open land preservation. Throughout this fundamental change, Lee has always attempted to maintain a balanced perspective between the county’s master plan and the desires of the public seeking to live out their goals and dreams. Lee has a keen interest in ensuring that the common person is not overlooked in deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, as we wrestle with the issue of growth in Colorado, Lee Sperry has done an outstanding job shepherding that process for over sixteen years. He has truly helped to preserve the heritage of Colorado while allowing it to progress into the future judiciously. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Lee today and I extend my warmest regards to him upon his retirement and wish him many happy years to come.

HONORING THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY ON SIGNING AN INTERFAITH AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

HON. JIM SAXTON
OF NEW JERSEY
HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO
OF NEW JERSEY
HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SAXTON, Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey as among the first in the nation to create a formal Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation between their faith communities.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis have committed themselves to eliminating all forms of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, racism and religious intolerance, and in promoting mutual understanding.

In the spirit of their respective traditions, this Agreement affirms the continuing commitment of these two communities to uphold and observe the right of every human being to freedom of religion and conscience.

We believe this Agreement is a shining example of a sound and lasting basis for continuing development of interfaith cooperation. We join the members of both the Catholic and Jewish communities worldwide in expressing appreciation to the efforts of the Catholic-Jewish Commission to build a bridge of faith and peace.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratulating the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey on their historic achievements and the signing of their interfaith Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation.

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IN MEMORY OF EDITH FINLAYSON
HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Wisconsin lost a true friend on Wednesday, with the passing of Edith Finlayson.

Edith was a self-made woman, an outstanding example for my daughters and for all young women. She was the daughter of a Baptist minister, and she drew on her faith for strength and guidance throughout her life. She earned a nursing degree and pursued advanced education in nursing administration. Edith and her husband William moved to Milwaukee in 1958. She became the first African American nurse at Milwaukee’s Veterans Administration hospital. Her talents and hard work won her the position of head nurse in the hospital’s paraplegic unit.

When her own health failed, Edith left the VA hospital, but she did not retire. Instead, she began a long and illustrious second career as what our hometown newspaper aptly described as a “professional volunteer.” Wisconsin’s governor appointed Edith to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in 1980, and she represented the children of our community for decades with caring and distinction. Edith’s dedicated leadership contributed immeasurably to the decision to bring doctoral programs to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She was also an active steward of institutions including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Area Technical College, the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Milwaukee Urban League, the NAACP and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.

Edith Finlayson exemplified our Nation’s finest spirit. She was an American who defined her citizenship not by her place of birth, but by her commitment to the betterment of our community. Though Wisconsin is diminished by her loss, we remain inspired by her example.

Tribute to Frank J. Tornetta

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia at Montgomery Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their fifty years of academic and clinical training of nurse anesthetists.

Dr. Tornetta founded the school in 1951 to provide the community with highly educated and clinically competent nurse anesthetists. Over the past fifty years, the school has graduated over 300 students. The nurse anesthetists from the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia are respected in their various fields and hold many high level positions in academic and administration fields. The school is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia.

A strong academic partnership exists between the La Salle University School of Nursing and the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia. This partnership has also received a one million dollar grant through the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia has been a premier institution at Montgomery Hospital for fifty years. It has developed a long tradition of excellence and a highly regarded reputation. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in the health care field in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL E. RIO ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable civil servant and protector of the public. I would like to honor Chief Michael E. Rio on his retirement from the Chicago Ridge Police Department and to pay tribute to his many years of service to the officers and citizens of the village of Chicago Ridge. Chief Rio retired from service to the department on August 31, 2001.

Chief Rio is a 31-year veteran of the Chicago Ridge Police Department. Hired as a patrol officer in 1970, he had risen to the rank of Detective and then was appointed Chief in August of 1987. He was the first member of the Chicago Ridge Police Department to attend the prestigious FBI national academy. His dedication, excellence, and courage can be seen through the numerous awards and commendations he has received, including two Awards of Valor for his actions in life-threatening incidents. Also, during his many years of service, Chief Rio has been instrumental in reforming the Chicago Ridge Police Department, making it one of the most state-of-the-art facilities around.

Chief Rio is well regarded by his family and the community for his personal character, honesty, and integrity. He is a father of four children, Linda, Joseph, Michelle, and Michael Jr., as well as the proud grandfather of six.

Mr. Speaker, as Chief Rio leaves behind a long and rich history at the Chicago Ridge Police Department, I would ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. LEONARD

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of the Honorable William E. Leonard, the father of the Honorable Bill Leonard, member of the California Assembly, 83rd District.

Mr. Leonard earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from UC Berkeley in

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1944, and served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 where he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. After his military service, he joined his father at the Leonard Realty & Building Company. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977, and was appointed to the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993, and served as its chair in 1990 and 1991. Prior to that he was a member of the state’s Athletic Commission from 1956 to 1958. He currently serves on the state’s High-Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Leonard has been actively involved in a number of community organizations. He is a member and past director of the San Bernardino Host Lions, a founding member and president of Inland Action, Inc., and a member of the National Orange Show Board of Directors, where he has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. He served on the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors, San Bernardino Valley Foundation, St. Bernadine’s Hospital Foundation, and the University of California at Riverside Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the State of California, and his involvement in bringing the Foothill Freeway to I–15 and Route 210 as the William E. Leonard Interchange. A dedication ceremony took place on July 20, 2001.

Mr. Leonard’s exemplary record of service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for the service he has provided to his community.

HONORING JOSEPH JURKULAK
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. McNINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a very caring and considerate individual who recently passed away. Joseph Jurkulak was a modest man who gave so much to the children of his community. Mr. Jurkulak was Glenwood Springs, Colorado’s “Secret Santa” for the last nineteen years. He died in his home in Glenwood Springs at the age of 86.

In 1965, Mr. Jurkulak and his wife Ann moved from Denver to Glenwood Springs after Joseph retired as a construction superintendent. He was a loving husband and father but will be remembered by most for his generosity to the children of his community. In the early 1960s, Joe joined the Toys for Tots project and began collecting and fixing used toys. These toys became the highlight of many children’s Christmas celebration after they were distributed by local police departments. He asked the police to keep his identity anonymous so that the department would receive credit for the gifts. For nineteen years, he made sure that not one child in his community went without a Christmas gift.

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Mr. Speaker, Joseph Jurkulak will certainly be missed by his family and community. He dedicated his retired life to bringing smiles to youngsters throughout Glenwood Springs. I extend my deepest regrets and warmest regards to Joseph’s family and friends during this time of mourning.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF
HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. McCarthy of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. SCOTT for their hard work and willingness to work together to find a common ground on the Juvenile Justice Bill which includes an important crime study provision.

The crime study provision, which I offered during subcommittee mark-up, directs the National Institute of Justice to conduct a crime study on gun violence-related injuries and deaths by youth in schools and communities. This study focuses on the relationship between victims and violent youth; the criminal act and location; and details about the firearm used in the crime.

The purpose of this provision is to examine this data and develop new ways to prevent violence in our schools.

Today school violence is reported simply as an act of violence. There is not a focus on what kind of firearm was used; or if there was an act of violence. There is not a focus on preventing violence or injuries. This study focuses on the relationship between the victim and the culprit.

Let’s be honest here, when kids are killing kids—we should be doing everything we can to prevent it. We should be figuring out the links between violent acts so we can put measures in place to stop them. A very real and easy way to prevent these tragedies is to see what is happening where and when.

If we continue to turn a blind eye to violence in our schools we will never be able to put an end to their violence.

Our children need and deserve to feel safe in their schools. Let’s work together and give their schools a chance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this important provision as part of the Juvenile Justice bill and I urge all my colleagues to support the overall bill.

“THE TRUE AMERICA”

HON. STEVE ISRAEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. Israel. Mr. Speaker, last week, our country, this community, was struck by tragedy. We lost family and friends, firefighters and police, loved ones and heroes. For our families, we offer our prayers. For President Bush, Major Giuliani, and Governor Pataki, we offer our thanks. For the cowards who committed these atrocities, we submit our resolve. On Friday, the President asked me to join with him at ground zero. In the wreckage of the World Trade Center, we saw a place of war . . . but also a place of great hope.

We saw, we smelled, we heard the signs of war: twisted metal . . . shattered windows . . . acrid, smoking ruins. As our Air Force jet passed, the clouds were low, and smoke billowed from the wreckage below, casting a gray shroud over lower Manhattan.

But amidst the devastation, we also saw the signs of the true America.

As our motorcade drove slowly down the west side highway, the clouds broke, and the sun shone brightly on the Statue of Liberty, reflecting the very best of our country.

Amidst the devastation, rescue workers planted small American flags, in their battered helmets.

They were weary from digging to save lives for three days, yet still able to raise their arms high and shout, “USA, USA, USA” when our President arrived.

I met our neighbors—one from East Islip, the other from Huntington Station—who had been working in that rubble since the calamity struck, defiantly insisting on hope with every brick they moved. I salute them and all of our unsung heroes who continue to provide comfort in a time of tragedy and save lives in a time of war.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is the America that was in my mind later that night, after I returned to Washington, and voted to give our President the authority he needs to protect the freedoms we hold so dear, the freedoms our Constitution offers us in its very first words, the Preamble:

“...to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

We didn’t choose this fight. It chose us. And now we have no choice but to respond for the lives lost . . . and to preserve a uniquely American way of life:

“...Americans saw blood . . . and then lined up for hours to give it. We saw disaster . . . but not defeat. We felt fear . . . but now we join together in faith.”

Our American democracy built by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Lincoln will not be weakened by cowardly terrorists.

As Alexis de Tocqueville said over a century ago: “Americans are great—because they are good.” And we know well that good always triumphs over evil.

Ladies and gentlemen, that night, when I cast my vote on the Floor of the House to authorize the use of force, I was conscious of all these things.

And I was aware of the fact that sixty years before, from that very same place, President Roosevelt summoned America into a monumental crusade against evil. We remember his speech, calling that day one of “infamy.” But I want to leave you with other words he prophesied in the very same speech:

“We must accept finite success amid infinite possibility—to brace ourselves for an endless war—without war. . . . to gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God.”