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not forget about New York, just as we have not forgotten about our brave men and women fighting overseas to prevent another attack similar to September 11th.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
KLAGER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of David Denison Klager who recently passed away in Creede, Colorado on November 1, 2001. David, known to others as Dave, will always be remembered as a dedicated contributor to the community. His passing is a great loss for a town that relied on Dave for his kind heart, knowledge, and friendship.

As a member of the Creede community, Dave was constantly volunteering his time and energy for beneficial projects in the area. He served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Homeowner's Association, President and Board of Directors for the Creede Repertory Theater, President of the Creede Historical Society, volunteer for the Creede Historical Museum, and member of the Arts Council. He also served as Senior Warden to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Dave was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed the many activities that Colorado can offer. He was an avid hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier and canoeer. His hobby was woodworking and his work can be seen throughout the City of Creede in places such as St. Augustine's Church, the "Art Park", and Creede Repertory Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Dave will be missed by the many whose lives he has touched in the community. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. His wife Courtney, daughters Kim, Karol, and Karen, as well as several grandchildren survive Dave. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of the Creede community. David Denison Klager dedicated his final years to his neighbors in the City of Creede, Colorado, and he will be greatly missed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3338, the Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002.

In this time of national awareness of the very real threat of terrorism, I believe it is our responsibility as lawmakers to ensure the readiness and quality of life of our military by providing these forces with the necessary resources, equipment and training to defend our nation's interests and to keep the American people secure. With our country at war, it is more important than ever to continue to support our armed forces and provide them with the necessary resources needed to wage this war and protect our nation and our world from terrorism.

Despite my support for this bill, I have strong reservations about the way this bill has placed an added emphasis on programs and provisions that do not address the most pressing needs of our nation.

For example, this measure provides \$7.9 billion for an untested and unproven missile defense program, while providing only \$613 million to improve federal, state, and local bioterrorism preparedness. By moving forward with a costly national missile defense system, we are investing billions of scarce federal dollars in an unproven and dangerous scheme while placing at risk the well-being of our nation in a time of national crisis.

In addition, this Defense Appropriations bill will cut critically needed funding from the Department of Labor's employment and training administration to provide additional funding relief to assist New York's efforts to recover from the September 11th terrorist attack. While there should be no doubting my commitment to the people of New York and their efforts to recover and rebuild after the terrorist attacks, I am concerned that the funding they need may come at the expense of other programs and initiatives deserved of funding.

Specifically, funding in this bill in the employment and training administration was to be used for the New National Emergency Grant program, which would allocate emergency funding to the states to provide health insurance, income support, and job search assistance and training for displaced workers following the September 11th attack. This includes a \$24 million grant for the State of Minnesota to provide assistance to displaced airline employees who have lost their jobs when the government suspended domestic and international air travel. These layoffs have had a devastating impact on these individuals and their families and to Minnesota's economy as a whole. With the huge influx of current layoffs, the state cannot meet the needs of these laid off workers without this emergency grant.

While this is not a perfect bill, with our nation at war, it is a necessary bill. It is imperative that our nation continues to maintain a strong national defense, especially during this time of domestic and international crisis. However, in the weeks and months ahead we must also pledge our commitment to work as a unified Congress to provide increases in additional security, bioterrorism preparedness, and employee assistance measures. Furthermore, we must work to help New York recover

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and rebuild from the devastating attack of September 11th, as well as stimulating our economy and strengthening our nation's infrastructure and safety measures.

CONGRATULATING CLEARFIELD,
PENNSYLVANIA EMS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements of the Clearfield, Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Company. On August 10, 2001, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council chose Clearfield EMS from among 1,000 ambulance service companies statewide to receive the Rural Ambulance Service of the Year Award.

Clearfield EMS garnered such an award not only through exemplary ambulance service, but also through their involvement in the community. Free flu shots and participation at county fairs and festivals are just a couple of the many ways that Clearfield EMS has taken the lead in community education and involvement.

In light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the role of the EMS workers, firefighters, and police officers of Central Pennsylvania is greater than ever. Clearfield EMS and their EMS counterparts throughout the area are among the first to respond to emergencies, and for this important service to our communities, I am grateful. These individuals deserve all of our thanks for dedicating their lives to helping others.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following employees of Clearfield EMS by name:

Paramedics: Scott Briggs, Timothy Lumadue, Christopher Miller, Scott Minich, Robert Mitchell, Michael Mowrey, Lewis Huff, Patrick Cooley

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT): Vicky DeHaven, George DeHaven, Traci Pentz, Melissa Miller, Lorie Bell, Stacy Huff, Frank Warholic, David McAllister, Brian Kellogg, Frank DeHaven, Carol DeSantis, Erin DeSantis

Administrative Staff: Terry Wigfield, Manager; Chad Abrams, Assistant Manager; Pamela Charles, Office Manager; Dr. James DeSantis, Medical Director

Board of Directors: Gary C. Wigfield, President; Gary L. Shugarts, Treasurer; Pamela Spencer, Secretary; Delford Wigfield, Mathew Franson, Thomas Glace

I congratulate Clearfield EMS on their exceptional accomplishments and their determination to improve their already stellar service. Clearfield EMS should serve as an example in excellence for other ambulance services nationwide.