record of public service and his enduring legacy to his community are matched only by his countless quiet acts of caring for those in need.

All those who knew or were the beneficiaries of Ted Connell and his humanity were enriched by his life and are diminished by his passing. Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” That high measure, Ted Connell’s life was a true success.

Mr. Speaker, if I could just finish with one story, at Ted Connell’s funeral recently in Killeen, Texas, a friend of his, Gaylen Christy, told the story, in the last 2 years where he and Mr. Connell were sitting in a coffee shop, but this time Ted was a patient of chemotherapy.

Rather than worrying about his own concerns, he heard a middle-aged couple at a table nearby talking about their problems. Their son had just been assigned to Fort Hood, but recently thereafter was asked to go to serve his Nation in Bosnia as a helicopter mechanic.

Their problem was they did not know how to get their son’s belongings to the airport in Austin to be freighted back to Pennsylvania to their home, and then to get their son’s car back. Mr. Connell, having heard their concern over their son’s matters, walked over to their table, gave them a card, and said, come talk to me at my car dealership and we will take care of your problem.

He proceeded to provide a driver and a car to take that son’s belongings to the airport in Austin to be freighted back to Pennsylvania to their home, and paid for that driver to fly back to Texas. When Mr. Connell made this offer to this great family, they responded to him by saying, “Sir, we don’t know how we can pay you back.” Mr. Connell answered, “I have already paid you back by raising a son who was willing to serve his Nation in uniform.”

That was the man, Ted Connell. Our Nation will forever remember and be better for his spirit and public service.

AMERICA’S RESPONSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced H.R. 2953, which is legislation to extend and make social health maintenance organizations a permanent part of Medicare+Choice. It is an important benefit option helping seniors maintain a healthy lifestyle longer in their own homes. As such, it represents a fiscally sound approach to managing our long-term health care needs in this country, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

I am fortunate to represent one of the four social HMOs that were approved as part of the initial Medicare demonstration project in 1985. This effort, called the Seniors Care Action Network, or SCAN, provides coordinated personal and health care to more than 50,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties in southern California.

The concept actually originated more than 20 years ago when a group of seniors in my district became frustrated with how difficult it was to get both personal care and health services. The principle underlying SCAN is that some individuals, although relatively happy and healthy, may need some outside assistance to remain in their homes.

These extra services, in the case of SCAN, includes, among other things,
transportation assistance, light housekeeping, prescription drug services, home health care, adult day care, and caregiver relief programs. By providing these services, SCAN expects to keep its seniors healthier longer, relieving the need for them to enter into more costly long-term care facilities.

Participants are not charged an extra fee for the coordinated care approach by SCAN. Instead, SCAN is reimbursed by the centers for Medicaid and Medicare services based on a formula that provides additional reimbursement for more seriously ill seniors, but a slightly smaller fee for healthier participants.

The demonstration project, first approved by Congress as part of the 1994 Deficit Reduction Act, has been revalued by five subsequent acts of Congress. Unfortunately, only four demonstration sites exist now, which means that huge groups of seniors are denied coordinated care as a meaningful alternative to nursing home facilities.

It is time to expand the number of individuals who can benefit from this option by including the social HMOs as a permanent part of Medicare+Choice program. My legislation takes the necessary steps to realize this objective, and I urge all of my colleagues to join with me to pass this important bill.

FOREIGN INTERVENTIONISM

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the last 2 weeks have been tough for all Americans. The best we can say is that the events have rallied the American spirit of shared love and generosity. Patriotism was put on hold as it well should have been. We now, as a free people, must deal with this tragedy in the best way possible. Punishment and prevention is mandatory.

We must not, however, sacrifice our liberties at the hand of an irrational urgency. Calm deliberation in our effort to restore normalcy is crucial. Cries for dropping nuclear bombs on an enemy not yet identified cannot possibly help in achieving this goal.

Mr. Speaker, I returned to Congress 5 years ago out of deep concern about our foreign policy of international interventionism and a monetary and fiscal policy, I believe, would lead to a financial and dollar crisis.

Over the past 5 years, I have frequently expressed my views on these issues and why I believe our policies should be changed. This deep concern prompted me to seek and receive seats on the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on International Relations.

I sought to thwart some of the dangers I saw coming, but as the horrific attacks show, these efforts were to no avail. As concerned as I was, the enormity of the twin-pronged crisis that we now face came with a ferocity no one thought possible. Now we must deal with what we have and do our best to restore our country to a more normal status.

I do not believe this can happen if we ignore the truth. We cannot close our eyes or think about what has brought us to this international crisis. We should guard against emotionally driven demands to kill many bystanders in an effort to liquidate our enemy. These efforts could well fail to punish the perpetrators while only expanding the war and making things worse by killing innocent noncombatants and further radicalizing Muslim people.

It is obviously no easy task to destroy an almost invisible ubiquitous enemy spread throughout the world without infringing on or infringing on our liberties here at home. Above all else that is our mandate and our key constitutional responsibility, protecting liberty and providing for national security.

My strong belief is that in the past efforts in the U.S. Congress to do much more than this has diverted our attention and, hence, led to our neglect of these responsibilities. Following the September 11 disasters, a militant Islamic group in Pakistan held up a sign for all the world to see. It said: “Americans, think! Why you are hated all over the world.” We abhor the messenger, but we should not ignore the message.

Here at home we are told that the only reason for the suicidal mass killing we experienced on September 11 is that we are hated because we are free and prosperous. If these two conflicting views are not reconciled we cannot wisely fight nor win the war in which we now find ourselves. Understand why the hatred is directed toward Americans and not any other Western country.

In studying history, I, as many others, have come to the conclusion that war is most oft sparked for economic reasons, but economic wars are driven by moral and emotional overtones. Our own revolution was fought to escape from the excessive taxation but was inspired and driven by our desire to protect our God-given right to liberty.

The War Between the States, fought primarily over tariffs, was nonetheless inspired by the abhorrence of slavery. It is this moral inspiration that drives people to suicidally fight to the death as so many Americans did between 1850 and 1865.

Both economic and moral causes of war must be understood. Ignoring the importance of each is dangerous. We should not casually ignore the root causes of our current fight nor pursue this fight by merely accepting the explanation that they terrorize us out of jealousy.

It has already been written that Islamic militants are fighting a holy war, a jihad. This drives them to commit acts that to us are beyond comprehension. It seems that they have no concern for economic issues since they have no regard even for their own lives, but an economic issue does exist in this war. It is oil.

When the conflict broke out between Iran and Iraq in the early 1980s, we helped to finance and arm Iraq and Saddam Hussein. At that time, Anwar Sadat of Egypt profoundly stated, “This is the beginning of the war for oil.” Our crisis today is part of this long-lasting war over oil.

Osama bin Laden, a wealthy man, left Saudi Arabia in 1979 to join American-sponsored so-called freedom fighters in Afghanistan. He received financial assistance, weapons and training from our CIA, just as his allies in the Kingdom continued to receive the same from us today.

Unbelievably, to this day our foreign aid continues to flow into Afghanistan, even as we prepare to go to war against her. My suggestion is, not only should we stop this aid immediately, but we should never have started it in the first place.

It is during this time, bin Laden learned to practice terror tragically with money from the U.S. taxpayer, but it was not until 1991 during what we referred to as the Persian Gulf War that he turned fully against the United States. It was this war, said to protect our oil, that brought out the worst in him. Of course, it is not our oil. The oil, in fact, belongs to the Arabs and other Muslim Nations on the Persian gulf.

Our military presence in Saudi Arabia is what most Muslims believe to be a sacred violation of holy land. The continuous bombing and embargo of Iraq is intensified by the realization that it has contributed to more than a million deaths in Iraq. It is clear that protecting certain oil interests and our presence in the Persian Gulf helps drive this holy war.

Muslims see this as an invasion and domination by a foreign enemy which inspires radicalism. This is not new. This war, from their viewpoint, has been going on since the Crusades 1,000 years ago. We ignore this history at our own peril.

The radicals react as some Americans might react if China dominated the Gulf of Mexico and had air bases in Texas and Florida. Dominating the Persian Gulf is not a benign activity. It has consequences. The attack on the World Trade Center was a warning we ignored. Furthermore, our support for secular governments in the moderate Arab country is interpreted by the radicals as more American control over their region that they want.

There is no doubt that our policies that are seen by the radicals as favoring one faction over another in the