

possess nuclear weapons would be a dishonor to those who died on 9/11 and an insult to those who continue to defend America's freedom.

We promised to help make the world a safer place, free from the threat of terrorism at the hands of mad men. Keeping that promise means preventing terrorists and their supporters from getting weapons of mass destruction. Let's remember those who gave their lives on 9/11 by keeping our promise.

When we remember the events of 9/11, we remember not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans. We must remember the police officers and firefighters that responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon who went in to save lives, but gave their lives in the process. We remember the first responders from every corner of our nation who came to ground zero in the days after to lend their strength, skills and support. And we must remember the innocent people—the husbands and wives, the parents and children and the entire families who were torn apart the day the towers fell.

We must always remember. That is our duty as Americans—that is our charge as patriots.

BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL, 83
YEARS YOUNG AND BETTER
THAN EVER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in November 2000 the voters of San Mateo County in California, many of whom are my constituents, made a wise decision to approve a general bond measure that would fund the renovation of the six local high schools. The fruits of this investment will proudly be displayed on September 16, 2006 when the newly-remodeled Burlingame High School is officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Burlingame High was built in 1923 as a northern addition to the fast-growing San Mateo High School. Originally named "San Mateo High School—Burlingame Branch," it quickly came into its own, and 4 years later Burlingame High gained its own identity. That year, many longstanding BHS traditions were born, including the Little-Big Game with San Mateo High, the adoption of the school colors—red and white—and the establishment of the student newspaper, the Burlingame B, with its extraordinary motto, "Not the Biggest, but the Best."

Since its inception 83 years ago, Burlingame's enrollment has swelled from 350 to more than 1350 students and its teaching corps has doubled. Recognized for its academic excellence as a California Distinguished School, Burlingame has also been ranked in the top 1.5 percent of high schools in America by Newsweek magazine. The students and their families deserve great credit, but it is also thanks to the efforts of a dedicated faculty and administration that, on average, 97 percent of the school's graduates attend college.

Mr. Speaker, the modernization efforts being recognized at the ribbon-cutting ceremony have preserved the original building's historically significant appearance for generations of students to appreciate. In addition to maintain-

ing the main building's exterior and interior—including a unique WPA-era mural—this project included two new, seismically sound structures to house a library and a two-story classroom building.

The new library will accommodate 25,000 volumes and provides much-needed storage space for textbooks. It also includes a state-of-the-art computer lab. The treasured work areas where thousands of students through the years have hit the books in the old library are replicated in this modern version.

The new, two-story classroom structure replaces an antiquated music building. It now not only accommodates the renowned Burlingame High School music program, but also seven large science labs, special education classrooms and nine classrooms designed specifically for math instruction.

Mr. Speaker, the taxpayers of San Mateo County made a crucial investment in their children's education by approving that bond measure 6 years ago. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Burlingame High School's wonderful renovation, which will ensure that future generations continue to receive an excellent education at this historic institution.

FREDERICK MENNONITE
COMMUNITY 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frederick Mennonite Community, an elderly continuing care community, on its 110th anniversary.

This community has been providing outstanding service to its more than 300 residents on eighty acres in western Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. This bucolic setting is large enough to accommodate a wide variety of lifestyles, yet small enough to maintain a sense of community. Residents have the option to live in independent living cottages, apartments, assisted living, and nursing care facilities. The organization's goal is to offer housing and support options for every individual preference and need. Frederick Mennonite Community strives to promote and encourage every individual to live life to their fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Frederick Mennonite Community on its 110th anniversary. I hope that this community is able to continue to live out its mission statement: "In the spirit of Christian love, Frederick Mennonite Community cares for and enriches the lives of older adults, while valuing the staff, volunteers and community that serves them."

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ON NATIONAL BACKPACK AWARENESS DAY

HON. BRAD MILLER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in preparation for National School Backpack

Awareness Day, taking place on September 20, 2006, I would like to recognize the many occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) that live and work in my district. Each September, members of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), students, and other health professionals join forces to alert the public, particularly teachers, parents, and children about the dangers of improperly wearing overweight backpacks.

Occupational therapists are health, wellness, and rehabilitation professionals, dedicated to maximizing the independence, function and performance of their clients. In other words, they provide them with the "skills for the job of living". Concerned that increasingly heavy backpacks may be putting school children at risk for long-term health problems, AOTA is sponsoring its fifth National School Backpack Awareness Day. Thousands of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants work in school systems, pediatric hospitals, and other health care facilities, in order to help children develop the skills they need to participate fully at school, home, and in play.

The goal of the National School Backpack Awareness Day is to reduce the load students carry to 15 percent or less of the child's weight. More than 350 participants in schools, stores, and health fairs from all 50 states will help "weigh-in" thousands of children to ensure their backpacks meet the 15 percent weight goal. They will also help educate students about the risks of carrying too much weight, and will teach them the proper way to pack and wear a backpack. As part of the National Backpack Awareness Day, therapists at the General Greene Elementary School in Greensboro, NC will educate students and teachers about the importance of loading and wearing backpacks the right way in order to avoid back and shoulder pain, stooped posture, muscle pain, and headaches.

I am particularly aware of the role occupational therapists play within our public schools as one of the members of my staff previously worked as a school system occupational therapist. OTs use their unique expertise to help children perform important learning and school-related activities that are part of their role as a student. Additionally, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants play a critical role in training parents, staff, and caregivers regarding the education, health, and success of students with diverse learning needs.

Please join me in support of all the occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, school children, and other participants whose efforts will make the 2006 National School Backpack Awareness Day such a success.

HONORING REVEREND WAITSTILL SHARP AND MARTHA SHARP, AMERICAN HEROES OF THE HOLY-OCAUST

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Reverend Waitstill Sharp and his