EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO KELLY M. RAMIREZ
HON. STEVE ISRAEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York’s outstanding young students, Kelly M. Ramirez. On September 20, 2001, the women of Girl Scout Troop 801 will recognize Kelly for receiving her gold award.

Since the beginning of the last century, the Girl Scouts of America have provided thousands of young women each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

These awards are presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our Nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. The Gold Award represents the highest awards attainable by junior and high school Girl Scouts.

I ask colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipient of this award, as her activity is indeed worthy of praise. Her leadership benefits our community and she serves as a role model for her peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Kelly, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young woman on her day of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
HON. DENNIS MOORE
OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The GCSAA is the professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas, the association carries out its mission to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

The GCSAA was founded on September 13, 1926, when a group of 60 visionary greenkeepers met at the Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, with the purpose of forming an organization that would inform and educate its membership and strive for a better future for those who manage the playing fields of golf.

Originally called the National Association of Greenkeepers, the association has grown to more than 21,000 individual members in the United States and 65 other countries. GCSAA and its members are leaders in the golf community.

As in 1926, the advancement of the superintendent profession, and the game and business of golf, are at the heart of everything the GCSAA does today. GCSAA offers numerous educational and informational programs to serve an ever-growing membership—education that spans the scientific, technical, environmental, professional development and resource management aspects of the profession.

In recent years GCSAA has expanded its role so that it not only serves its members, but also the people, organizations and institutions allied to the game of golf. From funding university turfgrass research, to promoting the participation of youth, minorities and persons with disabilities in the game, to being a major participant in the arena of environmental stewardship, GCSAA continues to take an active approach in making golf better. Today the superintendent is recognized as a key to golf’s enjoyment and to the economic vitality of the golf course.

GCSAA has spent the last 75 years advancing the golf course superintendent profession and enhancing the game of golf and will only continue these great achievements in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as they celebrate 75 wonderful years of association history and heritage.

A VISION FOR SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
HON. JAMES A. BARCIA
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Saginaw Intermediate School District Superintendent Richard Lane, Board of Education President Joseph W. Powe, Vice President Ruth A. Coppers and members Leola Wilson, Gerald W. Rustem and Richard F. Burmeister, Jr., upon the occasion of the dedication of the Saginaw Intermediate School District Transitions Center.

Their hard work, foresight and initiative in building this center has greatly enhanced the educational potential of the district and will do much to improve the future of all residents.

The Transitions Center, the fifth complex owned and operated by the Saginaw Intermediate School District, will house two school programs, each designed to enable students with various disabilities to learn important and vital life skills. The lessons they learn at the center will directly involve in or provided any assistance to the acts of September 11 pose a clear and present danger to the lives of our people and to our very national security. We will find those responsible and make certain that they, and anyone who helped them, are fully punished.

This attack on America and its people will not stand.

Moreover, as we cannot rule out future attacks on U.S. soil or to American interests overseas, we must take a comprehensive approach to this challenger. Appropriately, we will utilize the first rate capabilities of our Armed Forces to ensure the personal security of each and every one of us, at home or abroad. To that end, we commit ourselves by the resolution before us, to root out terrorism wherever it is found around the world.

It will not be an easy task to defeat terrorism. It will require considerable resources and patience. There is no quick solution. I am confident, however, that the President and the Congress, working together, will find the means and methods to prevail.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I along with my committee colleagues will perform our duty in providing U.S. Armed Forces the necessary resources to deter and defeat the threat of terrorism. I know that our colleagues will support our work.

There is yet considerable work to be done in the days and months ahead. I am confident that our Nation, and our Armed Forces called upon to defend all Americans, will meet the challenges that lie ahead—just as we have from Concord and Lexington through the war in the Persian Gulf.

I strongly urge passage of the Resolution.

SPEECH OF
HON. JAMES H. MALONEY
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to address the necessity, imposed on us by unspeakable acts of terrorism, for the United States to respond to and defend itself from the violence of September 11. Our primary enemy is international terrorism, and we shall fully confront it.

First and foremost, the United States must respond to terrorism in the courts. The President’s proposal to create a special court to try terrorists is a wise and necessary step. I am confident, however, that the President and the Congress, working together, will find the means and methods to prevail.

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Mr. Speaker, today we have the opportunity to come together, with one voice, to stand up for what this great country means to all Americans. We owe it to the victims of Tuesday’s attack; to those who continue to sacrifice in response to that attack; to those in our Armed Forces who we call on to defend us; to all Americans who dearly love their country; and to all future generations of Americans.

I urge my colleagues to make the vote on this resolution a symbol of a unified voice of freedom. We must move forward to the entire world that the United States of America—as one nation, under God—will continue to be a beacon of freedom, hope, and dreams.

Above all, may all Americans take heart as their federal government moves forward, as a collective body, to protect their precious freedom. The use of force is justified to eliminate this menace of terrorism, and America will prevail.