

from the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as students visiting from nearby elementary and secondary schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Barner and their family for their years of hard work on their Weakley County dairy farm and their dedicated service to their West Tennessee neighbors.

226TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the United States Marine Corps in celebration of the Corps' 226th birthday. As our Nation reacts to the terrorist attacks of September 11, our armed forces have been asked to fight the first war of the 21st Century, a war like no other America has had to endure.

Marine Corps personnel are not adverse to new types of war, making up America's unique capability of an amphibious fighting force from the sea. United States Marines are symbols to the world of American honor, strength and character. Their lineage tells a story of the most difficult wars and conflicts the United States has ever fought.

I am honored to represent active duty, reserve, retired and former Marines in the 4th Congressional District of Florida. Their contribution to the local communities and overall mission of the armed forces enables the citizens of this great nation to reap the benefits of freedom.

The active duty Marines in my district perform the vital mission of supporting forward deployed Marine Corps personnel with sustainable wartime supplies out of Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, FL. These Marines are tasked with coordinating and executing a supply chain of warfighting tools required to perform their combat amphibious mission.

On November 10, the Marine Corps will celebrate the birth of an organization with a heroic legacy of protecting the values that built this great Nation. As we celebrate this birthday let us also remember those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

To all Marines, I say Happy Birthday and offer the words of Admiral Nimitz regarding the make up of a United States Marine, "Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

HONORING MARIE GALLO

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie Gallo as American Legion Post No. 74's "Man of the Year." It is a distinct privilege to recognize Marie as a fine example of selfless service on behalf of her community.

It was once said that Marie Gallo is a giver, always. She is determined that her life has a

purpose, and she sweeps the rest of us along with her. No project is too enormous; no challenge goes unmet.

The list of service organizations that she belongs to is impressive. She has been honored by the Modesto Symphony Guild for her many years of support and faithful service on the Board of Directors. Like the Gallo Foundation and other family members who support countless causes in Modesto, she's often a silent benefactor. As a board member she instituted the very successful "Picnic at the Pops" on the grounds of the Gallo Winery and is responsible for instituting the Symphony Guild's "Holiday Overture" which is held at the Gallo Winery administration building during the holiday season.

Marie is also involved in community activities including chairing projects, hosting luncheons, serving on boards, and ringing Salvation Army bells. She is a driving force behind funding and building the Gallo Performing Arts Center in Modesto.

She has been honored by the Anti Defamation League for her work in bringing all races and classes of people together. She is a founding member of the Auxiliary of the Sisters of the Cross and was instrumental in bringing the contemplative order to Stanislaus County. She also belongs to the Catholic Social Service Guild and Father John Silva Education Foundation.

Marie and her husband, Bob, along with their eight children have set examples for our communities to follow. I am proud to call Marie my friend and honor her for service to our community. I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Marie Gallo.

STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the events of the past months have changed both our world and our lives. Without warning, this country's civilians found themselves on the front lines in the war against terrorism. But our American spirit has prevailed. Though unprecedented obstacles continue to confront us, Americans have joined together to overcome these difficulties. Where terrorists hoped to divide us in chaos, our dedication to persevere made us stronger than ever.

The Members and staff of the House Administration Committee along with the Chief Administrative Officer and his staff, the Attending Physician, and our friends at the General Accounting Office made a vital contribution to battling the recent terrorist strike on our country. When a suspicious letter containing anthrax caused members of Senate Majority Leader TOM DASCHLE, Senator RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD's staff, and members of the Capitol Police Department to test positive for exposure, the Capitol complex closed so that an environmental sweep of the buildings could be conducted as a precautionary measure. While the Congressional office buildings remained closed much longer than had been originally expected, thanks to everyone's efforts, Con-

gress itself was able to remain active and not fulfill the terrorists' goals.

I want to thank everyone who assisted in allowing my staff to conduct business from the GAO offices while our own offices in the Longworth building were closed. Because of their generosity and flexibility, the criminals behind the spread of anthrax failed in their attempt to disrupt democracy and bring the American government to a halt. In this way, they played an important role in the ongoing war on terrorism. I greatly appreciate their willingness to accept some inconveniences in order to achieve a greater goal—to keep America working.'

MY AMERICA

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, we are fortunate to have talented people all across this Country who are able to take the patriotism and appreciation each of us feel for America, our freedoms and liberty and translate them into word and song. Among those talented folk is Gary Davis, who I have had the pleasure of knowing for many years, and whose singing and songwriting career I have had the pleasure of following.

I proudly commend the lyrics of Gary's song, "My America," to my colleagues as a wonderful expression of what makes our Country so great.

MY AMERICA

"She's always there to lend a hand
Where evil forces breed
An' she's the last to turn away
A friend in time of need
Her shoulders bear the burden
Of the helpless and the weak
That's why I love My America
"Her flag is first in battle
For the cause of liberty
Her children die on distant shores
So others' may live free
She's suffered more for freedom
Still, she turns the other cheek
And, that's why I love My America
"Her spirit never waivers
And, her heroes never cease
Her awesome wrath is tethered
By her greater love for peace
Her arms embrace the weary,
The hopeless, and the meek
And, that's why I love My America
(That's why I love My America)
"With her enduring courage
And, God's almighty hand
She'd storm the fiery gates of hell
And boldly, take command
Her victory bells would tell the world
'United, We Will Stand'
And, that's why I love My America."
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