

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL  
STATES TRUCKING COMPANY

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2007*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Central States Trucking Company of Bensenville, Illinois, for being named one of the top 5,000 privately owned businesses in America by Inc. Magazine.

The Inc. 5000 list highlights the fastest growing companies in the country.

Madam Speaker, companies like this are the backbone of the U.S. economy and an integral part of my Congressional District.

With a growth rate of 67%, Central States Trucking Company is a fine example of the hard work and productivity that sets American businesses apart in the global marketplace.

Central States Trucking Company is a family-owned business that directly employs more than 300 individuals. Their economic activity indirectly supports the jobs of countless others. Under the visionary leadership of President Doug Grane, Central States Trucking is on track to grow revenues to nearly \$42 million.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this outstanding achievement.

I am proud to represent Central States Trucking Company in the United States House of Representatives and wish them all the best in the future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
JAMES GATLIN

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2007*

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and educational career of James Gatlin and to acknowledge his contributions as a mentor and role model to generations of Tampa Bay area students.

Raised in Tampa, Florida, James Gatlin witnessed great changes in education throughout his life. He attended Middleton High, a black segregated high school, and quickly realized the importance of education. Gatlin recounted tales of receiving tattered books in school and being forced to sit in the back of public buses. Public education is the grand equalizer among people in our great country and he witnessed and valued black and white students learning side-by-side in the classroom and cheering together at the school's football games.

James Gatlin attended Florida A&M University where he received his Bachelor's degree and later was awarded a Master's degree in Education from the Tuskegee Institute. He began his 45-year educational career in the Hillsborough County schools in 1963, teaching agricultural courses at Bethune School. In 1972, he served as Dean of Students at Buchanan Junior High School, and six years later, Gatlin was appointed Principal. In 1984, he became the popular Principal of Chamberlain High School and my principal as a high school student. He held this post for ten years until 1994, when he was appointed General

Director of Technical and Career Education. In 1989, he became aware that many black students were not graduating and began a mentoring program that included tours of university campuses. Gatlin was also a strong believer in helping students not attending college to find employment. He was promoted to general area director of Area II schools in 1997 until he retired in 2003. His leadership was needed, however, and Gatlin returned to education and served as assistant principal for the Meacham Alternative School in 2004. He accepted his final position as principal of his alma mater, Middleton High School, in August 2005, a great joy for him personally, but a greater benefit to all who experienced his dedication and service there.

"Gat" as he was called by those who knew him best, lived by the motto that "education makes life better". Many students took his motto to heart, and admired him for his strength of character as well as his genial spirit. Students admired his humorous spirit as well. He dressed up as the mascot during pep rallies and danced at homecoming events. Every year, Gatlin held a popular and delicious barbecue for the senior class. A former student remembered Principal Gatlin saying, "He just made school fun".

The entire Hillsborough County community honors and remembers the 68 year life of James Gatlin, and we offer condolences to his wife Evelyn as well as his sons James III, Marcus, and Brent. James Gatlin molded the lives of generations of students through his dedication to education and to the community as a whole. His example will continue to live through those that worked with him and those who learned from him.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAGIC  
TERRORIST ATTACKS OF 9/11/01

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, today, we commemorate the sixth anniversary of the terrible terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. We remember the men, women and children who lost their lives that day and we honor the courage and the heroism of our first responders and those who put themselves in harm's way to help others.

This anniversary is also a time to reflect on the values that define us and separate us from terrorists, values like liberty, democracy, tolerance, freedom of expression and respect for the rule of law.

It is also appropriate to recognize just how misguided the Bush administration's response to those attacks has been. Six years later, Osama bin Laden is still at large while our military is pinned down in a civil war in a country that had nothing to do with the attacks in an occupation that serves as a rallying point for terrorist recruitment and fundraising. It is clear that this is a policy that is making our nation less safe, not more safe, and the first step towards a policy that effectively combats global terrorism is to end the occupation of Iraq.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST  
TRAVIS M. VIRGADAMO

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Specialist Travis M. Virgadamo, who died on August 30, 2007.

Specialist Virgadamo was a hero whose desire to serve his country will forever make an impact on his family, his community and his country. He joined the United States Army to serve his country in the Global War on Terror. He will not only be remembered for his willing service, but for the extraordinary person that he was.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Specialist Travis M. Virgadamo. Specialist Virgadamo's choice to serve his country speaks volumes of his patriotism and his strong desire to protect others.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE: A LEGACY  
OF 220 YEARS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the legacy of a North Carolina institution. Louisburg College, the oldest two-year church affiliated, co-educational college in the nation, has filled a niche in North Carolina's system of higher education. As the only residential junior college in the state, the institution provides an excellent introduction to the collegiate life for college freshmen and sophomores. Louisburg College offers a premier beginning to successful academic and professional achievement. For 220 years the college has impacted lives and fulfilled its mission: Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community that nurtures young men and women intellectually, culturally, socially, physically, and spiritually.

Louisburg College had its beginning in the period that witnessed the emergence of America as an independent nation, the birth of the Methodist Church in America, and the establishment of Franklin County, North Carolina, and the town of Louisburg. Having evolved from three earlier institutions, Franklin Male Academy, Louisburg Female Academy, and Louisburg Female College. The roots of Louisburg College trace back to the early years of the town of Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin County. Founded in 1779, during the American Revolution, the county was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin and the town in honor of King Louis XVI of France.

Franklin Male Academy opened on January 1, 1805, under the direction of Yale graduate Matthew Dickinson. Franklin Male Academy prospered in its early years and soon had an enrollment of ninety students. The second stage in the evolution of Louisburg College began on December 27, 1814, when the state legislature ratified an act chartering the Louisburg Female Academy. By August 1815, Louisburg Female Academy was operating under the guidance of Harriet Partridge. The third stage of the evolution of Louisburg College began in January 1855, when the state