

We join the members of both the Catholic and Jewish communities worldwide in expressing appreciation to the efforts of the Catholic-Jewish Commission to build a bridge of faith and peace.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratulating the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey on their historic achievements and the signing of their interfaith Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH FINLAYSON

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Wisconsin lost a true friend on Wednesday, with the passing of Edith Finlayson.

Edith was a self-made woman, an outstanding example for my daughters and for all young women. She was the daughter of a Baptist minister, and she drew on her faith for strength and guidance throughout her life. She earned a nursing degree and pursued advanced education in nursing administration.

Edith and her husband William moved to Milwaukee in 1958. She became the first African American nurse at Milwaukee's Veterans Administration hospital. Her talents and hard work won her the position of head nurse in the hospital's paraplegic unit.

When her own health failed, Edith left the VA hospital, but she did not retire. Instead, she began a long and illustrious second career as what our hometown newspaper aptly described as a "professional volunteer." Wisconsin's governor appointed Edith to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in 1980, and she represented the children of our community for decades with caring and distinction. Edith's dedicated leadership contributed immeasurably to the decision to bring doctoral programs to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She was also an active steward of institutions including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Area Technical College, the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Milwaukee Urban League, the NAACP and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.

Edith Finlayson exemplified our Nation's finest spirit. She was an American who defined her citizenship not by her place of birth, but by her commitment to the betterment of our community. Though Wisconsin is diminished by her loss, we remain inspired by her example.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK J. TORNETTA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia at Montgomery Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their fifty years of academic and clinical training of nurse anesthetists.

Dr. Tornetta founded the school in 1951 to provide the community with highly educated and clinically competent nurse anesthetists.

Over the past fifty years, the school has graduated over 300 students. The nurse anesthetists from the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia are respected in their various fields and hold many high level positions in academic and administration fields. The school is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia.

A strong academic partnership exists between the La Salle University School of Nursing and the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia. This partnership has also received a one million dollar grant through the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia has been a premier institution at Montgomery Hospital for fifty years. It has developed a long tradition of excellence and a highly regarded reputation. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in the health care field in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL E. RIO
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable civil servant and protector of the public. I would like to honor Chief Michael E. Rio on his retirement from the Chicago Ridge Police Department and to pay tribute to his many years of service to the officers and citizens of the village of Chicago Ridge. Chief Rio retired from service to the department on August 31, 2001.

Chief Rio is a 31-year veteran of the Chicago Ridge Police Department. Hired as a patrol officer in 1970, he had risen to the rank of Detective and then was appointed Chief in August of 1987. He was the first member of the Chicago Ridge Police Department to attend the prestigious FBI national academy. His dedication, excellence, and courage can be seen through the numerous awards and commendations he has received, including two Awards of Valor for his actions in life-threatening incidents. Also, during his many years of service, Chief Rio has been instrumental in reforming the Chicago Ridge Police Department, making it one of the most state-of-the-art facilities around.

Chief Rio is well regarded by his family and the community for his personal character, honesty, and integrity. He is a father of four children, Linda, Joseph, Michelle, and Michael Jr., as well as the proud grandfather of six.

Mr. Speaker, as Chief Rio leaves behind a long and rich history at the Chicago Ridge Police Department, I would ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. LEONARD

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the

accomplishments of the Honorable William E. Leonard, the father of the Honorable Bill Leonard, member of the California Assembly, 63rd District.

Mr. Leonard earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UC Berkeley in 1944, and served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 where he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. After his military service, he joined his father at the Leonard Realty & Building Company. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977, and was appointed to the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993, and served as its chair in 1990 and 1991. Prior to that he was a member of the state's Athletic Commission from 1956 to 1958. He currently serves on the state's High-Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Leonard has been actively involved in a number of community organizations. He is a member and past director of the San Bernardino Host Lions, a founding member and president of Inland Action, Inc., and a member of the National Orange Show Board of Directors, where he has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. He served on the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors, San Bernardino Valley Foundation, St. Bernadine's Hospital Foundation, and the University of California at Riverside Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the State of California, and his involvement in bringing the Foothill Freeway to the Inland Empire, the California State Senate passed a resolution naming the interchange of I-15 and Route 210 as the William E. Leonard Interchange. A dedication ceremony took place on July 20, 2001.

Mr. Leonard's exemplary record of service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for the service he has provided to his community.

HONORING JOSEPH JURKULAK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a very caring and considerate individual who recently passed away. Joseph Jurkulak was a modest man who gave so much to the children of his community. Mr. Jurkulak was Glenwood Springs, Colorado's "Secret Santa" for the last nineteen years. He died in his home in Glenwood Springs at the age of 86.

In 1965, Mr. Jurkulak and his wife Ann moved from Denver to Glenwood Springs after Joseph retired as a construction superintendent. He was a loving husband and father but will be remembered by most for his generosity to the children of his community. In the early 1980s, Joe joined the Toys for Tots project and began collecting and fixing used toys. These toys became the highlight of many children's Christmas celebration after they were distributed by local police departments. He asked the police to keep his identity anonymous so that the department would receive

credit for the gifts. For nineteen years, he made sure that not one child in his community went without a Christmas gift.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph Jurkulak will certainly be missed by his family and community. He dedicated his retired life to bringing smiles to youngsters throughout Glenwood Springs. I extend my deepest regrets and warmest regards to Joseph's family and friends during this time of mourning.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. SCOTT for their hard work and willingness to work together to find a common ground on the Juvenile Justice Bill which includes an important crime study provision.

The crime study provision, which I offered during subcommittee mark-up, directs the National Institute of Justice to conduct a crime study on gun violence-related injuries and deaths by youth in schools and communities.

This study focuses on the relationship between victims and violent youth; the criminal act and location; and details about the firearm used in the crime.

The purpose of this provision is to examine this data and develop new ways to prevent violence in our schools.

Today school violence is reported simply as an act of violence. There is not a focus on what kind of firearm was used; or if there was a relationship between the victim and the culprit.

Let's be honest here, when kids are killing kids—we should be doing everything we can to prevent it. We should be figuring out the links between violent acts so we can put measures in place to stop them. A very real and easy way to prevent these tragedies is to see what is happening where and when.

If we continue to turn a blind eye to violence in our schools we will never be able to put an end to their violence.

Our children need and deserve to feel safe in their schools. Let's work together and give them back their schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this important provision as part of the Juvenile Justice bill and I urge all my colleagues to support the overall bill.

“THE TRUE AMERICA”

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, last week, our country, this community, was struck by tragedy. We lost family and friends, firefighters and police, loved ones and heroes. For our families, we offer our prayers. For President Bush, Major Giuliani, and Governor Pataki, we

offer our thanks. For the cowards who committed these atrocities, we submit our resolve.

On Friday, the President asked me to join with him at ground zero. In the wreckage of the World Trade Center, we saw a place of war . . . but also a place of great hope.

We saw, we smelled, we heard the signs of war: twisted metal . . . shattered windows . . . acrid, smoking ruins. As our Air Force jet passed, the clouds were low, and smoke billowed from the wreckage below, casting a gray shroud over lower Manhattan.

But amidst the devastation, we also saw the signs of the true America.

As our motorcade drove slowly down the west side highway, the clouds broke, and the sun shined brightly on the Statue of Liberty, reflecting the very best of our country.

Amidst the devastation, rescue workers planted small American flags, in their battered helmets.

They were weary from digging to save lives for three days, yet still able to raise their arms high and shout, “USA, USA, USA” when our President arrived.

I met our neighbors—one from East Islip, the other from Huntington Station—who had been working in that rubble since the calamity struck, defiantly insisting on hope with every brick they moved. I salute them and all of our unsung heroes who continue to provide comfort in a time of tragedy and save lives in a time of war.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is the America that was in my mind later that night, after I returned to Washington, and voted to give our President the authority he needs to protect the freedoms we hold so dear, the freedoms our Constitution offers us in its very first words, the Preamble:

“To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

We didn't choose this fight. It chose us. And now we have no choice but to respond for the lives lost . . . and to preserve a uniquely American way of life:

Americans saw blood . . . and then lined up for hours to give it.

We saw disaster . . . but not defeat.

We felt fear . . . but now we join together in faith.

Our American democracy built by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Lincoln will not be weakened by cowardly terrorists.

As Alexis de Touquville said over a century ago: “Americans are great—because they are good.” And we know well that good always triumphs over evil.

Ladies and gentlemen, that night, when I cast my vote on the Floor of the House to authorize the use of force, I was conscious of all these things.

And I was aware of the fact that sixty years before, from that very same place, President Roosevelt summoned America into a monumental crusade against evil. We remember his speech, calling that day one of “infamy.” But I want to leave you with other words he proclaimed in the very same speech:

“With confidence in our armed forces—with unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God.”

We triumphed then. We will triumph now. So help us God.

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 TRAGEDY IN AMERICA

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, since September 11, we are solemnly reminded each day what it means to be a firefighter. Like so many others in public life they serve the community, but they do so at great risk of peril to their own health and lives.

So I am particularly pleased and proud to rise today in recognition of the careers of two distinguished firefighters from Sterling Heights, Michigan upon their retirement and as they embark upon a new phase of their lives.

Captain Kerry Wolgast began his firefighting career in Sterling Heights in 1979. Since then, he has obtained numerous certifications ranging from Hazardous Materials First Responder to Terrorism Awareness. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1994, and then to Captain in January of this year. He retired on September 17, 2001. Fire Inspector Andy Wallace began his career in Sterling Heights in 1980. Inspector Wallace has also obtained numerous certifications ranging from Criminal Justice Training to Fire and Arson investigation. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995 and Fire Inspector in 1997. He will retire on January 16, 2002.

We are grateful for the service Captain Wolgast and Inspector Wallace have provided the community and citizens of Sterling Heights over their long careers. Both have served the public well and have received letters of thanks and commendation from the community in response.

I send to them and to their families my best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive retirement.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Armenia's independence from the Soviet Union. This anniversary marks an important turning point for Armenia and an opportunity to highlight the U.S.-Armenia relationship. As our country continues to mourn the victims of last Tuesday's tragic attacks, so too do the Armenian people. Armenian President Robert Kocharian expressed his condolences to President Bush along with an offer to send experienced rescue workers to help the relief efforts in New York and at the Pentagon. The government of Armenia also pledged to support America's anti-terrorist campaign.

Since the dawn of history, Armenians have held to their land despite repeated occupations, oppression and genocide. They have retained their distinct heritage, language, culture and religion. In fact, this year Armenia—the first Christian nation—celebrates its 1700th anniversary of Christianity and as part of the celebration, the Pope will visit Armenia.