

variety of efforts in the month of October—including a Student Council penny drive and a PTA sponsored fundraising dinner—the students of North Elementary managed to gather an amazing sum: \$1,668, over five times what our President requested. The remainder of the money, it was decided, will go to the Red Cross to aid victims of the September 11th tragedy here in the United States.

The students, parents, faculty, and members of the Taylorville community should be recognized for their fine efforts. The terrorists believed they could accomplish their goals with the murder of American innocents; but the American citizens have responded with aid to the innocents of Afghanistan. Nothing else could better show how utterly Al Qaeda has failed.

Mr. Speaker, as President Bush said in his announcement of the Fund for Afghan Children, "One of the truest weapons that we have against terrorism is to show the world the true strength of character of the American people." The children of North Elementary have shown that character, and they deserve our thanks. May God bless them, and may God bless the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CLARENCE  
ROMERO

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to rise and pay tribute to Doctor Clarence Romero, associate professor of psychology, at Riverside Community College upon being named the 2001 United States Professor of the Year. My congressional district is privileged to have Dr. Romero teaching our young adults as he is one of only four awardees recognized each year for extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching.

Skillful, enthusiastic and innovative teachers change the lives of countless students for the better by encouraging curiosity and understanding and by contributing to the development of mind and spirit.

The United States Professors of the Year program, presented by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and directed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, is the nation's most highly respected program to recognize outstanding faculty. The Professor of the Year represents the thousands of dedicated university and college instructors throughout the nation who serve their students, their community and their state with vigor and talent.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has long supported excellence in undergraduate teaching through competitively funding faculty salaries and other initiatives making our system of higher education the envy of many nations. The quality of life and the scope of opportunity for many future citizens will be determined by the quality of teaching in the classroom.

Therefore, I join with all of the citizens in my district in thanking and congratulating Dr. Clarence Romero as he is honored for his devotion to teaching the young minds of our future generations.

HONORING DANIEL S. GOLDIN AS  
THE LONGEST SERVING ADMIN-  
ISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL  
AERONAUTICS AND SPACE AD-  
MINISTRATION

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dan Goldin, who is leaving his position as administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Dan, who was appointed on April 1, 1992, is the longest-serving administrator in the history of NASA. On March 5, 2001, his time in office surpassed that of James Fletcher, who held the previous record of nearly nine years during two separate terms.

As ranking member of the Committee on Science's Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, I have worked with Dan for many years. I have learned that his passion is not limited to the exploration of space. He also cares deeply about the possibilities of science and space to inspire life on Earth. I certainly know that many students in Middle Tennessee have been encouraged and inspired by Dan's vision for space exploration.

Dan initiated his tenure at NASA by leading an agency-wide process to define a NASA Strategic Plan as the consensus definition of the agency's mission and goals. The core guidance in this document states: "NASA's mission success starts with safety. A commitment to safety permeates everything we do." Dan has not wavered in enforcing this priority in every aspect of the agency on the ground and in space.

During Dan's tenure, the International Space Station went from the drawing boards to a fully functional, permanently staffed orbital research laboratory. He directed the Space Station re-design, holding together the coalition of international participants while incorporating the former Soviet Union hardware elements into the design. By developing the cooperative Mir research program with Russia, he enabled Space Station partners to conduct long-term space flight research even before the International Space Station was operational.

Dan's comprehensive strategy for space exploration is exemplified by the "Origins Program." He initiated this program with objectives to understand how the universe has evolved, to learn how life began on Earth, and to see if life exists elsewhere. He formulated a rescue plan for the installation of a "contact lens" on the Hubble Space Telescope, leading to startling discoveries of the cosmos. Dan has challenged the Origins scientists to search for Earth-like planets within 100 light years of Earth. He also has laid the foundation to complete the first scientific census of the solar system and to send the first probe into Interstellar space.

Dan has been a vigorous proponent for increased exploration of Mars. He has established a series of robotic missions that will visit the planet every two years for the next decade and has assured that the public will share in the excitement of Mars exploration. His direction to provide Internet access for the Mars

Pathfinder mission resulted in more than three-quarters of a billion "hits" from people tuning in to the site.

In 1998, Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine honored Dan with the Laurel Award for outstanding achievement in aviation and aerospace. The award was presented along with the commentary that Dan has "delivered on his promise to reshape NASA into a model government agency."

This year Dan was awarded one of one of France's highest and most distinguished honors: the "Officer of the Legion of Honor." This award recognized his contribution to the development and broadening of American-French civil space cooperation through cooperative ventures including the International Space Station, Mars exploration, Earth observations, and the flight of French astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle.

Under Dan's leadership NASA has reached out to honor the victims of last month's terrorist attacks in New York. The next mission of the Space Shuttle Endeavour will carry "Flags for Heroes and Families." Thousands of American flags will be carried into space by Endeavor and its seven member crew and, upon return to Earth, will be distributed to the victims' families and survivors of the September 11 attacks.

Dan always recognized NASA's potential to inspire students to elect careers in science mathematics and engineering. His personal leadership and the NASA programs that he supported have involved hundreds of students in hands-on research experiences. NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program not only allows the students to actually participate in research, but it also pays them a salary as well. This intensive science and engineering apprenticeship program is specifically designed to attract and increase under-represented students' participation and success rates in mathematics, science, technology and engineering courses.

Mr. Speaker, the nation is fortunate to have such outstanding public servants as Administrator Goldin. He has led NASA and its international partners in exploring the frontiers of space and inspiring benefits to life on Earth. Accordingly, it is appropriate today that we recognize and highly commend Daniel Goldin as the longest serving administrator of NASA and that we express our appreciation for his leadership of the nation's space program.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND  
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SPEECH OF

**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 24, 2001*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11th have transformed the policy agenda for our Nation. Over the past six weeks, we have witnessed truly heroic acts by individuals and organizations on behalf of the victims and their families. We have also seen this body work in a truly remarkable bipartisan fashion. In short, the nation has united behind a cause in a manner we have not seen in over a generation.