carolinians suffered major damage to their homes and have yet to make the necessary repairs. As is often the case in situations like this, it is those who are already vulnerable who are affected most. In this case, the elderly have suffered disproportionately. Because many of the elderly are on fixed incomes, their ability to pay for home repairs is often limited.

The late 1990s were an incredibly challenging time for Eastern North Carolina. For several years in a row, hurricanes struck our communities with torrential winds and tremendous rains. Hurricane Floyd alone was responsible for 51 storm-related deaths in North Carolina, the destruction of over 7,000 homes, and made 17,000 additional homes uninhabitable. Overall damage to the state of North Carolina was estimated at over \$6 billion dollars, making it the most costly natural disaster in the history of North Carolina. The hurricane flooded a combined area of 18,000 square miles, an area roughly twice the size of Vermont.

This legislation gives to the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture the authority to provide funds to low-income seniors in Eastern North Carolina for the purpose of home repair. The need is considerable. In fact, rural development officials in Raleigh tell me that they have over \$1 million in pending applications from the elderly seeking to repair their homes but zero resources with which to ad-

dress this matter. This legislation gives to the state of North Carolina the ability to respond to this need.

Though Hurricane Floyd may be just a memory to many, the residents of Eastern North Carolina continue to confront the challenge of rebuilding our communities on a daily basis. This legislation is a modest but important step that will enable our senior citizens to remain in their homes and to make the improvements necessary to render them habitable once again.

I am happy to say that this bipartisan legislation is founded on the shared recognition of both Republicans and Democrats that much work remains to be done to recover from the flooding that devastated our communities and I thank my colleagues for joining me in this effort. Our junior Senator, Mr. EDWARDS, is also a part of this effort and was recently successful in including language that is identical to this bill in an appropriations bill that is expected to be completed within several weeks. The bipartisan support for this bill is proof that the Edwards language should remain in the bill that the President will eventually sign.

TRIBUTE TO ANN S. MILLER AND TED MALIARIS

**HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 28, 2003*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ted Maliaris and his mother, Ann S. Miller, for their patriotic effort in promoting their "A Tribute to America Tour."

Following the events of September 11, mother and son team Ann Miller and Ted Maliaris wrote and produced the song "A Tribute to America—A 21st Century Anthem" in hopes of lifting the spirits of the American public and members of our armed forces. These lyrics stand as a monument to the pride of the American people:

Our tears may fall and our hearts may be shattered, but deep down in our souls we are

Strong, we are proud, we are bold.  
We have freedom in our land, we will fight for our rights, we will stand up for the brotherhood of man.

America America America  
America you're Grand

We have the strength, we have the power, no terrorist could ever withstand.

We will not hide, we will not cower, we will stand up for the rights of our land.

We're America, America  
Strong, Proud, Brave, Bold  
We're America, America  
Strong, Proud, Brave, Bold  
America red, white and blue  
America, this song we sing for you

In times of need, compassion fills our hearts, in times of dismay we are strong. We're a land of freedom, a land of peace, and no one can take this away.

We're America, America, America  
America you're Grand

No one can destroy us through thick or thin we're a nation that was built to survive  
No terrorist plight can destroy our sight or the strength of this motherland.

We're America, America, America  
America you're Grand

God extended his hand and has given us faith, for we will stand tall and proud. We're a land of freedom, a land of peace, a land like no other land.

We're America, America  
Strong, Proud, Brave, Bold  
We're America, America  
Strong, Proud, Brave, Bold  
America, America you're Grand America,  
America you're Grand

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully urge the House to join me in paying tribute to these two fine Americans: Ann S. Miller and Ted Maliaris.

TRIBUTE TO CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

**HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 28, 2003*

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of Culver-Stockton College, which is located in Canton, Missouri.

Culver-Stockton College was founded as Christian University by early leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Canton, Missouri was chosen as the school's location based on the close proximity to the Mississippi River and the enthusiasm for higher education shared by the Lewis County Disciples. The State of Missouri issued the college's charter on January 28, 1853. In 1917, Christian University was renamed Culver-Stockton College to honor benefactors Mary Culver and Robert Stockton.

Culver-Stockton's visionary founders were clearly ahead of their time. The school was the first college chartered west of the Mississippi River to educate both men and women. As both Christian University and Culver-Stockton College, the school has compiled a proud record of accomplishment and has made a meaningful contribution to the community throughout its history.

The forward-thinking ideas that are the foundation for Culver-Stockton College still influence the school today. Culver-Stockton is a 4-year residential, coeducational college that asks its students to realize their full potential. The college's alumni are living proof of the professional, personal and social service development that is cultivated on Culver-Stockton's campus. The college's administration, faculty and staff are committed to educational excellence, character development, and the integration of liberal arts.

In recent years, Culver-Stockton has achieved distinctions that include being named one of America's Best Christian Colleges, inclusion in the Templeton Foundation's "Colleges that Encourage Character Development" and membership in the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts.

With its Sesquicentennial Gala Week, Culver-Stockton College launches a year-long celebration of its 150-year history. This provides the opportunity to not only reflect on the school's past contributions, but to appreciate the important role the college continues to play in educating our future leaders. I congratulate both Culver-Stockton's administration and student body on achieving this milestone in education history.