

hearts and minds of Americans everywhere. I am especially touched by the thoughts of the young people who are the future of this great nation. Shanleigh Hart is a 6th grade student in Miss Shiver's class at Southeast School in Salem, Ohio, and she has written a poem remembering "The Tragedy That Hit America". Shanleigh's words are inspiring and should all make us proud to be Americans.

TRAGEDY THAT HIT AMERICA

A threat to America  
 Brave Country  
 Count on us  
 Depend on our army  
 Extreme explosions  
 Foreign countries deny  
 Greatly upset  
 Hope shines through  
 Interviewing all over  
 Just not fair  
 Killing  
 Learning to work together  
 Maybe there will be a war  
 Never will be forgotten  
 Obviously not expected  
 Prepare for war  
 Quietly they did it  
 Respectfully we work  
 Sad as can be  
 Terrifying  
 Unfair to us  
 Very disrespectful  
 World War three  
 Extremely unbelievable  
 Young and old  
 Zealous people

In memory of all the victims and their families, we are not letting this one go! We are America.

CHAMORRO FIREFIGHTER ASSISTS  
 IN PENTAGON RESCUE OPERATIONS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as the Nation is undergoing the recovery process from the terror and destruction brought about by the September 11 attack on America, I would like to take this opportunity to share the experiences of a former resident of Guam who was called upon to assist in the rescue efforts at the Pentagon.

Born and raised on the island of Guam, Mark Anderson moved to the state of Virginia in 1999 to pursue his dream to become a firefighter. Having been employed by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for the past couple of years, Mark and his colleagues were called to respond to the Pentagon attack that fateful day. Mark assisted in fighting fires, locating survivors and recovering bodies—working 10 grueling hours without any breaks.

The image of charred rubble and scorched equipment all over the site of the crash will remain with Mark for years to come. To describe the magnitude of the destruction, he conveyed a scene of embers, ashes and heaps of office equipment strewn all over the place. While performing his duties that day, Mark confessed to having been concerned for his own and his colleagues' safety particularly since

they were informed that another hijacked plane may be heading for Washington, DC. His duty, however, dictated that he push and attend to the task at hand. This, he did without any hesitation.

Although Mark's fire company was on the site for only 1 day, they were placed on a "call back" status for several days afterward. If given the chance to do it over again, Mark says that he would have no hesitation in doing his part once more. Attention and honors have been heaped upon him and his colleagues for their performance but Mark feels that he only did what was expected and required of him. He is grateful for having been given the chance to actively take part of an effort that will forever be remembered in history.

The tragedy of September 11 has touched every aspect of American society. Although located half a world away, the people of Guam have felt the effects and have made contributions towards our Nation's efforts to recover from the effects of these attacks. Individuals such as Mark Anderson exemplify the best of our island and I am proud of his patriotism and call to duty exhibited on September 11.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mark Anderson and his colleagues for their contributions. We realize the value of their service and commitments. By working together as these people have, we will be able to overcome any adversity that comes our way.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY GRANDILLO ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE TIFFIN CITY COUNCIL

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a great man who has dedicated much of his life to his community. At the end of the year, Mr. Michael Anthony Grandillo will retire as President of the Tiffin City Council. For the past 14 years, he has served as Councilman of the 4th Ward of the City of Tiffin in the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio.

Mike has had a long and distinguished career on the Tiffin City Council. He was appointed to the seat in 1985 and was re-elected to every four-year term since then. He served as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee when the city of Tiffin experienced tremendous growth. He was also Chairman of the Law and Community Planning Committee who has oversight responsibility for economic development in Tiffin. Under his leadership, Tiffin recognized as having one of the top three municipal economic development programs in the State of Ohio.

His dedicated service to this community does not stop with the Tiffin City Council. He is currently Secretary and Director of the Friedman Village, a non-profit corporation which developed and manages an 18 acre assisted and independent living facility. He is an Executive Committee Member of the Independent College Advancement Associates of Ohio and Director of the Ohio Northern Uni-

versity Alumni Board. In addition to his education affiliations, he is a member of Elks International, the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club of Tiffin, Ducks Unlimited of Seneca County, and the Media Institute, a National Italian-American Foundation.

Mike continues today to serve his community. In addition to his post as Vice President of Development of Tiffin University, he serves as Director of the Tiffin Area Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Seneca County Industrial Economic Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Revolving Loan Committee for Tiffin that develops the City's infrastructure to encourage business growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mike for his years of service to the Tiffin community. I want to wish my friend, his wife Nancy, and their two children, Vincent and Gina, all the best in their future endeavors.

HOMESTAKE MINE CONVEYANCE  
 ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2001

Mr. HANSON. Mr. Speaker, the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce also have a jurisdictional interest in S. 1389, and it is with the cooperation of Chairman Don Young and Chairman Bill Tauzin that the bill was considered in such an expeditious fashion by the House of Representatives. I have letters reflecting this jurisdictional understanding between our three Committees regarding H.R. 3299, a nearly identical bill, and I ask that they be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place during debate on S. 1389.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,

Washington, DC, December 18, 2001.

The Hon. DON YOUNG,

Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YOUNG: I am writing to request that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure waive its right to seek a sequential referral of H.R. 3299, a bill introduced by Mr. Thune regarding the disposition of the Homestake Gold Mine in South Dakota.

While the Committee on Resources received sole jurisdiction of this bill upon its introduction, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure would receive a sequential referral upon passage because of certain provisions in the text.

I acknowledge that your waiver of this right to a sequential referral does not waive the rights of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the future on similar legislation. Further, I would recognize the right of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to seek conferees on any provisions of H.R. 3299, or similar legislation, that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened. Accordingly, I would support your request for the appointment of conferees should such a conference be convened.