

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF  
THE NEW BARBARA DEER KUSS  
SCIENCE CENTER AT  
WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the upcoming September 19th dedication ceremony at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio of a new and exciting facility that will greatly enhance the educational opportunities at this great institution of higher learning in Ohio's 7th Congressional District.

I've lived in Springfield for most of my adult life and have seen Wittenberg University grow into one of the best liberal arts universities in Ohio. I have greatly enjoyed representing and working with the university.

The Barbara Deer Kuss Center will house the university's departments of biology, chemistry, physics, geology, mathematics and computer science. The building will also house programs in biochemistry, molecular biology, marine biology, health professions and environmental studies.

This \$23 million endeavor is Wittenberg's most ambitious capital improvement to date, and marks the most significant improvement to the university's science facilities since the original construction of Science Hall in 1965.

I was proud to have been able to help secure some of the funding to ensure that Wittenberg students and faculty have a safe environment to perform their research.

The design of this new facility reflects the changing view of scientific and academic research in that it includes many glass walls to make ongoing research projects more visible to people as they move through the building. Like the new Hollenbeck Hall on campus, the Kuss Center is designed to optimize interaction between students, faculty and the science disciplines.

One of the primary ways this is done is by the striking atrium, which connects the old and new parts of the building, allows natural light in and also lets visitors see what is happening on other floors.

The facility is also a worthy tribute to my long-time friends Barbara and Richard Kuss, who were instrumental in moving this project forward.

Richard Kuss has played a leadership role in each of Wittenberg's fund-raising efforts since 1952. He has served on the university board of directors and as president of its alumni association. He has received numerous awards and honors, including an honorary degree and the Medal of Honor from Wittenberg.

Barbara Deer Kuss served the Springfield community in many ways throughout her adult life. For 30 years she served as a volunteer at Community Hospital and was a past-president of its Women's Auxiliary. She also was a major donor to Community Hospital and a 12-year member of the board of directors.

Barbara also served on the boards of the Springfield Foundation, the Center for Sensory Motor Development, the Friends of Mercy St. John's Center, Clark Memorial Home Association and the Springfield YWCA and had honorary alumna status at Wittenberg University. This new facility will be a lasting tribute to the

many ways that Barbara helped to make Springfield a better community.

As the Member of Congress who represents Springfield and Wittenberg University in the U.S. House of Representatives, I again offer my congratulations on the completion of this important new educational facility. The Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center will be a new focal point of learning for students at Wittenberg University and the advanced facilities of this new structure will greatly assist their quest for scientific knowledge.

RECOGNIZING LAUREN DISANO  
FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lauren DiSano, who was selected to participate in the first-ever U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Health Fellows Environmental Health Fellows class. Ms. DiSano, a resident of Warwick, RI, earned a master's degree in Health Science in Environmental Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Ms. DiSano is one of only 10 public health professionals selected nationwide to work at an EPA research facility for a minimum of one year and address emerging public health needs from an environmental perspective. Ms. DiSano's focus will be Homeland Security projects dealing with public health and water utility issues. This opportunity will not only give Ms. DiSano a chance to make our country safer, but also to become a leader in her field. As a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, I am particularly interested in the work she will be doing and hope she will keep us updated as her fellowship progresses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Lauren DiSano for her achievement.

HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS OF  
PROJECT 112/PROJECT SHAD ACT  
OF 2003

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, in this uncertain time, our nation is looking to the brave men and women of our armed forces. They have never hesitated in answering their nation's call and giving of their time and service. Our nation owes them a debt that we can never repay. That is why it is unconscionable that in the 1960s, our Department of Defense intentionally exposed U.S. military personnel to toxic chemicals as an experiment, without their knowledge or consent. In effect, they made our military personnel unwilling human guinea pigs.

I strongly support H.R. 2433, the Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003, which the House passed today. We cannot change what happened forty years ago. But now we can try to make it right. This legislation is an important first step

in requiring our government to make full disclosure about the tests conducted and the chemical agents to which our military personnel were exposed. H.R. 2433 will also make improvements to the retention and recruitment of health care professionals; provide additional pay for Saturday tours of duty for additional health care workers in the veterans' health administration; and increase coverage of employees of veterans' canteen services under additional employment laws. I urge my Senate colleagues to act quickly on this important legislation.

As a veteran myself, it saddens me to see how some of our nation's finest citizens are being treated. I believe our government should come clean, provide the information and provide medical treatment and compensation for the losses our military personnel suffered. We must address this tragedy and work to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

SEPTEMBER 11TH  
COMMEMORATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the thousands of brave men and women lost on September 11th, the lives of the thousands more who survived, and the strength and love shown by the families, friends, loved ones, and communities left behind on that shocking, terrible day.

It's hard to believe that it was 2 years ago. It feels like yesterday, in some ways, that we sat transfixed before CNN, unable to believe that the World Trade Center was gone, the Pentagon burned, and that somehow a plane of courageous passengers over Pennsylvania had managed to turn the table on their hijackers. The losses still ache. It was only last week that the last firefighting family in New York City laid their son to rest.

In other ways, it feels like forever. Our sense of this world has changed, our duties have increased, and our vulnerabilities remain. As a Member of Congress, I feel a special and urgent responsibility to make sure we have better intelligence, more resources, and effective response plans in place. But I am optimistic. I have faith in America.

In my area, many of us know someone who was lost. But you didn't have to know someone to feel it. America's heart was broken that day, and in some ways we will never be the same. But, in an important way, America will never change.

The terrorists wanted, and still want, to break America's spirit. But that hasn't happened. Our shock has faded, and we've accepted a stark reality: we can never let down our guard in the fight against terrorism. Communities have drawn closer and grown stronger over the past 2 years; neighbors take the time to meet and thank fire fighters and police officers; people wait patiently in long airport screening lines; and parents stock up on bottled water and canned food.

America is the land of the free; it's the home of the brave. We're fighters—just look at our men and women in uniform, who are just outstanding—and we're survivors. Our Nation is united as we continue to strengthen our security, protect our people, and pursue those responsible for the attacks.