IN RECOGNITION OF THE MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST WORSHIP CENTER

HON. KEN BENTSEN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the construction of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center in Houston, Texas. On Sunday, September 23, 2001, the congregation will celebrate their centennial.

Under the direction of Pastor Willie James Coleman, the theme for the celebration will be Faith, Love, Patience, a Reality. The program for the celebration will also include a nice tribute to the late Professor Nathaniel Edward. Professor Edward will always be remembered for his commitment to the congregation and his musical offerings. Each December Professor Edward would direct the annual Candlelight musical.

Pastor Willie James Coleman has been at the helm of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center since 1974. His leadership has seen the congregation through the past 27 years. Throughout his tenure the church has undergone much renovation and expanded its membership.

Mt. Olive also has several Deacons: John Paul, William Derrick, Tommy E. Ford, Stacy Brisco, Ed Edwards, Issac Johnson, John McClellan, Charles Johnson, and Walter Jefferson. The spiritual leadership at Mt. Olive serves as a beacon in the Third Ward community. With such programs as Feed the Hungry and the Annual back to School Clothing Drive, the congregation's sense of community activism and outreach provides an ideal model of service to the city of Houston. Their dedication and the Annual back to School Clothing Drive, serves as a beacon in the Third Ward community.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the history of the construction of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Worship Center and offer my sincerest wishes for a successful celebration.

2001 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF
HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman Young and Ranking Member Obey for their leadership today. Congress has taken swift action to respond to the critical needs of our Nation stemming from the terrorist attack. This emergency supplemental appropriations for $40 billion in disaster relief and increased security means so much to this Nation and to the great city of New York. The support for domestic and humanitarian assistance is a vital and important first step on our Nation's long road of recovery.

The emergency supplemental package provides $40 billion both to fund rescue operations and a military response to Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia.

I am especially pleased that the supplemental targets funding to New York. To return lower Manhattan to its former state, New York will need this funding and much more support in the future.

Today is the first time I have been back to Washington since the attacks. I can tell you that I have never been so moved by the actions of everyday people.

Walking through New York City I can tell you that the pain is very deep and very real but so is the resolve to rebuild and not give in to terror.

I have held the relatives of the missing as they sob for their loved ones while they proclaim in the same breath that they have never been so proud of New York City and America.

I have witnessed ashien-faced firefighters, as they move uptown after working at ground zero, applauded and embraced by total strangers as if returning from battle.

New Yorkers will come back. Today I thank all of my colleague and all Americans for this legislation and for helping get the City on its way.

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service and dedication of Mr. Wilton “Curly” Collier of Alpine, California, who will be honored by his community this Saturday, September 22, 2001. Curly was born in Vernon, Texas on April 19, 1921.

His family moved to Colorado when he attended high school before moving to California to enroll at the University of California, Los Angeles. In his professional life, Curly began his career as a parts manager and retired 30 years later as a sales manager in Alpine.

Curly joined the International Kiwanis Club with the sponsorship of fellow Alpine resident Bob Wilson on October 6, 1967. In the Kiwanis, Curly spent his time volunteering for the many activities and fund-raisers the Kiwanis sponsor, including the Worldwide Service Project, disaster-relief efforts, worldwide charities, and the Kiwanis family youth programs.

Curly became the president of the Alpine Kiwanis Club in 1970 and he used this position to help raise money to purchase radio equipment for the Alpine Fire Station. He was also responsible for a 346% membership increase at the Alpine Chapter, which went from 15 to 52 members in just his first year of office. In recognition of his outstanding efforts and achievements, he was elected to the office of Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Division 31 in 1976.

In 1985, Curly started the Endowment Fund for Children's Hospitals and the Miracle Mile of Quarters Project. In the first year of its existence, the Miracle Mile of Quarters Project raised and donated $56 to the Children's Hospital.

During his tenure as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Curly has not only held high-ranking offices, but has been the recipient of many awards, including the Kiwanian of the Year in 1987 and the distinguished Hexson Award in 1996. This Kiwanis Foundation was established by the Kiwanis International Foundation in honor of the first Kiwanis International President, George F. Hexson. The recipients are honored each year during a special reception at the Kiwanis International and District Conventions and are listed in the annual publication of the Kiwanis Honors Booklet, as well as on a permanent donor recognition electronic accolade at the Kiwanis International Office.

In 1998, Curly received the Tablet of Honor, the most prestigious honor available from the Kiwanis International Foundation. This award is given to recipients on behalf of individuals, Kiwanis Clubs, corporations, or organizations to honor their accomplishments and recognize their service. Besides the prestige that comes with the award, recipients are pleased to know that contributions made in their names are helping the Kiwanis organization provide assistance to children around the world. Each recipient has their name added to the Tablet of Honor accolade in the lobby of the International Office in Indianapolis, IN, and all are honored at a special Kiwanis reception at each year's international convention.

Mr. Speaker, Curly is a symbol of commitment and dedication to his fellow citizens and community. He has dedicated his life to helping the Kiwanis serve both his community and children across the world. Today, let us all honor and thank Curly for his remarkable contributions and for serving as an example of placing others before yourself.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF HELEN BRANDT
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. EVANS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated citizen and long-time employee of the Quad Cities Development Group of Rock Island, Illinois—Ms. Helen Brandt.

The Quad Cities Development Group, an umbrella organization for economic development for the major cities in my district, has been the catalyst for attracting over 14,000 new jobs and over $1 billion in new investment in the Quad Cities in the last 10 years. But an organization is only as good and only as effective as the men and women who give it its energy and life, and Helen Brandt has certainly been a dynamic force for enhancing the quality of life in the Quad Cities.

For the past nine years, Helen has been a Project Manager for the Quad Cities Development Group. Helen was a force behind the successful projects that brought jobs and investment to the Quad Cities area including organizing marketing efforts for business clients.