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we are voting on will support our military, re-
build our city, and assist those who are suf-
fering. Mr. Speaker, I stand with my col-
leagues, united with our President and in defi-
ance of those who believe that they can threat-
en our freedom. I support this legislation and
pray for the victims, the rescue workers and
all Americans.

TERRORIST ATTACKS

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
confront and defeat the evil that brought about
suffered a tremendous loss, our resolve to
terrorism are deep. However, while we have
new Chapter in our history. We must reassess
the country today refuse to be frightened and
flying our American flags proudly.

We will act swiftly to determine those re-
sponsible for this cowardice and retaliate
against those who did this. We continue to sup-
port our Commander in Chief as he leads us
through this truly horrible time for our nation.
I commend those citizens of all walks of life
who became America’s heroes yesterday as
they worked to rescue the injured and console
families of victims. Our thoughts and prayers
are with those who are injured, those who lost
their lives, and those who are courageously in-
volved in rescue efforts. We will come to-
gether as a nation by giving blood, donating
our time and services to help the afflicted, and
flying our American flags proudly.

Members of Congress and citizens across
the country today refuse to be frightened and
demoralized as we attempt to pick up the
shattered pieces of our lives and restore some
semblance of normalcy to our daily routines.
However, this indeed is a dark time for
America, which has generated grave memo-
rabies that will last forever. What is important
now is that we face and learn from this sol-
emn chapter in our history. We must reassess
our national security apparatus and come to
terms with those lapses in security that
allowed these terrorists to take root on U.S. soil.
But, make no mistake, the rest of the world
should know—and know so resoundingly—that
the United States will not tolerate cowardly
acts of terrorism.

I agree wholeheartedly with the President
that we will make no distinction between those
who committed this barbaric act of cowardice
and those who harbor and give them suste-
nance. All of the perpetrators of these das-
tardly deeds must come to feel the full force
of our power—unleashed in all of its awesome
might.

I stand behind the President at this moment
of national sorrow. As a nation we are united in
our unyielding determination to prevail
against terrorism and those who support it.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO TERCERA IGLESIA
BAUTISTA ESPAÑOLA

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
tribute to Tercera Iglesia Bautista Española, a
sacred and historic house of worship that celebrated its

Mr. Speaker, Tercera Iglesia Bautista Española was founded between the years of
1900 and 1902. As one of the first Baptist
churches of its kind, serving a largely Hispanic congregation, it has become an invaluable
part of Hispanic-American history and Amer-
ican history in general. Located on Alexander
Avenue, the church stands as a beacon of
true beauty in the heart of the south Bronx.

Throughout its 100 years of existence, Tercera Iglesia has been a model of excel-
lence with its numerous and far-reaching com-
unity services. Not only are Bronx residents
able to come to Tercera Iglesia for spiritual
enrichment and fellowship, they can come to
the church for assistance with life’s daily trials.
The church’s pastor, Reverend Dr. Jose D. Ri-
vera-Tormos serves as a pillar of the commu-
nity and as an exceptional spiritual guide for
his congregation. Reverend Rivera-Tormos is
blessed with a dedicated and competent staff
of church officials who go beyond the call of
duty daily.

Mr. Speaker, beyond Tercera Iglesia’s
wealth of community programs and remark-
able religious activities, it’s very structure
makes it a priceless institution. The building
was designed at the turn of the century by ar-
chitects Ward and Davis who implemented
modern techniques in its construction. A deli-
cate balance of elaborate decor in the en-
trance and simple rustic design throughout
other parts of the church make it a unique
structure worthy of commemoration.

For the past century, hundreds of thousands
of Bronx residents have found a place of
worship and comfort within the walls of Tercera Iglesia Bautista Española. I hope that all of my esteemed col-
leagues will join me in honoring this sacred
and historic institution on its centennial anni-
versary.

TRIBUTE TO BARRY RASCOVAR

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
pay special tribute to Barry Rascovar, one of
the most well-respected journalists in Mary-
land who recently retired from the The Balti-
more Sun. For more than 20 years, Barry’s
strong editorial voice has reverberated
throughout Maryland. His insights and knowl-
edge of Maryland politics and politicians has
been a treasure for both the readers and the re-
sources who have volunteered to help in New

Tuesday’s attacks on our country were sickening acts of evil. They make me feel
angry and revengeful and protective of my

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