

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH AND JENNIFER LEWIS

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity today to pay tribute to Jennifer and Kenneth Lewis.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the lives of a husband and wife from Culpeper, Virginia, were tragically wrenched from us.

Jennifer and Kenneth Lewis, attendants on Flight 77, will be greatly missed by their family, their friends, and their community.

Rest assured that the people of Culpeper and across the Commonwealth mourn this great loss in unity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are two of the courageous souls who paid the price on Tuesday for American's freedom.

America was chosen as a target because it is the brightest beacon for freedom and democracy this world has ever known.

Jennifer and Kenneth stood on the anvil of America's greatness and suffered as the representatives of our freedom and the values that have made America the strongest nation in the world.

Consequently, their memory will remain with us.

Their memory will guide us as America rebuilds and grows stronger in the wake of Tuesday's tragedy.

The great loss of Jennifer and Kenneth will serve as a reminder to us of the precious value of each life and will draw us closer together as a community.

America must not forget Jennifer and Kenneth and those who perished with them, for their memory will motivate us to protect our families, our communities, and our Nation from future tragedy.

It is fitting that the Lewises were together on their final day—a demonstration of their unity and their strength as a family.

They have helped America to unify. We will now care more for our neighbor and treasure every day more dearly, in their honor.

God bless America. Our loss is not in vain.

My prayers and those of my wife, Diana, remain with the family and friends of Jennifer and Kenneth Lewis and with the community of Culpeper.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VICTORY BONDS ACT OF 2001

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2001

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing legislation that will provide Americans in every part of the Nation with an opportunity to contribute directly to our Nation's response to last week's tragic events. The "Victory Bonds Act of 2001" directs the United States Treasury to issue special bonds to help finance the Federal government's recovery and anti-terrorism efforts.

The American people have responded to last week's murderous attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with great courage, generosity, and determination. Thousands of volunteers have joined in the rescue efforts in New York City and tens of thousands more have donated blood and contributed money and supplies to aid both the rescuers and victims. These efforts represent the true spirit and finest traditions of our American republic.

Americans in my district and across the country have called Federal offices asking how they can also assist in relief and rebuilding efforts and how they can show support for possible military operations against terrorism. The legislation I am introducing responds to these requests by directing the Treasury Department to offer special "Victory Bonds" to fund recovery operations, victim relief and military operations responding to the terrorist attacks. By purchasing these special U.S. bonds, patriotic citizens will make a direct contribution that helps heal and rebuild our Nation and expresses a common determination to resist all future terrorist attacks on American soil.

The "Victory Bonds Act of 2001" also directs the Treasury to place the proceeds of the bond sales into a separate Treasury fund that would be earmarked for recovery and anti-terrorism expenses. Americans who purchase the bonds should have assurance that they are contributing directly to Federal relief for terrorist victims and specific programs to combat terrorism. The bill is similar in this approach to legislation introduced in the Senate by Sen. TIM JOHNSON (D-SD).

The issuance of special bonds in times of national emergency is one of our country's proudest traditions that dates back to the American Revolution. The war bond effort during World War II generated more than \$200 billion as patriotic Americans sought to contribute to our Nation's struggle against international fascism. A similar outpouring of public support will be needed in what could be a long and arduous effort to defeat international terrorism.

Just as special war bonds enabled our parents and grandparents to contribute to our military victory in World War II, purchases of Victory Bonds will give millions of Americans a vital and continuing role in our new struggle against terrorism. The bonds will help mobilize and direct public resources for emergency spending while signifying that all Americans stand together in their resolve to root out terrorism once and for all.

I urge prompt consideration of this important and timely legislation.

HONORING THE NEW JERSEY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the members of the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management's Urban Search and Rescue Team (NJTF-1), who responded to the call for assistance in New York City after the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

I had the privilege of spending time with their members who have created a tent city at the Jacob Javitz Convention Center. They are among the best-trained rescue personnel anywhere, and no one works harder than they do. They, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and others, have risen to the challenge of last week's tragedy.

Within hours after the attack on the World Trade Center, the New Jersey Urban Search and Rescue Team were in New York City volunteering to assist in the immediate search for victims. The team stayed in New York City for nine days, away from their families, and in harm's way, in order to help those in need. Tomorrow, they return to their homes and jobs in New Jersey. First NJTF-1 will stop at their deployment center in Lakehurst where their families and friends will celebrate their service to their fellow citizens.

On behalf of all of New Jersey's residents, I am proud of these dedicated men and women and proud they serve not only the people of New Jersey, but all the people of the United States. They, like so many of New Jersey's fire, police, and emergency medical technicians, deserve our praise and our thanks for their efforts in Manhattan. They have served as a bright light of hope in our days of darkness and are a testament to the unyielding will of the American people and the strength of our democracy.

I urge all my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring them for their dedication and their heroism.

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As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks.

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12 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire; the nomination of Mattie R. Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic; the nomination of R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; the nomination of Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia; the nomination

of Kevin Joseph McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia; the nomination of Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; and the nomination of Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine environmental health issues.

SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine homeland defense matters.

SD-226

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. John W. Handy, to be General; the nomination of The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. James O. Ellis Jr., to be Admiral; and the nomination of The following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 152: Gen. Peter Pace, to be General.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment, Safety and Training Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine workplace safety for immigrant workers.

SD-430

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the situation in Moldova, focusing on developments in the Transdniestria region and the promised withdrawal of Russian military forces as well as armaments and ammunition from Moldova.

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2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the effectiveness of the National Fire Plan in the 2001 fire season, including fuel reduction initiatives, and to examine the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine psychological trauma and terrorism, focusing on assurance that Americans receive the support they need.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the science and implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan including its effect on species restoration and timber availability.

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OCTOBER 2

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the interaction of old-growth forest protection initiatives and national forest policy.

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