

clearly, although there were tragedies elsewhere in the United States on that same day, it is not unfair to say that New York City took it on the chin for the rest of the country. And that I, too, have been pleased with the outpouring of response.

We now know that those who died did not die in vain in terms of the symbolism, the rallying of the moral fiber of this country. But at the same time, we have to address the very real physical and material needs of these people who, after all, lost loved ones and had lives devastated.

In that regard, I am very pleased to say that this is not the end of our continued focus on the need of these individuals in New York City and elsewhere.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2884, the Victims of Terrorism Relief Act, which I am a proud cosponsor.

This legislation provides much needed tax relief to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania directly affected 25,000 families, and left 15,000 children without a parent. Figures show that 35% of those who died were between the ages of 35 and 45, and 85% were 25–55 years old. Not only did these families lose an important part of their lives, but they lost a source of financial support they need and deserve.

I am overcome by the outpouring of support during this difficult time. However, spouses who lost a loved one in the attack are still enduring financial hardships. Even though many charitable organizations have provided some form of relief, the Federal government must do more. Easing their federal tax liability is a step in the right direction.

In addition, this legislation addresses some of the recovery concerns within the New York City area damaged by the terrorist attacks. The creation of the New York Liberty Zone provides numerous tax benefits for qualified property. In order to rebuild, we must also help those businesses that were impacted by the senseless acts of terrorism.

September 11th will forever be synonymous with other historical events that Americans have endured. It will serve as yet another reminder of how Americans come together during difficult times, as well as send a simple message to those who hide behind terrorism—America Will Never Fear You and We Will Always Take Care Of Our Own.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant the order of the House of today, the motion is agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of H.R. 2884, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT BROSIUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WU) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Scott Brosius, the starting third baseman for the New York Yankees and a resident of McMinnville, Oregon. Scott announced his retirement from major league baseball on November 27.

Born and raised in Oregon, Scott played baseball at Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukee and then at Linfield College in McMinnville. In 1987, during his junior year in college, he was drafted by the Oakland Athletics.

During his 11 seasons of major league baseball, first with the A's and later with the New York Yankees, Scott was known as a solid hitter and outstanding defensive third baseman, for which he won the Gold Glove award in 1999.

His best season came in 1998. That year, he batted 300, with 98 RBIs and was named to the American League All Star team. But his career highlight came later that year. During the World Series, in a 4-game sweep of the San Diego Padres, Scott batted 471, hit two home runs, and had six RBIs. He was the clear choice for the World Series' Most Valuable Player. He accomplished all of these post-season feats while his father was undergoing cancer surgery and chemotherapy.

Scott's flare for the dramatic resurfaced during this year's seven-game World Series between the Yankees and the Arizona Diamondbacks, which many have called the most exciting World Series ever. In game five, with the Yankees trailing 2 to 0 in the ninth inning, Scott came to the plate with two outs and a runner on second base. Scott crushed a 1–0 slider from Arizona closer Byung-Hyun Kim to tie the score and send the game into extra innings. Ultimately, the Yankees went on to win the game 3 to 2 in 12 innings.

As an All Star, a Gold Glove winner, a World Series MVP, and a member of three world championship teams, Scott

has a lifetime's worth of baseball memoirs. But, Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to recognize Scott Brosius for his outstanding baseball career but also because I believe he embodies the best of Oregon, and American values.

This year, Scott finished his contract with the New York Yankees and became eligible for free agency. At 35 years of age, and as an 11-year major league veteran, he could easily fetch millions of dollars as a free agent. But Scott turned down the money and the limelight so that he could return to McMinnville to raise his three young children. He has reenrolled at Linfield College to finish his college degree and has offered to help coach the Linfield varsity baseball team.

The example set by people like Scott Brosius reminds us of what is most important in life: values, family, and community.

I wish Scott and his family well, and I thank him for being such a positive role model. Scott, you have the admiration of us all, and personally I envy you for all the time that you will have in Oregon with your family.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to continue reading from the list of names that my colleague, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS), has been reading into the RECORD, those who fell in the September 11 tragedy:

John P. O'Neill; Peter J. O'Neill; Sean Gordon Corbet O'Neill; Ken O'Reilly; Kevin M. O'Rourke; Robert W. O'Shea; Patrick J. O'Shea; Timothy F. O'Sullivan; James A. Oakley; Dennis Oberg; Jefferson Ocampo; Douglas Oelschlager; Takashi Ogawa; Albert Ogletree; Philip Paul Ognibene; John Ogonowski; Joseph J. Ogren; Samuel Oitice; Gerald M. Olcott; Christine Ann Olander; Linda Mary Oliva; Elsy Carolina Osorio Oliva; Edward K. Oliver; Leah Oliver; Eric Olsen; Jeffrey James Olsen; Steven John Olson; Barbara Olson; Marueen "Rene" L. Olson; Toshihiro Onda; Betty Ong; Michael C. Opperman; Christopher Orgielewicz; Margaret Q. Orloske; Virginia "Ginger" Ormiston-Kenworthy; Ruben Ornedo; Juan Romero Orozco; Ronald Orsini; Peter K. Ortale; Jane Orth; Paul Ortiz; Sonia Ortiz; David Ortiz; Emilio "Peter" Ortiz, Jr.; Alexander Ortiz; Pablo Ortiz; Masaru Ose; Elsi Carolina Osorio; James Robert Ostrowski; Jason Douglas Oswald; Michael Otten; Isidro Ottenwalder; Michael Ou; Todd Joseph Ouida; Jesus Ovalles; Peter J. Owens; Adianes Oyola; Angel "Chic" Pabon; Israel Pabon; Roland Pacheco; Michael Benjamin Packer; Diana B. Padro; Chin

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members