in prayer that this be a battlefield of the last one", or a nation representing people from around the world. The City of Chicago has a thriving community of Arab Americans who are not all Muslims. Regardless of religion, all law-abiding citizens of Chicago and other communities deserve full protection of the law against all acts of intolerance. The principle of justice for all shall remain unchanged.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of any resolution addressing hate crimes within our border.

HON. JERROLD NADLER
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Deborah Jacobs Welsh. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Welsh, but because of her courage and selflessness, I am able to stand here today on the floor of the House of Representatives and honor her memory.

Debbie, as her friends and family lovingly call her, was a flight attendant on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked on that fateful morning of September 11 and then crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania.

But that’s only part of the story.

Debbie and others aboard Flight 93 were aware that this hijacking was part of a bigger, coordinated terrorist attack. They knew that not only were their own lives at stake, but the lives of countless people on the ground also hung in the balance. Putting aside their own safety and well-being and overcoming paralyzing fear, several passengers and crew members banded together and vowed to take back control of the plane. Anyone who knows Debbie, knows that, without a doubt, she was part of the group that fought to the end, refusing to give in to the hijackers.

She could not express the rollercoaster of emotions running through me on that tragic day, especially when I learned of the heroic actions of those on Flight 93 which, according to authorities, was likely headed for the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. I cannot fathom the further devastation Flight 93 would have wrought if not for Debbie and the others who made the ultimate sacrifice, all in the name of protecting their fellow Americans and our nation. Because of these courageous individuals, I stand here today unharmed, as do my colleagues, members of my staff, and hundreds of other people who work on Capitol Hill.

The bravery Debbie demonstrated in her final moments was not an isolated incident. Throughout her life, she always stood up for what was right. Debbie was a flight attendant on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked on that fateful morning of September 11 and then crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania. Debbie had a heart-rending reminder that blood is thicker than politics. In the shadow of that graceful Missouri monument we were told by the late Senator James "Pete" Wilson of California, "The passion and faults of human nature", as he signed, funded, promoted, lobbied, voted, and reiterated against the war.

Mr. Chairwoman, in conclusion, I know I speak for my departed father, Mr. Stuart Symington, by saying that this day's battle would end no sooner than the last man would rise and advance in unashamed tears, they embraced, and held one another close. Had the veterans of Wilson's Creek enjoyed a similar chance to mourn, this Compensation to the Union, parapets where they were met not by gunfire, but by the cheers and welcoming arms of their former foes. Shedding unashamed tears, they embraced, and held one another close. Had the veterans of Wilson's Creek enjoyed a similar chance to mourn, this Compensation to the Union, parapets where they were met not by gunfire, but by the cheers and welcoming arms of their former foes. Shedding unashamed tears, they embraced, and held one another close. 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Debbie will definitely be sorely missed, but she will never be forgotten. Her actions will live on as an example for all Americans. I know I speak for myself and my colleagues, when I say, “Thank you, Debbie. For everything.”

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS
HONORING EXEL OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
HON. KEN BENTSEN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, on September 27, 2001, the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce will present Exel with the 2001 Industry of the Year Award at their Annual Salute to Industry. Although I will not be able to attend this ceremony, I want to congratulate all the employees at Exel, and in particular the Chief Executive Officer Bruce Edwards, for their excellence in operation and their ongoing commitment to our community.

The Industry of the Year Award, the highest honor presented by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, is awarded each year to an area business whose mission emphasizes a strong commitment to the community. Exel is a world leader in supply chain services. Throughout their operations Exel has aggressively employed advanced technology, maintained an industry-focused approach, and expanded its global coverage to include 1,300 locations in 120 countries. Within the Gulf coast region alone, Exel employs over 780 people, operate on three local campuses, and services such companies as Dow, ExxonMobil, and Compaq Computers.

Exel has clearly demonstrated their commitment to our community. The Exel Foundation, working in close partnership with the employees, contributes over $1 million annually to local charities. At Exel, they value the importance of investing in our nation’s young people and plan to introduce educational programs in those nations where Exel has a material presence.

In closing, I want to congratulate the employees of Exel for their exemplary model of community activism and wish them continued success in future endeavors.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE
HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Armenian Republic on the nation’s Tenth Anniversary of Independence. Today, citizens of Armenia, as well as people of the United States and around the world celebrate their independence from the former Soviet Union. Sadly, they will also be mourning the victims of the September 11th attack on our country. Armenia’s early response to the attack was to assist American citizens in the United States and around the world celebrate their independence from the former Soviet Union. Sadly, they will also be mourning the victims of the September 11th attack on our country. Armenia’s early response to the attack was to assist American citizens in the United States and around the world.

The people of Armenia have endeavored to create a free and proud nation, based on the principles of democracy and a market economy. The tiny, landlocked Republic of Armenia is surrounded by hostile neighbors, who have imposed blockades halting the delivery of basic necessities and greatly hindering economic development. Despite the dual blockades, Armenia continues to implement economic and democratic reforms. During the first six months of this year, Armenia’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 6.4 percent over last year’s level. And during the last year, both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have publicly noted Armenia’s economic progress.

Despite this progress, I would like to say that the economic reality of daily life for the people of the Republic of Armenia continues to be extremely hard.

Mr. Speaker, it was the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 that allowed the Armenian people to re-establish a state and a nation, to create a society where their language, culture, religion and other institutions would prosper. The people of Armenia have endeavored to build a free and proud nation, based on the principles of democracy and a market economy. The tiny, landlocked Republic of Armenia is surrounded by hostile neighbors, who have imposed blockades halting the delivery of basic necessities and greatly hindering economic development. Despite the dual blockades, Armenia continues to implement economic and democratic reforms. During the first six months of this year, Armenia’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 6.4 percent over last year’s level. And during the last year, both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have publicly noted Armenia’s economic progress.

Despite this progress, I would like to say that the economic reality of daily life for the people of the Republic of Armenia continues to be extremely hard.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that as we mark future Independence Days of the Republic of Armenia, we can look back with pride on building peace and prosperity in the entire Trans-Caucasus region, so that the people of Armenia and their neighbors can enjoy a stable and hopeful future. I hope that the Republics of Turkey and Azerbaijan will respond positively to Armenia’s repeated offers to normalize relations. Specifically, I hope that Turkey will allow