

This list only begins to highlight the vision that Larry has had for Madera. He has continually been dedicated to getting more parks, recreation and leisure activities for all Maderans. In 1999 Mr. Hibdon received the California Parks and Recreation Society District VIII Howard B. Holman Award. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed in the profession of Parks and Community Services by the profession in the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Larry Hibdon for his active and distinguished community involvement. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Larry Hibdon many more years of good health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF BIA/SC
PRESIDENT LUCY DUNN

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Lucy Dunn, of Coto de Caza, California, for her personal and professional commitment to the building industry. Ms. Dunn was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Building Industry Association of Southern California in 1998 and has served in successive years as second and first vice president before being elected president. In addition, Lucy also serves as director and member of the California Building Industry Association and the National Association of Homebuilders, where she serves on the Environmental Committee.

Lucy's involvement is not limited to the building industry however. She has served as a director and/or member of the Orange County Business Council, the Lincoln Club of California, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, the California Office of Historical Preservation Subcommittee on Archaeology, the National Foundation for Economic and Environmental Balance and the Bolsa Chica Conservancy as a founding member.

Orange County Metropolitan magazine ranked Ms. Dunn among the country's "Hot 25" people in business for 1992 and 2000, she was nominated for the Orange County Business Council's "Women in Business Award" in 1995 and 1996, and was recognized as the California State Legislature's "Woman of the Year" in March 1997 for her outstanding service and dedication to the people of California.

As Lucy Dunn completes her term as president I would like to congratulate Ms. Dunn for her service and commitment to her profession and the community. I wish her great success in all her future endeavors.

AN AMERICAN PILOT RETURNS
HOME

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to report to my Colleagues that another brave American

pilot is coming home. However, this one is not returning from an air strike to destroy the Taliban hiding in Afghanistan; this pilot is returning from a mission against the enemies of Freedom who threatened our world over a half century ago in France.

On January 15, 1945, First Lieutenant William Wyatt Patton Jr. of Stark City Missouri disappeared while flying his P-51 Mustang on a weather scouting mission out of an allied air base in Wormingford, England. After the events earlier this year, I am sure than too many families today know firsthand the sorrow and heartache that Lt. Patton's family felt in southwest Missouri when they learned that their son was missing. A year later their son was officially declared dead by the U.S. Army Air Corps. However like those families whose loved ones disappeared in the collapse of the World Trade Center, the sense of closure eluded the family whose son who still had not come home.

William Patton was committed to serving our country. He first tried to enlist long before the outbreak of World War II at age 16. Official disapproval over his young age and small size didn't stop him. Shortly, thereafter he began working at a military mess hall eating what he could to gain the necessary weight and working diligently until he could join the Army. Lt. Patton eventually entered the service in 1934 and was in Hawaii as a seasoned member of the military when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Dedication and perseverance as a young airman marked his career as he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Air Medal; the American Defense Service Medal with One Bronze Star; the European-Africa-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon; Four Bronze Service Stars for participating in action in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, and the Ardennes. He also received the Purple Heart.

All soldiers are not fortunate enough to return home to their families after the battle and enjoy the freedoms they have fought to protect. Unfortunately, Lt. Patton was one of those.

The remains of a P-51 Mustang were recently discovered in a farmer's field near the village of Longueville, France. The United States Army Central Identification Laboratory has now determined the remains of the body inside that aircraft are in fact those of a Missouri farm boy who gave his life as a soldier and as a patriot. Mr. Speaker, Lt. Patton is finally beginning his last journey home to his family in Southwest Missouri after fifty-six years. He will join his comrades in arms from every war since the Civil War in burial at the National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

As our young men and women in the service find themselves today scattered around the world waging war against terrorism, it is important to remember that in war all must be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. Some, sadly, will be required to actually make that sacrifice. However that sacrifice is not only made by the airman, the soldier, the sailor, the marine, or the guardsman, but by their family and their loved ones as well.

To the family of Lt. William Patton, I would like to say thank you, this Congress thanks you, and the citizens of our country thank you. We understand that our freedom is purchased

by the sacrifice made by Lt. William Patton and by you.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
UNION LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in the wake of the September 11th tragedy, the students of Union Local High School completed a painting of a 150 foot American flag; and,

Whereas, they have shown their loyalty and support for the United States of America by boldly showing their patriotic spirit; and

Whereas, the students have been extremely generous in creating and donating to a "September 11th Fund"; and,

Whereas, the students also demonstrate devotion to their country through decorations, songs, speeches, pins, and patriotic enthusiasm;

Therefore, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in thanking the students of Union Local High School for their unmatched allegiance to the United States of America.

TRAGIC TUESDAY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a poem written by an extremely talented individual, Miss Kira Schiavello of Saddle River, NJ. Kira lives in my district which was particularly hard hit by the World Trade Center disaster. The loss of life and strain on our community has been difficult, to say the least. However, we are finding a new strength in the Fifth District of New Jersey. Kira Schiavello has captured the experience of September 11 and the resulting challenges in a moving poem entitled "Tragic Tuesday." Kira displayed an eloquence and insight beyond her young years as she not only depicted this terrible tragedy but also expressed the emotional and soul searching reactions of Americans. I would like to take this opportunity to share her poem with my colleagues. As we work to protect her generation's future, let us be inspired by the true patriotism and strength that they now show.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following poem by Kira Schiavello be submitted to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRAGIC TUESDAY

On September 11, 2001,
America was under attack.
There was an empty gap in NYC,
And the skies above were black.

First, the North twin tower was hit
By a hi-jacked, passenger jet.
The sight of the explosion in the sky,
Americans will never forget.

Then, to the world's shock and disbelief,
The South Tower was crashed into.