

adults, the Hidden Villa provides a forum for participants to take part in educational and community-building programs that teach social justice and respect for all living things. In 1971, Mary Curtis Davey organized the Friends of Hidden Villa to continue fund raising, and in 1997 she chaired the annual Duveneck Awards Dinner for multicultural programs.

Mary Curtis Davey helped found the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in 1972, an invaluable organization created to safeguard, protect and preserve open space in and around the urban areas of Silicon Valley. The District's 23 preserves are open to the public free of charge. Mary Curtis Davey now serves on the Board of Directors for the District, representing the communities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Los Altos Hills and Stanford.

Since 1960, when she and her husband, Jack, and their three children first arrived in California from Maryland, Mary Curtis Davey has championed thee and other causes among a host of volunteer and non-profit organizations. She has been an exceptional voice and a passionate advocate for improving the quality of life in our community. It is therefore fitting that Mary Curtis Davey is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman who has given so much to our community and to our environment. We are indeed a better nation, a better society and a better people because of her.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN  
CHRISTOPHER SHAYS ON THE  
SEPTEMBER 11TH FAMILIES  
STAMP ACT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2001*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today Congresswoman CAPPS and I introduced bipartisan legislation to create a postal stamp to honor the memories of those lost in the September 11th terrorist attacks and raise money to help their families.

The outpouring of support from across the country following last week's tragedy has been truly remarkable and speaks volumes about the capacity of Americans to join together to help those in need. It is in this spirit of compassion that we are introducing this legislation.

The September 11th Families Stamp Act authorizes the U.S. Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp, similar to the breast cancer

research stamp which has raised \$20 million. Money raised from the stamp will assist the families of the victims from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines flight 93.

Mr. Speaker, our first responsibility as a nation is to console the families who have lost loved ones and heal the wounded. The legislation we are introducing will allow us to celebrate the lives of the victims and provide much needed support to their families.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the September 11th Families Stamp Act.

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS, AMERICAN MUSLIMS, AND AMERICANS FROM SOUTH ASIA

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2001*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution introduced by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. BONIOR, and I thank the distinguished majority leader, Mr. ARMEY, for his active support of the resolution.

This past week our precious nation has suffered a great amount of pain and sorrow inflicted by horrible individuals who have no respect for innocent life. America can ill-afford to have our own people unfairly and unjustifiably inflicting even more pain on other Americans or friends of Americans who are of Arab heritage or of the Muslim faith, and who bear no responsibility for the events of September 11th. In fact, they have joined with their neighbors in condemning this heinous attack. Arab Americans deserve to be recognized as the patriotic individuals they are, not victimized for their heritage. Indeed, the greatest enemy of a radical Islamic terrorist is a practicing Muslim.

This past Tuesday evening, as the Toledo Blade reported in its September 19th edition, "about 1,500 people, a . . . mix of Christians and Muslims, gathered . . . at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo in Perrysburg Township to encircle the mosque, pray for the safety of those who worship within, and sing patriotic songs.

"American flags were everywhere—medium-sized ones along the driveways, a large one hanging from the mosque's roof, and small red, white, and blue stickers adorning everyone's clothing.

"The people making up the crowd, many of whom rarely cross paths, made an effort to

reach out to one another in this time of national crisis."

There will be many images that we recall from last week. One, which will always stand out for me, is the image of the Statue of Liberty erect in New York Harbor. More importantly, the values for which she stands are lodged deeper in our hearts. While Lady Liberty witnessed this assault on peace, she remains a beacon calling for our tired but valiant and indispensable rescue workers. She reassures our fellow citizens who lost their loved ones. And she encourages our huddled neighbors throughout America who are offering support for one another, as we discover who made this assault on freedom and why. She continues to lift her lamp beside the golden door of freedom. She increases our resolve as Americans. She lifts her lamp to celebrate the thousands who did survive, and to illuminate those who banded together in one of the most tremendous outpourings of selflessness in our nation's history.

The depth of the American people's resourcefulness has been demonstrated to the entire world. Our nation will prevail over the most recent challenge to our liberties. We will actively embrace the precious diversity that is America. Our families hail from throughout the world, with religious convictions of every faith. Our diverse population offers the strongest nation in support of freedom in the world.

Over the years, many people of Arab heritage have come to call the United States home. They are just as loyal as any other American and deserve equal treatment. I know in my own community of Toledo one could not have asked for a stronger show of patriotism than what I had heard from so many Arab Americans wanting to know what they could do to help the victims of Tuesday's assault.

It was truly sad to hear the stories of Arab Americans around the nation, including some in my community, who were the targets of wrong-placed anger. I share the intense feeling that our nation and our people have been immeasurably hurt. But I firmly believe that as a people we must commit ourselves to fighting the terrorism that invaded our shores, not succumb to its infective powers by lashing out at the innocent.

We need to honor the lives that were lost, celebrate the heroes that created another wonderful moment in our nation's stunning history, and emulate the people of Toledo who came together across faiths and across heritage to form what Hussein Barby described as "like a family."

Our American family has been hurt. And in the best American tradition, let our family band together at a time when our strength lies in our unity.