EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA
OF MICHIGAN
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 Griffths 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 credited them as instrumental to his success and we applaud them as well. He also is justly proud of a woman whose adoption he granted for $125,000 in matching funds to preserve the home and exhibit objects associated with the life and times of Frank Murphy.

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 assure 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
Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mrs. 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. Aiden 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 Hammla 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.

Aiden’s sister, Millie Peterson’s—a long time resident of the community—recently discovered the article at the Minnesota Historical Society.

I commend the place to my colleagues not only because of the deed that Aiden did, but because of the deed that was multiplied by factor of millions in winning World War II—but also because this rescue so long ago evokes the brand of caring and determination that will be America through the terrible attack of this week all the stronger.

I know my colleagues in the Congress of the United States will join me in extending the long-overdue recognition due to Aiden T. Johnson.

CAR ROLLS INTO DITCH ON SLIPPERY ROAD AT HALMA, BURNS

A bad accident took place on the road two miles south of Halma opposite the Ulin place Friday evening when a brand new Nash car driven by Conrad Jensen of Warren turned-over in the ditch and burned.

For the first-time in twenty years all of the Johnson boys, Theodos, Chris, Conrad, Ben, Aksel and Eldor were together, all having been at Halma Friday to attend the funeral of their father. They were visiting at the Chris Johnson home at Karlstad in the afternoon and in the evening they decided to drive to Halma and spend an evening on the old homestead where they had lived and grown to manhood. They who owned a big new Nash 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 drive his car over in the evening. When they left here in the evening Conrad Jensen drove the Nash and with him in the car were Mr. and Mrs. Eldor Johnson, Mrs. Theo Johnson, Mrs. Conrad Jensen and Chris Johnson’s oldest son. Alden. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson followed them in the former’s Chrysler. The grade was slippery after the recent rains near the Ulin place and the Nash car skidded badly altho they were driving slowly and after cutting across the road and thru the ditch one side to the other turned-over in 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 but the passengers were saved. The car burned jumping 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.

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—those who died and those who were injured—and to those who at this very hour cling to life, horribly trapped under concrete, jagged glass and steel.