LADY LIBERTY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 24, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, everyone’s thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been forever altered by this tragedy. Several days after the attack, I received a copy of a poem entitled “Lady Liberty Still Stands Tall.” It was written by a good friend, Dr. Ken Webster. I wanted to share this touching poem with my colleagues.

LADY LIBERTY STILL STANDS TALL
(By Kenneth E. Webster)
The New York Harbor was attacked, As the twin towers came tumbling down, With Lady Liberty standing by, She shed a tear and a frown.
I've watched this harbor over 100 years, And welcomed thousands to our shores, The tired, poor and huddled masses, As I lift my kite beside the golden door.
People come from all over the world, Yearning for a life that is free. They could count on safe harbor here, For our democracy is the key.
But on September 11 the year 2001, Some terrorists attack—what a pity. I saw them fly right past my torch, As others who visit New York City.
I could see the terror in the eyes, Of everyone who's listened to the plan. It headed straight for the twin towers, Soon to inflict them all with pain.
I saw the terrible crash occur, I couldn’t believe my eyes. The buildings exploded into the sky, And I knew many would lose their lives.
I’ve never cried here in the harbor, I’ve always remained straight and strong, But today my eyes were shown, As terrorists perform a terrible wrong.
But I’m still standing for all to see, That America is the land of the free. We’ll survive as we have before, And I’ll stay here for all to see.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. DAVE CAMP
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education at Ferris State University (FLITE), which is being dedicated today as the Federal Depository Library in the 4th District of Michigan.

I am honored to have assisted Richard Cochran, Dean of Library Services and Education, in making this day possible. Designating the FLITE as a Federal Depository Library will be a tremendous asset to the community, as well as the university’s students.

This is a proud moment for everyone at the dedication today as the FLITE becomes one of more than 1,300 libraries across the country that offers the American public access to information from the three branches of government. As a federal depository library, the FLITE now has the responsibility for assuring that the public has free access to that material, and I am confident that Mr. Cochran and his staff will ensure that the public they serve will receive the kind of service expected from a Federal Depository Library.

On behalf of the 4th District of Michigan, I congratulate the Ferris State University community for joining a select number of libraries who serve our citizens with this important resource.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OF TOM REED

HON. BART GORDON
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of a