

On the Banking Committee, his work in improving housing for people from all walks of life and incomes is legendary. In him ticked a strong democratic heart. Every corner of America is better because of his service. He stood up for human rights here at home and abroad, no matter what the cost. He was unflinching when he knew his cause was just.

Recently, as we broke ground for the dedication of the new World War II Memorial in our Nation's capital, I especially named Henry Gonzalez as a key figure in congressional efforts to pass legislation to bring that element to full life as a part of our Nation's history. He was a gentleman with many facets, and many concerns. He was a son of the World War II generation that preserved liberty for modern times, and his selfless dedication grew from that experience and his own humble beginnings. I include here those remarks for the RECORD.

In extending deepest sympathy to his family, including his son CHARLES who has succeeded him in this Congress, I am mindful that those of us who have been influenced by his great mind and soul have been lifted to service above self. May he rest in peace and the good works that he fashioned inspire others for generations to come. Truly he was a man both ahead of his time, and a pioneer to the future.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE MARCY KAPTUR
AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11,
2000

Reverend Clergy, Mr. President, Honored Guests All. We, the children of freedom, on this first Veterans' Day of the new century, gather to offer highest tribute, long overdue, and our everlasting respect, gratitude, and love to Americans of the 20th century whose valor and sacrifice yielded the modern triumph of liberty over tyranny. This is a memorial not to a man but to a time and a people.

This is a long-anticipated day. It was 1987 when this Memorial was first conceived. As many have said, it has taken longer to build the Memorial than to fight the war. Today, with the support of Americans from all walks of life, our veterans service organizations and overwhelming, bipartisan support in Congress, the Memorial is a reality. I do not have the time to mention all the Members of Congress who deserve thanks for their contributions to this cause, but certain Members in particular must be recognized. Rep. Sonny Montgomery, now retired, a true champion of veterans in the House, and Senator Strom Thurmond, our unflinching advocate in the Senate, as well as Rep. Bill Clay, of Missouri and two retired Members, Rep. Henry Gonzalez and Senator John Glenn. At the end of World War I, the French poet Guillaume Apollinaire declaring himself "against forgetting" wrote of his fallen comrades: "You asked neither for glory nor for tears."

Five years ago, at the close of the 50th anniversary ceremonies for World War II, Americans consecrated this ground with soil from the resting places around the world of those who served and died on all fronts. We, too, declared ourselves against forgetting. We pledged then that America would honor and remember their selfless devotion on this Mall that commemorates democracy's march.

Apollinaire's words resonated again as E.B. Sledge reflected on the moment the Second World War ended: "... sitting in a stunned silence, we remembered our dead ... so many dead ... Except for a few widely scat-

tered shouts of joy, the survivors of the abyss sat hollow-eyed, trying to comprehend a world without war."

Yes. Individual acts by ordinary men and women in an extraordinary time—one exhausting skirmish, one determined attack, one valiant act of heroism, one digged determination to give your all, one heroic act after another—by the thousands—by the millions—bound our country together as it has not been since, bound the living to the dead in common purpose and in service to freedom, and to life.

As a Marine wrote about his company, "I cannot say too much for the men ... I have seen a spirit of brotherhood ... that goes with one foot here amid the friends we see, and the other foot there amid the friends we see no longer, and one foot is as steady as the other."

Today we break ground. It is only fitting that the event that reshaped the modern world in the 20th century and marked our nation's emergence from isolationism to the leader of the free world be commemorated on this site.

Our work will not be complete until the light from the central sculpture of the Memorial intersects the shadow cast by the Washington Monument across the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and the struggles for freedom of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries converge in one moment.

Here freedom will shine. She will shine.

This Memorial honors those still living who served abroad and on the home front and also those lost—the nearly 300,000 Americans who died in combat, and those millions who survived the war but who have since passed away. Among that number I count my inspired constituent Roger Durbin of Berkey, Ohio, a letter carrier who fought bravely with the Army's 101st Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge and who, because he could not forget, asked me in 1987 why there was no memorial in our nation's Capitol to which he could bring his grandchildren. Roger is with us spiritually today. To help us remember him and his contribution to America, we have with us a delegation from his American Legion Post, the Joseph Diehn Post in Sylvania, Ohio, and his beloved family, his widow Marian his granddaughter, Melissa, an art historian and member of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board.

This is a memorial to heroic sacrifice. It is also a memorial for the living—positioned between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial—to remember how freedom in the 20th century was preserved for ensuing generations.

Poet Keith Douglas died in foreign combat in 1944 at age 24. In predicting his own end, he wrote about what he called time's wrong-way telescope, and how he thought it might simplify him as people looked back at him over the distance of years. "Through that lens," he demanded, "see if I seem/substance or nothing; of the world/deserving mention, or charitable oblivion" And then he ended with the request, "Remember me when I am dead/and simplify me when I'm dead." What a strange and striking charge that is!

And yet here today we pledge that as the World War II Memorial is built, through the simplifying elements of stone, water, and light. There will be no charitable oblivion. America will not forget. The world will not forget. When we as a people can no longer remember the complicated individuals who walked in freedom's march—a husband, a sister, a friend, a brother, and uncle, a father—when those individuals become simplified in histories and in family stories, still when future generations journey to this holy place, America will not forget. Freedom's children will not forget.

NEW JERSEY URBANIZED PEAK FLOW MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I speak regarding a matter of great importance to my district and the entire State of New Jersey. New Jersey is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the overdevelopment of land, had become especially concerning because of the impact it is having on our watersheds and floodplains, as well as its resulting impact on economic activity.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. This flooding resulted in millions of dollars of damage, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one new Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion, and alternative energy. More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress. While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service to the people of my district and state. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

Therefore, I urge the New York District of the Corps of Engineers to work closely with my office and NJIT to ensure the university's full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the

Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support my efforts in this regard.

HONORING THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to pay tribute to the Saint Andrew's Society, an extraordinary institution in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Founded in November of 1900, the Saint Andrew's Society quickly became an essential part of our community. In the century since, the group has grown dramatically while retaining its character as an active local force and preserver of tradition. In fact, earlier this year, as a tribute to their invaluable presence in the New Haven community, I was pleased to designate St. Andrew's Society as one of our Local Legacies for the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Project.

The members of the St. Andrew society have assumed a critical responsibility—maintaining the Italian heritage that thousands of Greater New Haven residents share. Members meet each month in an effort to lead the historic Wooster Square neighborhood that is the focus for Italian-Americans in New Haven. For as long as I can remember, St. Andrew's has played such an important role in forging the bonds of our community. Some of my fondest memories are of the times that I have spent with the people of St. Andrew's. Each year, St. Andrew's keeps our community spirit alive by organizing an annual feast where we celebrate our traditions, history and culture, bringing memories of "the old days" back for all of us. It is through efforts such as these that we renew our history and help pass it along.

The generosity of the St. Andrew's Society members extends far beyond our tight-knit community. Over the last century, members have raised millions of dollars to preserve some of our most treasured monuments—St. Michael's Church, New Haven's oldest Italian Church and the ninth-century Amalfi Cathedral in Italy. It is through such efforts that we remember our history, celebrate our friendships, and continue to strengthen the bonds of our community.

Forged through the bonds of family, St. Andrew's Society now includes fifth and sixth generation members and while none of the founding members are with us today, their decedents continue to be active in the society. The invaluable contributions of the Saint Andrew's Society are still apparent today as we gather to celebrate their centennial anniversary. It is with great pride that I stand today to extend my deepest thanks and warmest congratulations to the members of the Saint Andrew Society on their 100th Anniversary.

DEATH OF MRS. FLOSSIE PARKER BARBER

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Flossie Parker Barber died November 15, 2000, after a life that spanned 91 years. She was my fifth grade teacher. She was also the major influence that took a poor farm boy from Johnston County, described to him the wonderful world he would be entering, and then motivated him to set goals that were beyond his wildest dreams.

She did not know the meaning of the word, "can't," and she instilled that philosophy in her students.

Every individual should have the opportunity to sit before a teacher of the dedication Mrs. Barber displayed. In her 34 years of teaching at the old Cleveland Union School, she was fair and honest with all her students. But she would accept from each nothing less than all the excellence each was capable of providing.

She was never too busy to help a student; she loved us openly and with devotion; and she is, to me, the epitome of what constitutes a good teacher. She described to her students the better world she wanted, and ever since those days in the fifth grade, we have been attempting to build that world for her. Mrs. Barber gave truth to the old adage that a good teacher's influence never stops, that teachers affect eternity by the influence they have on their students.

I was lucky to have Mrs. Barber for a teacher. I was luckier still that she became my friend and advisor when I became an adult.

Mrs. Barber was a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, now East Carolina University and was always a strong supporter of the school.

Mrs. Barber was the widow of Percy D. Barber. She is survived by one son, Robert W. Barber and his wife, Elizabeth T. Barber of Clayton. She left two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Barber was held at her church, Oakland Presbyterian, on November 17. Mrs. Barber had requested the following, "A Teacher's Prayer," be part of her final ceremony. The prayer is by James J. Metcalf and is presented here:

"I wanted to teach my students how,

"To live this life on earth;

"To face its struggles and its strike,

"And improve their worth.

"Not just the lesson in the book,

"Or how the rivers flow;

"But how to choose the proper path,

"Wherever they may go.

"To understand eternal truth,

"And know the right from wrong;

"And gather all the beauty of,

"A flower and a song.

"For if I helped the world to grow,

"In wisdom and in grace;

"Then I shall feel that I have won,

"And I have filled my place.

"And so I ask your guidance, God,

"That I have done my part;

"For character and confidence.

"And happiness and heart."

We shall miss this remarkable woman, who even now is undoubtedly organizing and teaching all the young angels.

RECOGNIZING SECOND LIEUTENANT KEVIN R. WHITE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Second Lieutenant Kevin R. White on the occasion of his graduation from Officers Training School. This is a considerable achievement, which I am proud to command to the attention of Congress.

Lieutenant White is no stranger to hard work and high achievements. Before graduating from Officers Training School, as an enlisted man he worked toward no less than four different degrees. First he attended and graduated from Georgia Military College in 1989. He then went on to attend the Community College of the Air Force, where he received a degree in Metals Technology in 1991. After that he continued his education by graduating in 1996 from Wayland Baptist University with a B.S. in Occupations Education and graduating from La Verne University in 1999 with a Masters degree in Organizational Management.

Throughout his career in the military and in academia, Lieutenant White received a number of awards and honors. He was awarded two Air Force Commendation Medals and one Air Force Achievement Medal. Lieutenant White was named the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 1997 and the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the 4th quarter in 1997. While fulfilling his military duties, Lieutenant White also excelled in his studies, making the President's list at Wayland Baptist University in 1996.

In addition to excelling in the Air Force and working toward a top notch education, Lieutenant White was busy fulfilling many military assignments overseas, such as completing a remote tour of Keflavik, Iceland from 1991 to 1992. Additionally, he spent over 9 years overseas in different countries, including Thailand, Iceland, Singapore, Japan, Norway, and Saudi Arabia. Lieutenant White also found time amidst his many responsibilities to volunteer to be a Big Brother while in Alaska. In fact, he received the Big Brother, Big Sister of the Year Award in 1997. Currently, Lieutenant White takes time out of his busy schedule to coach bowling for participants in the Special Olympics.

Lieutenant White has served his community and his country with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to his achievements and to recognize his efforts to build a better, stronger America.

HONORING THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention one of the premier science museums in the nation, the Liberty Science Center (LSC) in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The LSC has a unique mission to serve as an innovative, "hands-on" learning resource