admitted that the discussion of live American prisoners was not even on the agenda when U.S. officials met with their North Korean, Viet- namese, or Laotian counterparts. Rather, they preferred to focus solely on the issue of re- mains recovery as a measurement of coopera- tion on the MIA issue from those countries.

The U.S. government, particularly the last administration, has often appeared to equate activity on recovery efforts, regardless of any subsequent results, with progress on the issue. This is not an insignificant point, the Defense Department has expended a substan- tial amount of money on remains recovery over the past decade, which begs the fol- lowing question. Are North Korea, Vietnam and Laos truly interested in bilateral coopera- tion on this issue, or are they using it as a source of badly needed hard currency?

This is especially pertinent concerning the case of North Korea. According to the Congress- ional research service, 298 sets of re- mains were repatriated from North Korea be- tween 1990–96, and 107 sets since 1996 when joint exhumation efforts began. During the period of 1990–96, the United States paid North Korea $867,000 for their unilateral re- trieval efforts. When joint efforts began in 1996, the price tag sharply increased—we paid $6.3 million for the 77 sets of remains ex- humed through November of last year.

Given that only eight sets of remains have been identified as U.S. soldiers, although ten more are appraised to be possible, we have in effect been paying the North Koreans $400,000 per body, an outrageous sum and certainly not evidence of North Korean “cooperation.”

While the Vietnamese were not quite so brazen in their profiteering on the MIA issue, there is considerable evidence that they main- tained a mortuary storehouse of sorts of U.S. re- mains, and doled these out over time. Most analysts, including those at the Library of Con- gress, agree that if this did occur, the supply of stored bodies was depleted in the early 1990s.

Regrettably, in its rush to normalize rela- tions with Vietnam, the Clinton administration decided to overlook any evidence that Hanoi was holding on to or selling remains for profit to it. This pattern was later re- peated when the administration sought the est-ablishment of trade relations. The opportunity to use trade and recognition as leverage to esti- mations of the possibility of living Americans still being held by P’yongyang. While this possibility, if it still exists, becomes more remote with each passing year, the es- capes of several South Korean veterans of the 1950–53 war in recent years means this can- not be totally discounted. If any Americans are still being held in captivity in North Korea, and we know that four deserters still re- side there, they should have the opportunity to return home before they die.

It is my hope that our bilateral relations can improve and will lead to a further clarification regarding the safe return of any living POW’s who may still be in captivity in Korea or else-where.

Americans should always remember the love of country that America’s veterans have shown as well as their personal sacrifices, courage, convictions and dedication to free- dom that these individuals have exhibited.

To quote a portion of President Abraham Lincoln’s letter to a mother who lost five sons on the battlefield: “I cannot refrain from ten- dering to you the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereave- ment, and leave you only the cherished mem- ory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.”

May it be of some solace to the families and loved ones of our missing and POW’s that there are many of us in the Congress com- mitted to a full and final accounting of our missing.

In light of recent events in New York City, we hope that we will not be faced with a future POW/MIA issue from any resulting military ac- tion that we may undertake in Southern Asia.

HONORING MARTI DUPREY
HON. SCOTT MCDONNELL
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and acknowledge the selfless contributions of an extremely important mem- ber of our community. Ms. Marti Duprey has spent the majority of her life caring for and helping others. She has continuously put the well being of others ahead of her own.

Ms. Duprey, a Catholic nun, moved to Glen- wood Springs, Colorado in 1973 after having spent eighteen years working with the Rev. Jesse Jackson’s “Operation Breadbasket” in Chicago. Her education, consisting of Bach- elor’s Degrees in education and social work and a Master’s Degree in counseling, provided her with the proper tools for her work with the community of Glenwood Springs ever since. She provides three very important functions for the residents of Glenwood Springs. Wheth- er it is her involvement in the Defiance Com- munity Theatre, her counseling in the Helping Hands Grief Group or as Program Manager for Mountain Valley Weavers, she selflessly helps others find ways of expressing them- selves in a more self-reliant manner and pro- vides them with outlets that will increase their confidence and happiness.

Marti Duprey provides very important serv- ices for the grieving, the disabled and many other members of her community. Her com- passion for others makes her truly a valuable member of the Glenwood Springs community.

I would like to recognize Ms. Marti Duprey for her wonderful efforts and contributions that have touched the lives of so many. Her acts of care and compassion deserve our recogni- tion and I would like to extend my best wishes and warm regards to her for many years to come.

Tribute to Dr. Ronald T. Farrar
HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ronald T. Farrar of South Carolina, on the occasion of his retirement from the College of Journalism and Mass Com- munication at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Farrar is the epitome of what a college professor should be, and he is re- spected and loved by faculty and students alike.

In 1986, Dr. Farrar became a professor of history, media law and introduction to jour- nalism at the University of South Carolina, until assuming the position of interim dean in July of 1999. Dr. Farrar’s career achievements speak for his dedicated service as an extraor- dinary college professor, teacher, adminis- trator, mentor, and respected member of the media.

After earning his Ph.D. in Journalism History from the University of Missouri in 1965, Dr. Farrar went on to serve as a professor/chair- man in the journalism departments at Indiana University, The Southern Methodist University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Farrar served as a reporter, news editor, general manager and circulation manager of the Arkansas Democrat, Daily Press, Arkan- sas Gazette, and Daily Iowan newspapers. From 1957 to 1958, he served as 2nd Lieuten- ant of the U.S. Army.
Along with the many articles Dr. Farrar has authored and published, he has written such books as “Reluctant Servant” (Missouri, 1968); “Mass Media and the National Experience”, with John H. Steverson (Harper & Row, 1971); “College 101” (Peterson’s Guides), 1985, 1988; “Mass Communication: An Introduction to the Field” (West, 1988; Brown, 1995); “The Ultimate College Profession: Walter Williams, Journalist to the World” (Missouri, 1996).

Dr. Farrar is deeply respected in the field of journalism and academics. His expertise and talent have earned him commissions to write numerous articles and conduct national studies. He has been awarded various grants and certificates of achievement, including the Distinguished Service Medal for Research in Journalism in 1969 by the Society of Professional Journalists for Reluctant Servant; The Story of Charles G. Ross. From 1971 to 1973, he was a consultant for continuing study of television audiences for the Public Broadcasting System. Faculties for the US government, private sectors and journalistic associations have been privileged to have him serve on their boards.

His long career achievements include award research grants from the Keltenborn Foundation, U.S. Steel Foundation, Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Indiana Research Foundation, Kentucky Press Association, Kentucky Humanities council, National Endowment for the Humanities, Sigma Delta Chi Foundation, University of Kentucky Research Foundation, University of South Carolina Research Foundation, Southern Regional Education Board, and Freedom forum.

Dr. Farrar was appointed the Reynolds-Faunt memorial Professor in 1986 and held that professorship until his retirement. He will now be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Ronald T. Farrar for the incredible service he has provided through a lifetime in the academic community. I sincerely thank him for his outstanding contributions, congratulate him on his recent retirement, and wish him good luck and Godspeed in his future endeavors.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER ROBERT STEPHEN BOUDREAU

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of a fine New York City Firefighter, Robert Stephen Boudreau.

On April 11, 1942, in the small village of Gaytons, New Brunswick, Canada, Robert Stephen Boudreau was born to Marie and Joseph. He was the youngest of four sons. Bob grew up in Canada and came to the United States in the early 1960’s. From 1964–1966 he served as a Military Policeman in the Continental Headquarters Command of the United States Army. September 24, 1967, Judy Weider and Bob were married.

A year later, November 30, 1968, Bob became a proud member of the New York City Fire Department. His first assignment was Ladder Company 47 in the Bronx and then College Point in Queens. Bob was promoted to Lieutenant on April 2, 1983 and was a cover & duty officer for a year in Battalion 34 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. From there, Engine Company 238 in Greenpoint became his permanent assignment. On October 31, 1989, Bob was promoted to Captain, where he was on covering assignments in Division X until his retirement. He was a member of Engine 270 in Richmond Hill. Prior to his retirement, Bob served at Engine 302 and Ladder 155 in South Ozone Park, Queens. Although his love for the Fire Department will never waiver, Bob officially retired on July 8, 2001, after spending close to 33 years on the department. Today, September 22, 2001, members of every firehouse Bob has served in come together to celebrate his accomplishments and to cheer him on to his retirement.

During their marriage, Bob and Judy were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Kimberly Anne, Denise Marie, and on Valentine’s Day 1976, Danielle Valerie joined their family. In 1995, Bob welcomed two “sons” to the family when Denise married Tom Scott and Kimberly married Steven Goldberg. Bob will soon be welcoming another “son” to the family when Danielle and Alan DeLellis marry. After raising three daughters, Bob became the grandfather of Evan James on March 15, 1999, and twins, Dylan Thomas and Ryan Gerard on July 19, 2001, and he and Judy look forward to yet another grandchild in February. Bob’s greatest loves are his family and friends, and the time he has spent serving as a New York City Firefighter.

HON. GARY G. MILLER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the students, teachers, parents, and support staff of Suzanne Middle School.

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND SUPPORT STAFF OF SUZANNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEE SPERRY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Colorado is growing at a tremendous pace and it requires sincere dedication and knowledge to help manage such expansion. After sixteen years of service to the people of Delta County as a member of the Planning Commission, Lee Sperry has decided to hand in his resignation. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the important contributions that Lee has made and thank him for his years of service.

A lot has changed since Lee first joined the Planning Commission. Ideas of unbridled growth have been tempered with concerns of...