

enormous outpouring of generosity and patriotism. I am proud to call to the attention of my House colleagues one effort within my Congressional District.

At a ceremony in Dayton, Ohio, on October 5, Jeff Cottrell, Ron Witters, and Dana Applegate will present the American Red Cross Disaster Fund a check for \$1 million generated by sales of patriotic T-shirts and sweatshirts celebrating the irrepressible American spirit. Cottrell, Witters, and Applegate operate Screen Works Inc. in the Dayton suburb of Vandalia, Ohio, which manufactures the shirts.

The shirts depict a bold image of the Statue of Liberty and an American eagle with outstretched wings of red, white, and blue, and proclaim, "United We Stand."

The image was designed only hours after the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters. Within three weeks, the company's Web site registered 130,000 hits. Orders have come from all over the United States and around the world.

Much of the work producing the shirts came from volunteers. All profits go to help with the relief effort for the September 11 victims and their families.

The success of this fund-raising effort is a tribute not only to the citizens of the Dayton area but to the people throughout our great Nation who have declared their resolve that, even in these dark moments, America will stand united.

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN THE RELIEF EFFORT AT THE PENTAGON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on the United States, we have witnessed an outpouring of generosity throughout the nation—be it monetary donations to the local volunteer fire depart-

ment, blood donations to the Red Cross or time donations to any number of volunteer organizations assisting in the relief operations at both the Pentagon and the World Trade towers.

In the midst of the human evil and premeditated acts of death and destruction which marked Tuesday, September 11, it was easy to become disheartened. But out of the rubble, time and again, fellow Americans have risen to the occasion, offering a helping hand, a warm meal or a simple smile, thereby restoring our faith in humanity. These acts of service often go unnoticed and unrecognized, but not unappreciated.

The Pentagon, just a few miles from the nation's capital, was a hotbed of volunteer activity. Americans from all over the country put busy lives on hold, taking leave from their jobs and responsibilities at home, some using cherished annual vacation leave, to reach out to fellow citizens. Touring the Pentagon's south parking lot last week, you might find the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association faithfully serving day in and day out, or a church group from Louisiana which had driven through the night only to cook large kettle pots of jambalaya. And of course there were two organizations, which have become a mainstay at disaster sights throughout the country, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. All of these groups, many of them faith based, were instrumental both in the tangible parts of the relief operation, which included blood drives and food preparation, and in the intangible parts, like lifting the spirits of weary rescue workers.

Another organization which was a pivotal part of the relief effort at the Pentagon was Christ in Action, based out of Manassas, Virginia, which is part of Virginia's 10th Congressional district. It is a nonprofit organization which was founded in January 1982 by Dr. Denny and Sandy Nissley.

Christ in Action prepared and served a remarkable 3,000 to 5,000 meals each day. In the twilight hours of the evening and the hours before sunrise, they and their team of volunteers diligently prepared up to 500 breakfasts

to be ready by 5 a.m., for distribution to various areas of the Pentagon where workers could not leave their posts. Between 5–9 a.m., they served another 1,000 to 1,500 breakfasts. And that was just one meal cycle.

Christ in Action's tent was designated the "official" meal place for the entire relief effort by an office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The relief workers that were permitted to leave their sites often retreated to the Christ in Action tent as a treasured respite from the arduous task before them. Located just 200 feet from the crash site, the tent was near the intersection of two newly created "streets" in this impromptu tent city, American Way and Freedom Lane. A large American flag hung behind the stage in the tent, from which various military bands performed during the lunch hour each day, and cards and letters from students and children around the country were gathered in boxes at the foot of the stage, to be read by workers in need of some encouragement during the course of the day.

In this time of need, Christ in Action found strength in its unyielding faith, and has displayed an outpouring of love and warmth to countless relief workers from across the country. Christ in Action answered a call to service before the call was even sounded and in doing so gave us a glimpse of the spirit which will carry our nation through this trying time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on the amendment offered by Mr. HOSTETTLER to the FY02 District of Columbia Appropriations bill on September 25, 2001, rollcall No. 354, I was unavoidably detained on official businesses. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".