

and Jay; along with other family members and friends; in wishing him many more years of health and happiness. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MURRAY!

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GON-  
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SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to the remarkable life and career of our trusted former colleague, the Honorable Henry Gonzalez of Texas. Dogged, brilliant, committed, indefatigable, a champion for the destitute—such was our Chairman of the Banking Committee. During my early years in the Congress, as a member of that committee, I had the great pleasure of serving with this able gentleman. He served in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt, a man who believed in opportunity for all Americans and dedicated his life to that cause.

On the Banking Committee, his work in improving housing for people from all walks of life and incomes is legendary. In him ticked a strong democratic heart. Every corner of America is better because of his service. He stood up for human rights here at home and abroad, no matter what the cost. He was unflinching when he knew his cause was just.

Recently, as we broke ground for the dedication of the new World War II Memorial in our Nation's capital, I especially named Henry Gonzalez as a key figure in congressional efforts to pass legislation to bring that element to full life as a part of our Nation's history. He was a gentleman with many facets, and many concerns. He was a son of the World War II generation that preserved liberty for modern times, and his selfless dedication grew from that experience and his own humble beginnings. I include here those remarks for the RECORD.

In extending deepest sympathy to his family, including his son CHARLES who has succeeded him in this Congress, I am mindful that those of us who have been influenced by his great mind and soul have been lifted to service above self. May he rest in peace and the good works that he fashioned inspire others for generations to come. Truly he was a man both ahead of his time, and a pioneer to the future.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE MARCY KAPTUR  
AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL GROUND  
BREAKING CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Reverend Clergy, Mr. President, Honored Guests All. We, the children of freedom, on this first Veterans' Day of the new century, gather to offer highest tribute, long overdue, and our everlasting respect, gratitude, and love to Americans of the 20th century whose valor and sacrifice yielded the modern triumph of liberty over tyranny. This is a memorial not to a man but to a time and a people.

This is a long-anticipated day. It was 1987 when this Memorial was first conceived. As

many have said, it has taken longer to build the Memorial than to fight the war. Today, with the support of Americans from all walks of life, our veterans service organizations and overwhelming, bipartisan support in Congress, the Memorial is a reality. I do not have the time to mention all the Members of Congress who deserve thanks for their contributions to this cause, but certain Members in particular must be recognized. Rep. Sonny Montgomery, now retired, a true champion of veterans in the House, and Senator Strom Thurmond, our unfailing advocate in the Senate, as well as Rep. Bill Clay, of Missouri and two retired Members, Rep. Henry Gonzalez and Senator John Glenn. At the end of World War I, the French poet Guillaume Apollinaire declaring himself "against forgetting" wrote of his fallen comrades: "You asked neither for glory nor for tears."

Five years ago, at the close of the 50th anniversary ceremonies for World War II, Americans consecrated this ground with soil from the resting places around the world of those who served and died on all fronts. We, too, declared ourselves against forgetting. We pledged then that America would honor and remember their selfless devotion on this Mall that commemorates democracy's march.

Apollinaire's words resonated again as E.B. Sledge reflected on the moment the Second World War ended: ". . . sitting in a stunned silence, we remembered our dead . . . so many dead . . . Except for a few widely scattered shouts of joy, the survivors of the abyss sat hollow-eyed, trying to comprehend a world without war."

Yes. Individual acts by ordinary men and women in an extraordinary time—one exhausting skirmish, one determined attack, one valiant act of heroism, one digged determination to give your all, one heroic act after another—by the thousands—by the millions—bound our country together as it has not been since, bound the living to the dead in common purpose and in service to freedom, and to life.

As a Marine wrote about his company, "I cannot say too much for the men . . . I have seen a spirit of brotherhood . . . that goes with one foot here amid the friends we see, and the other foot there amid the friends we see no longer, and one foot is as steady as the other."

Today we break ground. It is only fitting that the event that reshaped the modern world in the 20th century and marked our nation's emergence from isolationism to the leader of the free world be commemorated on this site.

Our work will not be complete until the light from the central sculpture of the Memorial intersects the shadow cast by the Washington Monument across the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and the struggles for freedom of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries converge in one moment.

Here freedom will shine. She will shine.

This Memorial honors those still living who served abroad and on the home front and also those lost—the nearly 300,000 Americans who died in combat, and those millions who survived the war but who have since passed away. Among that number I count my inspired constituent Roger Durbin of Berkey, Ohio, a letter carrier who fought bravely with the Army's 101st Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge and who, because he could not forget, asked me in 1987 why there was no memorial in our nation's Capitol to which he could bring his grandchildren. Roger is with us spiritually today. To help us

remember him and his contribution to America, we have with us a delegation from his American Legion Post, the Joseph Diehn Post in Sylvania, Ohio, and his beloved family, his widow Marian his granddaughter, Melissa, an art historian and member of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board.

This is a memorial to heroic sacrifice. It is also a memorial for the living—positioned between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial—to remember how freedom in the 20th century was preserved for ensuing generations.

Poet Keith Douglas died in foreign combat in 1944 at age 24. In predicting his own end, he wrote about what he called time's wrong-way telescope, and how he thought it might simplify him as people looked back at him over the distance of years. "Through that lens," he demanded, "see if I seem/substance or nothing; of the world/deserving mention, or charitable oblivion . . ." And then he ended with the request, "Remember me when I am dead/and simplify me when I'm dead." What a strange and striking charge that is!

And yet here today we pledge that as the World War II Memorial is built, through the simplifying elements of stone, water, and light. There will be no charitable oblivion. America will not forget. The world will not forget. When we as a people can no longer remember the complicated individuals who walked in freedom's march—a husband, a sister, a friend, a brother, and uncle, a father—when those individuals become simplified in histories and in family stories, still when future generations journey to this holy place, America will not forget. Freedom's children will not forget.

NEW JERSEY URBANIZED PEAK  
FLOW MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I speak regarding a matter of great importance to my district and the entire State of New Jersey. New Jersey is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the overdevelopment of land, had become especially concerning because of the impact it is having on our watersheds and floodplains, as well as its resulting impact on economic activity.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. This flooding resulted in millions of dollars of damage, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one new Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.