

resident of Blackfoot, I'd like to share with you what makes it an all-American town.

Nestled in the Snake River Plain, Blackfoot, Idaho in Bingham County produces more potatoes than any other place in the world. The "famous" Idaho potatoes that the world enjoys come from Blackfoot and the numerous potato fields that surround it. In fact, Blackfoot offers "free taters for out of staters" at its Idaho Potato Expo Museum. It's made Blackfoot the Potato Capitol of the World by producing more than 200 million pounds of potatoes every year.

While Blackfoot is celebrating 100 years of incorporation, its history expands to the early 1800s. The first reference to Blackfoot is found in the 1818 journals of the Hudson Bay Company. In 1860, Grove City, where Blackfoot now sits, was settled to accommodate freight wagons bound for mines in central Idaho. Like many western settlements, the establishment of the Utah and Northern Railroad opened expansion and immigration. Then in 1878, the train arrived in Blackfoot on Christmas Day.

Using the Snake River to irrigate the fertile lava soil, pioneers and settlers found Blackfoot to be a prosperous agriculture community. Blackfoot became the county seat for Bingham County and at one time held the largest population in the state with 13,575 people. In 1901, Blackfoot was incorporated and now celebrates its centennial.

As many of you know, when I'm not serving in Congress, I go home to Blackfoot. I grew up there, graduated from Blackfoot High School and chose to return after completing dental school. I started my political career in Blackfoot, serving on the city council for four years.

My wife, Kathy, and I have witnessed the kind heart and gentle spirit of many who live there. It's truly a place where everyone knows your name. I salute this community that has given me so much over the years. While it may be the potatoe capitol of the world, it's a place I prefer to call home. Congratulations to Blackfoot on 100 years of excellence.

HONORING MR. GEORGE ALVIN TERRY OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Alvin Terry of Nashville, Tennessee, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, December 19, 2001. A native Tennessean, Terry is a graduate of Columbia Military Academy and the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Terry has been a courageous leader in Tennessee for many years, as both a public servant and a community leader. A military veteran, he served as Second Lt. in the United States Army from 1945–1946.

With several years of public service, he was a member of the State House of Representatives from 1957–1959 during the 80th General Assembly. Additionally, he served in the State

Senate during the 82nd, 83rd, and 84th sessions from 1961–1967. A portion of this service occurred during my father, Governor Frank G. Clement's, tenure as governor of Tennessee.

In 1972, Governor Winfield Dunn appointed Mr. Terry Director of State and Federal Surplus Property for the Department of General Services of Tennessee. His career includes services as senior Vice President on the bank board of directors at Oneida First Trust and Savings Bank, as well as, holding the position of Chairman of the Board at First Southern Savings and Loan.

A deeply committed family man, he is married to Sarah Ellen Winn, and the father of four daughters with six grandchildren and three step grandchildren. Because of his deep love of genealogy and history, he authored the book, *The Terrys of Scott County*, chronicling the history of his family.

Civic and community work has always been an integral part of Terry's life with involvement on various boards promoting important issues such as children, education, agriculture, and historic preservation. For instance, he served as President of the Oneida Kiwanis Club and on both the Karns and Mid-South Youth Camp Boards.

Further, he has enjoyed membership in the American Legion, the Tennessee Automotive Association, the National Committee for the Support of the Public Schools, and the National Committee for the support of Future Farmers. He has also participated in the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the United States Civil Defense Council, and the Scott County Historical Society.

Mr. Terry is dearly loved and respected by his peers, serving as a deacon and then elder in the Oneida Church of Christ, and later as an elder in the Madison Church of Christ. Today, he is a member of the Goodlettsville Church of Christ and a member of the Goodpasture Christian School Booster Club.

An ardent University of Tennessee (UT) fan, George Alvin Terry is to be honored and commended for outstanding service and contributions to Tennessee in a spirit of excellence and strong moral character. Today we recognize his life and legacy as he celebrates a landmark birthday.

TRIBUTE TO SHEPHERDSTOWN ELEMENTARY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

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

Shepherdstown 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 Shepherdstown 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 Shepherdstown Elementary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TAMARA MCFARLAND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a very special person from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Tamara McFarland is a local nurse who has taken on a quest to bring joy and happiness this holiday season to several local nursing homes. Her efforts have brought much credit to herself and the community of Glenwood Springs, and it is my pleasure today to recognize her contributions.

Tamara began her charitable crusade last year with a simple gift to a friend. Since then her efforts have risen from one to 140 gifts for the residents of two local nursing homes. The homes include Glen Valley Care Center of Glenwood Springs and Heritage Park Center of Carbondale. Tamara has made these contributions possible by soliciting local merchants and citizens throughout the year to donate products and money to her fund. Thanks to their generosity, the "Roaring Fork Holiday Cheer" headed by Tamara, has been able to provide presents to the senior citizens of the area. The presents are simple gifts such as hair products, clothing and trinkets, but the joy they provide is priceless.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be able to commend Tamara and thank her for her efforts to bring happiness this time of year. Her dedication and commitment to the elderly community as a nurse and gift provider has brought joy into the lives of many. Thanks for all your hard work and cheer this Christmas season. Good luck in your future endeavors and in the New Year.

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the cowardly and barbaric terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament building that took place in New Delhi earlier this morning.

First I want to express by deepest condolences to Prime Minister Vajpayee, the families of victims and to the people of India.

This latest attack, which comes two months after the October suicide bombing on the parliament building in Kashmir, strikes at the heart of India, the symbol of its democracy.