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my constituents, Amy Farley. Amy is one of the many youth in our nation who are struggling to deal with the tragedy surrounding the September 11 attacks. As the children of today are our nation's brightest hope for the future, we should reach out to console them and encourage them to express themselves as they cope with these unfamiliar times. I would like to commend Amy and her effort to honor and remember the events of September 11, 2001 by highlighting the poem she submitted to Mauldin High School:

A POEM OF TRIBUTE . . . AND WARNING  
(By Amy Farley, Age 16, Junior at Mauldin High School)

For the mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers,  
For the colleagues, friends, children, and lovers,  
For the three brave men of flight 93,  
For the 200 fighters under Trade Center debris.  
For Father Michael, the FDNY chaplain  
For the thousands who will never see our flag again  
For the students who ran, their lives in danger  
For our president who acts with quiet anger  
For astronauts who see dust and fire from space  
For each battered, broken, and bloody face  
For the Muslims who have been beaten by racists  
For the FBI, as they search for the terrorists  
For all of America as they watch in horror,  
For Britain, as she watches her crippled daughter  
For France, as they stand in a moment of silence  
For the UN, who condemns such acts of violence  
For Iraqis, who have never known freedom  
For the Afghanistans, trusting the men that lead them  
For the women there who live in fright,  
For the young men coerced by bin Laden to fight  
For the Pentagon, once thought impenetrable  
For those trapped in crevices rendered unreachable

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

For the thousands of innocents maimed or killed,  
For the pain and suffering New Yorkers feel  
For the rescuers, convinced that hell's not this bad,  
For the children at home without moms and dads  
For the people who have to clean up the mess,  
For the volunteers who do just as much for less  
For those so hurt that they can't see the light  
For the tables with empty seats tonight,  
For those who eventually have to go back  
For those who saw the sky turn black.  
For all the world, because we've all been affected  
Because of the attack that could not be deflected  
We pray for you all, and hold you near  
As our hearts ache and our eyes tear  
Because of a few violent people out there  
Who just by chance caught the US unaware  
The whole world has been turned upside down  
And now, nothing seems it will ever be sound  
So hear this, world, countrymen and foes  
America will not be disrupted by those  
Who attack viciously in the broad daylight  
We will not surrender this terrible fight  
We will punish who did these heinous crimes  
We will scrape together our nickels and dimes  
So know that we will stand together,  
With liberty and justice for all . . . FOREVER.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2001*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 12, 2001 it was unavoidable that I missed two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 385—Motion to Recommit H.R. 2975, the anti-ter-

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rorism initiative—Yes. Roll Call 386—Passage of H.R. 2975, the anti-terrorism initiative.—No.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO BECKY SMITH

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to acknowledge an extraordinary individual who resides in Colorado's Third Congressional District. Becky Smith, who will be stepping down from the Board of Education in the Bayfield School District, has dedicated her life to education in her community. It is my privilege to have the opportunity to thank her for twelve years of exceptional service.

Ms. Smith has made considerable efforts to support education and children's athletics both inside and outside of the classroom. She is a computer teacher in a neighboring school district and volunteers for numerous school related activities while teaching quilting and sewing classes in her free time. During her tenure on the Board of Education, Becky has held several positions and accomplished many initiatives. As President, Vice-President and Director of the Board, she has helped in acquiring funding for a new elementary school addition, renovating the middle school, building a new high school which included a new athletic facility for the students and surrounding community. Becky is a role model for others who will succeed her on the Board of Education.

Mr. Speaker, Becky Smith has been a true asset to the Bayfield Board of Education. Her contributions to education in her community and her selflessness deeds will not be forgotten. The Bayfield School District and the surrounding communities are grateful for the guidance and leadership that she has displayed. I would like to thank Becky and wish her the all the best in her future endeavors.