

IN RECOGNITION OF FLUETSCH
AND BUSBY

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fluetsch & Busby Insurance, celebrating 100 years of quality service to the residents of Merced County.

Fluetsch & Busby was founded in 1912 by H.S. Shaffer, grandfather to Peter Fluetsch and great grandfather to Doug Fluetsch and Jeannie Fluetsch Bliss, the current proprietors. Mr. Shaffer was an insurance agent, realtor, District Attorney and Superior Court Judge for Merced County. The Shaffer Building still stands on the corner of "M" and Main Streets as a tribute to this prominent local citizen.

In 1934, the Shaffer Insurance Agency was changed to the Fluetsch & Shaffer Insurance Agency by second generation business owner, John J. Fluetsch. Then, in the 40's, John changed the name to Fluetsch Insurance Agency. Soon thereafter, Ralph Busby joined the company in 1949 after graduating from UC Berkeley.

Peter Fluetsch, joined the insurance company in 1955 after graduating from Menlo College and in doing so, became the third generation to work for the family business. Peter married the beautiful Catherine Baccharini and together they raised 5 children while Peter and Ralph Busby continued to build the agency. Peter was an active member of the community who spent forty-two Decembers riding around the county dressed as Santa Claus delivering candy to disabled children.

After John Fluetsch passed away in 1966, the name was changed to Fluetsch & Busby Insurance Agency. Today, Fluetsch & Busby Insurance is a thriving business led by the fourth generation, Doug Fluetsch and his sister Jeannie Fluetsch Bliss. They are proud to continue the family legacy of business integrity, success and caring for our community. They support many community organizations including the Merced High Key Cub, Mercy Medical Center Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Merlock Athletic Association, the MERCO Cycling Classic, SCORE, United Way, the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, the Merced County Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens for the Betterment of Merced County, Merced Boosters, Boy Scouts of America and many others.

I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating Fluetsch & Busby Insurance for 100 years of success and dedication to the residents of Merced County.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation commemorated the tenth anniversary of one of the darkest days in our history. On September 11th, 2001, we were attacked by foreign terrorists who claimed the lives of 2,977 Americans, including 411 of our Nation's bravest first responders. We mark this occa-

sion not only by remembering those that were lost that day, but also by recognizing the incredible displays of heroism, courage and selflessness that we witnessed.

On this day, more so than any other day of the year, we must put away our partisan differences and come together as Americans for the good of our country. There are many lessons we have learned from the attacks, and much work remains, not only to secure our country, but to repay the debt to those who sacrificed so much on that day and those that followed.

We must be committed to defending our Nation from another attack. Protecting our citizens must be the number one priority of all public servants, and we must never lose sight of this mission. We must be committed as a Nation to stand behind our country's first responders. The heroic cops, firefighters and other emergency personnel who lost their lives on 9/11 should not just merely be commemorated, but in fact their memories should spur us towards making our Nation stronger and safer.

The Eighth Congressional District is only 20 miles from Ground Zero, and I was honored this weekend to attend several ceremonies commemorating the occasion. One ceremony took place at the September 11th Memorial at the Eagle Rock Reservation in Essex County, which overlooks the Manhattan skyline, and was where many of my constituents gathered after the attacks to bear witness to the tragedy. Many of the wounds of September 11th will heal over time, but we will never forget the heroism we witnessed, the lessons we learned, and the redemption the American people earned through our own strength.

In closing I would like to enter into the RECORD the names of the forty Americans from my district that lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. We will continue to pray for those we have lost but also hold our heads up high to meet the challenges that are still to come.

Cesar A. Alviar, 60
John E. Bulaga Jr., 35
John A. Candela, 42
Lt. Robert D. Cirri, 39
Robert J. Coll Jr., 35
Michael L. Collins, 38
Caleb Arron Dack, 39
Luke A. Dudek, 50
Antoinette Duger, 44
John Ernst (Jack) Eichler, 59
Edgar H. Emery Jr., 45
William J. Erwin, 30
Christopher Faughnan, 37
Harvey J. Gardner III, 55
Barry H. Glick, 55
Emeric J. Harvey, 56
Zuhtu Ibis, 25
Donald T. Jones, 39
Howard L. Kestenbaum, 56
Dorota Kopiczko 26
Franco Lalama, 45
David S. Lee, 37
Kenneth P. Lira, 48
Ming-Hao Liu, 41
Joseph P. McDonald, 43
Craig D. Montano, 38
Robert M. Murach, 45
Edward C. Murphy, 42
Catherine A. Nardella, 40
Ehtesham U. Raja, 28
Stephen Louis Roach, 36
Leo A. Roberts, 44

Marsha A. Rodriguez, 41
Linda Rosenbaum, 41
Daniel Rosetti, 32
Norman Rossinow, 39
John P. Skala, 31
Jennifer M. Tino, 29
Francis Joseph Trombino, 68
Jorge Velazquez, 47

HONORING THE KEARNEY LITTLE
LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Little League baseball team from Kearney, Nebraska. This team, with 13 talented young men and 3 patient coaches from the Third District of Nebraska, recently excelled in tournament competition and made history along the way.

Managed by Mike Koski with help from assistant coaches Gary Barth and Doug Holtmeier, the Kearney Little League team became the first Nebraska team in Little League history to compete in a regional championship game. With their second place finish in the 2011 Midwest Regional Tournament, the boys from Kearney finished the post-season with 8 wins and 4 losses, scoring 99 runs and allowing just 41 runs in 65 innings of play.

The skilled members on the 2011 Kearney Little League baseball team were Brant Barth, Ben Dinkel, Jack Herges, Carter Hollis, Brady Holtmeier, John Husmann, Ryan Koski, Tyler Mestl, Cam Moore, Eric Pacheco, Jared Wegner, Christian Westesen, and Creighton Westesen.

The Kearney Little League team embodied the Nebraska spirit both on and off the field. The team was committed to working hard, playing together as a team, and never quitting. These young men made the city of Kearney, Buffalo County, and the state of Nebraska proud with their character, sportsmanship, and passion for the game.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the exceptional talent and dedication of the Kearney Little League baseball team.

COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, we as a Nation commemorated the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Like all Americans, I spent a great deal of time thinking about where I was on that sunny Tuesday ten years ago. I was sitting in my office at the Rules Committee on the third floor of the Capitol when the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. I remained there until 10:30 a.m., when a full evacuation of the Capitol was imposed.

During that time prior to the evacuation, I watched the news coverage of the planes that hit the south tower of the WTC and the Pentagon. I later heard the news of Flight 93,