

who hate freedom and democracy. They want a society of coercion. They want a political order of force. Their brand of tyranny is willing to resort to terror, and the slaughter of innocents.

The Americans of 1941 answered the call. Today, Americans are doing so again. It's our turn. It is time for us to rededicate our lives to the cause of freedom, so that children in our nation and others will enjoy the fruits of freedom.

We citizens of the United States have a profound responsibility to protect this Nation, the self-evident truths on which it was founded and the Constitution under which it has flourished. In this mission, we act not only for ourselves and our society, but in the concert of many nations—including our now close ally, Japan, and the community of nations that recognize the free world must stop the threat posed by this recent version of terror. Together let us stay the course.

In 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor was followed by grim months of defeat and frustration in the Pacific until the Battle of Midway in June 1942. It was more than three tough years before victory was sealed on-board USS *Missouri*, moored just a few hundred yards away.

As with that struggle, this new war is likely to be long and challenging. To win, we must show the same dedication and fortitude that our forefathers displayed during the Second World War. I have every confidence that we will do so.

On 11 September, your Navy and Marine Corps team was ready. Your Fleet was ready to respond to the orders of the President and the whole Congress. We were ready to fight and we are winning today.

Today's young Americans, young Sailors, young Marines—along with their comrades in the Army, and Air Force and Coast Guard—they are as dedicated, as brave, and as determined as their predecessors. They are as equipped, with the example of fortitude and determination that grew from Pearl Harbor. They are motivated by your examples of service and heroism. They cherish the stories of the greatest generation. They, like you, are carrying the banner of freedom throughout this world.

Many of them are over there right now, afloat and ashore, taking the fight to our enemies. Many are on watch elsewhere in other distant parts of the world. Many are getting ready to go, as their President asked them to do. These young people, of whom I am so proud, are all doing a magnificent job.

With the steadfast support of the American people and our friends around the world, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of this generation will do their part to win this war, to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our children and generations of Americans yet to come—just like you did.

To the memory and legacy of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, to those resting in this hallowed place, we extend again the thanks of a grateful nation. We extend the promise that their sacrifice will be honored. All of us who serve and wear the cloth of the nation today—we commit, we promise anew to do our duty so that America will remain the beacon of hope, the lighthouse of freedom, and the bastion of liberty. We make this promise in the memory of those who served and gave their lives in this place.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JERRELL NORWOOD

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened recently to learn of the death of a respected and admired individual in my congressional district, Mr. Jerrell Norwood, of Malvern, Arkansas, who lost a courageous battle with cancer at age 64. Today, I wish to pay tribute to his life and achievements.

Jerrell Norwood spent much of his adult life serving his fellow citizens, and his accomplishments were numerous. For over a decade and a half, Jerrell served as County Fire Coordinator and Director of the Office of Emergency Management for Hot Spring County in Arkansas. He was a long-time volunteer and board member with the local Red Cross. For twenty-one years, he served as the first and only Ouachita Fire Chief, and he spent many years on the Resource Organization Service Excellence (R.O.S.E.) Board, a group dedicated to helping needy citizens.

During his career, Jerrell was responsible for building or improving nearly all of the bridges in Hot Spring County, and in 1994, he helped establish a water rescue for users of the nearby Ouachita River. His accolades include being a two-time Volunteer of the Year for Hot Spring County as well as being named Emergency Coordinator of the Year in 2000.

Jerrell Norwood was regarded with esteem and appreciation by all those who knew him well. His friends, neighbors and co-workers alike praised not only his ability to quickly assess and tackle an emergency situation, but more importantly his energy, dedication, common sense and genuine compassion for helping others. He was truly a man of integrity who gave himself to his work and his community. While his passing is a tremendous loss to the Malvern community and our state, his life and legacy of public service will be remembered for years to come.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Carolyn, his children, and all his family and friends during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO WEBERWOOD ELEMENTARY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Weberwood Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Weberwood Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Weberwood Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to Join me in honoring Weberwood Elementary.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STERLING ALEXANDER ROAF, SR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of a constituent and friend, Dr. Sterling Alexander Roaf, Sr. who passed away recently in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

A native of Pine Bluff, Sterling Roaf, Sr. was one of nine children born to Rev. Arthur Roaf and Charlotte Boughton Roaf. After graduating from Southeast Senior High School in 1962, he spent two years working on the Cotton Belt Railroad. In 1966, he graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He obtained his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1972 and moved to Los Angeles to complete his residency at Martin Luther King Hospital.

Following his residency, Sterling returned to Pine Bluff in 1976 where he established the Roaf Clinic with his brother Clinton Roaf, a dentist, and practiced obstetrics-gynecology until his death. In 1998, he was recognized by the Arkansas Times as one of Arkansas' Best Physicians in gynecology, obstetrics, and oncology. According to his brother, Sterling delivered some 600 infants a year. He truly brought into the world an entire generation of children and touched the lives of countless others in the Pine Bluff area, and he will be greatly missed by the thousands of patients and families who were impacted by his caring and dedicated work.

Sterling Roaf Sr. was not just a great doctor. He was an active and giving member of his community, a devoted member of the church, and a loving father and grandfather. My heart goes out to his children, his brother and five sisters, and all of his friends and relatives in their loss.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN HIGGINS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Memorably described by President Franklin Roosevelt as "a date which will live in infamy," Pearl Harbor Day has taken on added significance since September 11, when America was again "suddenly and deliberately attacked."

Last week, I had the opportunity to participate in the 60th anniversary memorial services