

York's Bravest and Finest from the Eighth Battalion, Engine Eight and Ladder Two, of the New York City Fire Department and the Seventeenth Police Precinct of New York City were among those who responded to this terrorist attack without hesitation; risking and, in too many tragic instances, sacrificing their own lives to save the lives of others.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the men and women of the Eighth Battalion, Engine Eight and Ladder Two, of the New York City Fire Department and the Seventeenth Police Precinct of New York City, for their great courage, sacrifice, and enduring spirit in this time of crisis; for risking their lives every day as part of their jobs; for going beyond the call of duty through acts of tremendous and unparalleled heroism on September 11, 2001, and for selflessly continuing to protect New York and its residents from danger in the wake of the worst attack against the United States in the nation's history.

Please join me in extending heartfelt sympathies to the families of all those lost in the tragedy. I also want to honor with our thoughts and prayers those men from the Eighth Battalion, Engine Eight and Ladder Two, of the New York City Fire Department who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001: Chief Thomas D'Angelis, Captain Frederick III, Firefighters Michael Clarke, George DiPasquale, Dennis Germain, Daniel Harlin, Thomas McCann, Carl Molinaro, Dennis Mulligan, and Robert Parro. We will never forget.

Let us today reaffirm our support and commitment to all of the Nation's law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians as they selflessly serve their communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK P.
PERRUCCI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Frank Perrucci. On Saturday, October 27, 2001, the Sicilian Citizen's Club will honor Mr. Perrucci at its 74th Annual Dinner Dance at the Villa Nova in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Frank Perrucci, a native of Bayonne, attended Jersey City State College and Saint Peter's College. A distinguished World War II veteran, he joined the U.S. Maritime Service in 1994 at the age of seventeen. In addition, he honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1945 until 1947.

Throughout his extensive career, Frank Perrucci served and represented the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey. From 1979 until 1984, he was Director of Community Development for the City of Bayonne. In 1984, he served as Secretary to the Warden of the Hudson County Jail. He currently serves as the Secretary to the Register of Hudson County.

In addition to this civic responsibilities, Frank Perrucci has vigorously advocated for the fair and equal treatment of employees working in Hudson County. For 12 years, he served as President of the Laborer's International Union of North America Local 202. Furthermore, for 20 years, he served as a Trustee of the Board for the Agents Trade Union Council of Hudson County and the Hudson County Laborer's Pension, Welfare, and Vacation Fund.

Frank Perrucci and his wife Jean are the proud parents and grandparents of four children and seven grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank Perrucci for his selfless work on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey.

THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
UNTOUCHABLES

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, recent admissions by the CIA and the FBI that they are in need of personnel fluent in Arabic and other Middle Eastern languages constitute a shocking revelation. On a matter so very basic as the capacity to translate and analyze enemy communications every citizen has a right to expect these vital agencies to be prepared. Arabs have been clearly identified as the perpetrators from the bombing of the barracks in Beirut during Reagan's presidency; through the barrack bombing in Saudi Arabia; the bombing of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania; the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center; the bombing of the warship, Coles in Yemen.

It is inconceivable that over this long period of tragedies, the CIA with a more than thirty billion dollar budget has not developed an efficient and effective operation for the translation and analysis of communications in Arabic. When this basic shortcoming is viewed against the blockbuster blunders exposed via the CIA's Aldridge Ames case and the FBI's Robert Hansen case, there is good reason to be-

lieve that incompetence is out of control in a sector where American lives are directly dependent on a high level of performance. Despite its shabby history, the CIA reauthorization was passed last week by voice vote in the House of Representatives amid the loud praises of a Member of Congress who is an ex-employee of the CIA. While exonerating the CIA, the same advocate said that blame for intelligence blunders and lapses must rest on the shoulders of the entire Government. This is a profound partial truth. Every government official must bear the burden of guilt for not being more critical of operations we could see were spinning out of control. We have treated members of the "Intelligence Community;" as if they were untouchables. For the new era after September 11th, every Member of Congress and every American citizen must insist that national security is everybody's business and the public scrutiny of intelligence and law enforcement agencies is our sacred duty. Smugness and slovenliness must not be allowed to jeopardize our economy and welfare. The present peril must not be allowed to continue.

BLAME GAMES ARE FORBIDDEN

Smug American men
Ignoring CIA sin
Yawning when
The FBI blunders again.

Onward the peril goes,
Incompetence that everybody
And the enemy knows,
Huge security holes.

Haughty airline CEO's
Crushing reform foes,
Misplaced profit and safety roles.

Smug American men,
Incest is your secret sin;
Where have all
Your translators been?

No blame games
With Aldrich Ames;
Intelligence fraternal cronies
Well dressed patriotic phonies:

Robert Hansen still
In a suite alive,
Death penalties only
For bums with no information
To trade and survive.

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Huge security holes,
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Intelligence family incest
Is your deadly secret sin.
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