

education. She received her Masters of Science in Human Resources Management from the New School for Social Research; she graduated in the first class of the Pratt Institutes Community Economic Development Program; and also holds a BS in accounting; Vivian is also listed in "Who's Who of American Women". On top of her many other accomplishments, Vivian is a proud wife and mother receiving constant support from her husband of 42 years, Lonnie Bright and their children, Gary, Teresa, Marvin, Jamal, and Tiffany.

Mr. Speaker, Vivian Yvette Bright is a tireless leader in her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS
HONORING THE CREW AND PAS-
SENGERS OF UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be a cosponsor of this resolution memorializing the heroic crew and passengers of United Airlines Flight 93.

On September 11, as the fourth hijacked airplane, United Flight 93, flew west and then southeast, the passengers called friends and family on the ground. They learned the terrible news: hijackers had crashed three other airplanes into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. They knew their plane would also be turned into a fearsome weapon.

The hijackers underestimated the indomitability of the American spirit. We may never know the whole story of the events on Flight 93 after the hijackers seized control. However, the phone calls and the cockpit voice recorder have given us the heart of it: the passengers and crew knew they had to act, and they did. They talked, and they prayed, and then they rushed the cockpit to try to stop the hijackers. A few minutes later, the plane crashed to the ground in rural Pennsylvania.

The nation salutes the crew and passengers of Flight 93 for their bravery in the face of overwhelming danger and almost certain death. If the flight had continued on its path toward the Nation's Capital, many more lives would have been lost. We might also have lost either the U.S. Capitol or the White House, the most powerful symbols of our nation, and known the world over as symbols of the world's greatest democracy.

I especially wish to acknowledge the heroism of Mark Bingham from San Francisco. Six feet five inches tall, Mark had played rugby in college. At thirty-one years old, he was CEO of his own public relations firm. On the street late one night, he had wrestled a gun from the hands of a mugger. He was a risk-taker, a man who lived life to the fullest. I had the opportunity to join his partner, Paul Holm, and his family and friends in celebrating his life at a memorial service in San Francisco. Our hearts go out to them for their loss of this brave man.

House Concurrent Resolution 232 expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States owes its deepest gratitude to the passengers and crew of Flight 93, and calls for the placement of a memorial plaque on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. It is with both great sadness and deep appreciation that I cast my vote for this resolution.

IN HONOR OF FR. JAMES E. GOODE
OFM, PH.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Father James E. Goode, OFM, Ph.D. in recognition of his dedication and commitment to his community, his faith, and in his work in the battle against AIDS.

Father James E. Goode, OFM, Ph.D. is the leading Black Catholic Evangelist in the United States. He is known as the Dean of Black Catholic Evangelists having preached the first Black Catholic Revival in America (1974). The first Black Catholic Revival was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Goode has preached all over the world and is one of the most sought after African American Catholic priests. Father Goode and Rev. Jesse Jackson preached at the Vatican during the Black American Voices in Rome celebration, an event that was sponsored by the Vatican and the City of Rome.

Father Goode was an elected member of the New York City Community School Board in District 16 for two terms. He was the former President of the San Francisco Housing Authority Commission. He also headed the first San Francisco Mayor's Task Force on Drug Addiction and served as a Commissioner for Children, Youth and Families. He was also a Commissioner for the San Francisco Delinquency Prevention Commission, as well as the San Francisco AIDS Council.

Father Goode is a native of Roanoke, Virginia and a proud Franciscan Friar of the Order of Friars Minor, Province of the Immaculate Conception in New York City (ordained May 13, 1974, NYC). He has earned his Doctor of Philosophy, with a major in Psychology, from Union Graduate School, his Master of Theology, from the University of the State of New York, St. Anthony Theological Seminary, his Master of Divinity, from the University of the State of New York, St. Anthony Theological Seminary, his Master of Arts in Educational Psychology: from the College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York, and his Bachelor of Arts, from the University of the State of New York, Immaculate Conception Seminary.

He was the Founding Pastor of the Faith Community of Black Catholics, Our Lady of Charity (1974) in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Under his leadership this declining parish came alive and became authentically Black and Catholic. Our Lady of Charity became a model for Black Catholic worship, education, community outreach and ecumenism. Father Goode assisted the larger Black Catholic Community of Brooklyn by serving on many

boards and councils. He was the first chairman of the Office of Black Ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn. By God's grace and mercy and through Father Jim Goode's gift of preaching and healing, thousands have come home to the Catholic faith. His motto: "Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine and no matter how hard the task or how difficult the moment I am ready to go in your name". He is a longtime activist and leader of Social Justice and Peace. His untiring efforts to combat and correct some of society's most urgent problems have been his life's mission. This activism has led him to develop the 1st Annual AIDS Summit for Black Catholics on Saturday, December 1, 2001. The theme of the conference is: "Lift every life, help is on the way."

Mr. Speaker, Franciscan Father Jim Goode's entire priestly life has been dedicated to the spiritual and psychological growth and development of his people. He is a voice for the voiceless in their quest for human rights. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

DENNIS O'DELL; VETERANS COME
FIRST!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Dennis O'Dell of San Diego County who has been selected as the winner of the 2001 Maxine Waters Award for Courage, to be presented by AMVETS Post #66 on January 12, 2002 in Cathedral City, California.

Dennis O'Dell is a resident of my Congressional District. He was born in September, 1949 in Maryville, Missouri to Doris V. Shell O'Dell and Norman C. O'Dell. His father was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the European-African-Middle East Theater Campaign Medal, along with others honors. Dennis was raised in El Segundo, California and attended El Segundo High, El Camino College in Torrance, and Penn Valley College in West Los Angeles.

He served in the United States Marine Corps and received his honorable discharge in 1969. He began a career as a policeman in Missouri in 1979 and, after being wounded three years later, he became a business owner in Missouri.

However, his roots were calling him back to California, and he returned in 1983, working for a Security Company in Beverly Hills and for the Santa Monica Airport Police. In 1986, he went to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Police Officer, was promoted to Police Detective a year later, and to Criminal Investigator in 1993. While working on criminal cases at the West LA VA Medical Center, Long Beach VA Medical Center, and the Sepulveda VA Medical Center, he had a conviction rate of 90%. He retired from the VA Police Department in 1995 after re-injuring his old wound while arresting three suspects who were attempting to sell drugs on the VA hospital grounds, and he has dedicated the past