in prayer that this be a battlefield of the last war which will ever be fought on native Mis
osouri or in my own state. His words call to mind a speech Abe Lincoln made in 1838 to the Young Men's Lyceum in that other Springfield, Illinois: "From where", he said, "should we turn? To the rescue he confirmed the spirit he had already seeded with the ap
eal he made in his First Inaugural Ad
dress. "We are not enemies, but friends. We
must not be enemies. Though passion may
have strained, it must not break, our bonds of affection."

Reconciliation—the second lesson of Wil
son's Creek—answered the appeal long before Appomattox. Last spring my wife and I journeyed down the Mississippi on his own Creek. Missourians answered this ap
peal of affection.''

"The trysting place". For there, during inter
day's battle hardly yet settled—in an area of no-man's-land that became known as "the trysting place". For there, during inter
dules in the fighting, they traded coffee, to
gether-with the dust of their rifles and met together—with the dust of their rifles and met together. As it is we must assume their spirits
meet, the result would surely have been the
same. As it is we must assume their spirits mingle kindly together and hove approvingly over us today.

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 Rep
resentatives and honor her memory.

Debbie, as her friends and family lovingly
call her, was a flight attendant on United Air
lines 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 para
lyzing 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 Cap
itol Building in Washington, DC. I cannot fath
om 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 indi
viduals, I stand here today unharmed, as do my colleagues, members of my staff, and hun
dreds 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, often against the grain. She could not ignore injustices she encoun
tered. She could light up a room with her smile and her wonderful sense of humor. Debbie showed the same level of loyalty and concern to strangers as she did her family, and it's easy to see why she was loved by so many.

In spite of the terrorist attacks on our coun
try, our nation's motto has not changed; it is still "Ex Pluribus Unum!" that is, "out of many
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 commu
nities deserve full protection of the law against all acts of intolerance. The principle of justice for all shall remain unchanged.

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