EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. JAMES H. LINCOLN: A HARBOR BEACH LEGEND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend, Judge James H. Lincoln, for his myriad achievements in the law and politics, and especially for his life-long commitment and devotion to the state of Michigan, the residents of his native Harbor Beach and to the entire nation.

Judge Lincoln's storied legal career and his apprenticeship and special relationship with Harbor Beach's other famous native son, former Governor and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, are well-known. In fact, he is the last surviving pall bearer of Frank Murphy. Jim also worked hand-in-hand with some of the other more notable names in our state's history, including Governor G. Mennen Williams, Lieutenant Governor Martha Griffiths and U.S. Senator Blair Moody. Moreover, Jim earned a place of honor in historical annals as a champion of justice during tenures on the Detroit City Council, the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and as a probate judge.

Impressively, Judge Lincoln is one of only two people in the state of Michigan to have a courthouse named after them. In his case, it is the James H. Lincoln Hall of Juvenile Justice in Detroit. The other person so honored is Jim's mentor, Frank Murphy. A personal highlight of my own career began when Jim and I worked closely together to secure funds to enable the city of Harbor Beach to acquire the Murphy homestead to establish a museum to honor Governor Murphy. We secured a grant for $125,000 and Judge Lincoln raised another $125,000 in matching funds to preserve the home and exhibit objects associated with the life and times of Frank Murphy.

Of course, Judge Lincoln depended greatly on the loving support of his wife, Kim, and children, David, Eddie, Janet and Linda. He is credits them as instrumental to his success, and we applaud them as well. He also is justly proud of a woman whose adoption he granted of a woman whose adoption he granted—a long time friend of Alden T. Johnson, Alden's sister, Millie Peterson—a long time friend of Alden T. Johnson, Alden's sister, Millie Peterson and who now resides in Red Wing—never rode to Halma earlier in the afternoon with his brother Aksel to help him do up the chores and suggested that one of his brothers give his car over in the morning. When they left here in the evening Conrad Jensen drove the Nash and with him in the car were Mr. and Mrs. Older Johnson, Mrs. Theo. Johnson, Mrs. Conrad Jensen and Mrs. Ben Johnson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson followed them in the Jensen's Chrysler. The grade was slippery after the recent rains near the Ulin place and the Nash car skidded badly alight they were driving slowly and after cutting across the road on one side to the other toward the ditch. A great deal of damage would not have been done if the gasoline had not for some reason caught fire. In less than two minutes after the accident the whole car was a mass of flames. Chris and Ben arrived just as the accident happened and opened the front door to the car letting out Conrad and his wife. The back door they could not open and the flames were shooting all over when Alden kicked the glass out of the door and thru this the rest of the passengers were pulled out. The car burned to the ground leaving only the iron frame and the engine. None of the passengers of the car were hurt but the loss of the car is a very hard blow to Mr. Johnson as he had no insurance on it and had only run about a thousand miles.

Our prayers and hearts go out to the victims—the dead and the wounded—and to those who at this very hour cling to life, horribly trapped under concrete, jagged glass and steel.

But even as we work to recover from these attacks—to bury the dead, to comfort the survivors and families, and to rebuild—we must turn our attention to the future.

In the days and weeks ahead we will of course take steps to increase the security and safety of Americans in travel and in their places of work and to bring those responsible to justice. We must remember, however, that no system of security is invincible. So long as terrorists are able to organize, finance, communicate, train, and execute such operations, this country and our allies will always be at risk.

The time has now come to recognize that a new defining doctrine must be embraced: that no safe harbor can be allowed for terrorists. No country can be able to tolerate the presence of terrorists or their supporters or assets within their borders. Such states must be held to the same level of account as the terrorists themselves, and we must use every means necessary to drive home this point to them.

With no place to hide, no place to train and organize, no place to keep their assets, the power of terrorists will be critically undermined. This doctrine of no safe harbor will be the greatest legacy for the victims of these terrorist attacks; that truly everything will be done to ensure that we are never so vulnerable again.

A LONG-AGO RESCUE LENDS US COURAGE FOR TODAY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, much is being made these days—and justifiably so—of the courage of America's "Greatest Generation" of men and women who fought and won World War II.

Like his fellow veterans of the European Theater, former U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Alden T. Johnson vividly remembers witnessing countless acts of courage and devotion amidst falling bombs, raging fires and an often terrified civilian populace.

However, until very recently, Mr. Johnson—who grew up in the northwestern Minnesota communities of Karlstad, Shelly and Hamlama and who now resides in Red Wing—never realized that his own act of courage years before that war had been recorded on the front page of the Karlstad Advocate on May 17, 1923.

Alden's sister, Millie Peterson—a long time friend of Alden T. Johnson—did—long overdue recognition due to Alden T. Johnson.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF
HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate to convey the utter shock, horror, sorrow, dismay—and anger, over yesterday's supreme act of cowardice against innocent Americans.

Our prayers and hearts go out to the victims—the dead and the wounded—and to those who at this very hour cling to life, horribly trapped under concrete, jagged glass and steel.