

popular children's programs costumes made available for awareness activities on Guam. Ginger was instrumental in bringing the actor who portrays Mr. McFeeley on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, Dave Newell, to Guam. This endeavor in which Mr. Newell was able to visit 17 Guam schools in a period of four days earned for KGTF this year the prestigious Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Trolley Award. Among the additional awards given to KGTF while under Ginger's direction was the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council Media Representative of the Year award for outstanding services and sensitivity to Guam's disabled community in 1997, the Micronesia Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists award for outstanding community service to the people of Guam in 1999, in addition to the Program of the Year and Photo of Year awards of the Governor's Recognition Excel Program both of which were earned in the year 2000.

Ginger is happily married to my brother, Richard. Ginger and Richard have two daughters, Ursula and Amy, two sons, Richard and John Thomas, and an adorable granddaughter, Bellissima "Bailey" Underwood-Corso.

After over twenty-nine years of achievements and distinguished service, Ginger has chosen to retire and spend more time with her family. I share with my brother, Richard, nieces, nephews and family members the pride we have for Ginger's work and accomplishments. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Ginger on her well-earned retirement and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY MAJOR  
DWAYNE WILLIAMS

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy that has befallen our nation is unspeakable. Thousands of lives tragically cut short, right here in our homeland. For each of those lost lives, thousands more are left behind—family, friends, colleagues—suffering and trying to cope.

One of those families is the Williams family. Army Major Dwayne Williams, originally from Jacksonville, Alabama, was killed as he performed his duty to his country at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Although I never had the honor of meeting Major Williams, I have come to know him through a heartfelt newspaper column written by one of his brothers, Birmingham News staff writer Roy L. Williams. With unanimous consent, I ask that this column be re-printed in the RECORD after my statement.

Mr. Speaker, Major Williams was unquestionably a noble patriot, an honorable son and a much beloved husband, father and brother. His life was robbed from him, and from us, because he was a living symbol of American greatness. Major Williams was not taken from us so tragically because he, as an individual, was hated, but because he represented our country's strength, determination and honor. We owe Major Dwayne Williams for paying

our price for freedom. We must forever honor his memory and keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless Army Major Dwayne Williams. God bless his family, and God bless America.

[From the Birmingham News:]

TERRORIST ATTACK CAN'T DESTROY SPIRIT,  
FAITH OF OUR FAMILY

(By Roy L. Williams)

Like millions of Americans, I was in a state of disbelief watching televised images Sept. 11 of airplanes striking the World Trade Center.

My heart sank as I thought of the pain and anguish relatives of those killed or missing must be experiencing.

Never did I imagine that my own family would be going through that same emotional turmoil less than an hour later when another jet struck the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where my oldest brother, Army Maj. Dwayne Williams, worked.

I was sitting at my desk watching scenes of the World Trade Center towers on fire when I received a frantic phone call from my mother, Pearl Williams. She told me a plane had just struck the Pentagon and expressed worry about Dwayne.

I told her she was mistaken; the planes struck the World Trade Center, not the Pentagon, and assured her Dwayne was OK. After hanging up the phone, I looked up at the first televised images of the plane crash at the Pentagon.

I immediately called my mother and informed her I would check on Dwayne's status. The next few hours were mired by frustration as phone calls to Dwayne's office in the Pentagon and home wouldn't go through.

I finally reached Dwayne's home around noon and left a voice message for his wife, Tammy, to call me with word that my brother was OK. At 2 p.m., five hours after the Pentagon attack, I reached Tammy's mother and was told that she had spoken to her daughter, who was worried sick because Dwayne had not called.

That was unlike Dwayne: He would have called his wife and children.

WORST FEARS CONFIRMED

Shortly before midnight with still no word from Dwayne, I couldn't sleep and turned on the television for the latest news on the Pentagon. What I heard confirmed my worst fears: The jet had struck a section housing Army offices where Dwayne worked.

The next morning, I reported to work but wasn't able to concentrate. Tears flowed as I imagined the horrors my brother and other victims in the Pentagon and World Trade Center experienced.

The Army and Pentagon had my brother listed as missing and feared dead. Nine days went by with no official word on Dwayne's fate, and our pain got agonizing worse as time went by.

On Friday, Sept. 21, 10 days after the Pentagon attack, the news I had dreaded finally arrived: Dwayne had been declared dead.

The bad news came around 1:45 p.m. with a call from my sobbing mother: "It's official: Dwayne's been identified as among the dead," she said.

He had apparently been among the 150 unidentified dead victims lying at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

I didn't want to believe it, and hours later remain in a state of disbelief.

Yet at the same time, I'm glad the waiting is over and the Williams family can move on in our grief.

I will never be able to fully accept the fact that my brother's life was taken in such a

despicable manner, but I am at peace in knowing that Dwayne was a Christian and is at home with the Lord.

In my mind, I see God's angels descending upon the Pentagon and snatching Dwayne and the other innocent victims from the building just as the plane hit, carrying them home to that peaceful place we all want to go: heaven.

The hardest part about this whole ordeal was the wait. We wanted closure by receiving word that Dwayne has been found. Our prayer was that he would be found alive amidst the rubble.

Though chances of survival were slim, my family never gave up hope until receiving the final word of Dwayne's death. Our faith in God sustained the family throughout this living nightmare.

I've gone through a wave of emotions—anger and bitterness toward the terrorists; sadness and sorrow; disbelief and shock; denial and an unwillingness to accept the fact that Dwayne is dead.

But closure now allows the family to move into the grief process.

GOD'S ANGELS

Although I constantly worry about the fate of my missing brother, I am at peace in knowing Dwayne is a Christian and that God's angels are protecting him. Much of the grief my wife, Patrice, and I are experiencing has been lessened by the comforting words of my pastor, Jim Lowe of the Guiding Light Church in Roebuck.

For the past three months, Pastor Lowe has been preaching a sermon series on how to cope with trouble and strife. I didn't know those sermons would apply so deeply and personally in my own life.

I have a horrible aching pain in the pit of my stomach that grows worse day by day. Leaning on the Lord is the only thing that can sustain someone going through a traumatic event like this. The prayers of the Guiding Light church family, relatives and friends are enabling us to cope with this tragedy.

In this world that we live in, you are either going into a personal storm, in the midst of a storm or coming out of one. How you cope with the situation is determined by your faith in God. We must learn to look beyond the circumstances of this world to the powerful, comforting presence of God.

Patrice and I are not only suffering anguish in the possible loss of my brother, but also one of our best friends. Dwayne served as my best man in our wedding 10 years ago and we communicated with him and his wife, Tammy, almost weekly either via e-mail or telephone.

Patrice is expecting our second child in February and I am trying my best to keep her calm, but she feels and shares my pain. I thank God that our daughter, Naja, is just 2 and too young to fully comprehend what is going on.

I thank God, also, that Naja did get a chance to see her Uncle Dwayne again this past June when his family stopped by to visit us on the way to report to the Pentagon.

Dwayne and I, along with our wives, vacationed together to Cancun, Mexico, three years ago and while he was stationed in Egypt in 1997, we viewed the awesome wonder of the Great Pyramid and Sphinx together.

Even though the terrorists attack killed Dwayne, we still have comfort in knowing that God has called him home to heaven. A terrorist attack may be able to destroy this earthly body, but cannot destroy Dwayne's spirit, which is alive and well in all of his family members and friends.

What makes this so excruciatingly painful to cope with is that Dwayne had just completed the Army Command and General Staff College in Kansas and got the assignment to the Pentagon just three months ago. It was to be the highlight of his career. One would think the military headquarters building would be the safest place in the world to serve.

Dwayne served in the Persian Gulf War and spent two years in Egypt, a scene of many terrorists' attacks, yet came home unscathed. Then this happened.

Dwayne is one of three of my brothers serving this great country in the military: the others are Army Sgt. 1st Class Kim Williams and my identical twin brother, Air Force Staff Sgt. Troy L. Williams. In the back of my mind, I always worried about them being injured or killed in battle. I never imagined one would fall victim to a terrorist attack in our homeland.

#### MORE THAN A STATISTIC

Let me paint a picture of Dwayne to show that my brother is more than a statistic in this senseless tragedy that killed and injured more than 5,000 innocent people.

An 18-year Army veteran who got his start as a paratrooper and ranger at Fort Benning, Ga., Dwayne served in the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and is a highly decorated soldier.

Dwayne is a loving husband to his wife, Tammy, and a devoted father to a 13-year-old daughter, Kelsie, and 17-year-old son, Tyler.

He is the beloved son of my parents, Horace and Pearl Williams, of Jacksonville, AL.

He is a protecting big brother to me and my other two brothers.

He is a star athlete, having lettered in high school football and basketball, then later played for four years on the University of North Alabama football team as a pass receiver. An avid softball player, he helped lead his Army team to victory in competition while in Egypt.

He is a man of strong moral character, who rarely displayed much emotion but is quick to express love in his own quiet way. And he is a friend to many.

To get a true picture of the horrible ordeal and anguish this country has been going through during the past week, simply multiply the devastation my family is experiencing by 6,000—the number of other victims either killed or still missing in these attacks.

It's a numbing, horrible feeling I pray that no other family has to experience themselves. Please pray for all of the victims of these terrible attacks. God bless America.

#### RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER OF LAUREL GROSHONG

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous contributions of a good friend, Laurel Groshong. After serving the citizens of California for thirty-two years, Laurel is retiring from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) on Friday, September 28th, 2001.

Shortly after graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree from UCLA in 1968, Laurel began her career in public service as an Employment Trainee in the Van Nuys, California office of EDD. Moving up the ladder at EDD, in 1972 she transferred to the Canoga Park

EDD office as an ES Officer 11. In 1982, she moved her family to Northern California to take over the Lakeport EDD office as the Assistant Field Office Manager. Then, in 1992, former Governor Pete Wilson appointed Laurel to represent California on special assignment in Washington DC for six months covering labor and employment legislation. Upon her return to Lakeport, she was promoted to Field Office Manager where she has served with distinction until her official retirement.

Along with two close friends, Laurel decided in 1995 to return to graduate school all the while managing an office and taking care of her family. In 1998, she proudly received her Masters Degree in Behavioral Sciences with an emphasis on negotiation and conflict management that has assisted her greatly in the past three years.

Laurel's peers have recognized her with numerous awards for outstanding teamwork, including Outstanding Employer Advisory Committee Coordinator, positive impact quality management, job training partnership training, and EDD division teamwork. The awards she has received reflect upon her dedication to her hometown of Lakeport. She has always shown a strong sense of public service in the tremendous amount of time and resources that she donates to a variety of community organizations and causes.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Laurel both professionally and personally for more than a decade. Throughout my tenure in public office, both as a California State Senator and now as Congressman, she has been a friend that I could turn to for sound advice and counsel on employment issues.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor Laurel Groshong for her outstanding career in public service, please join me in extending the best wishes from the members of the 107th Congress to her upon retirement.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2002

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2944) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. HAYES. Madam Chairman, I rise in support of Mr. HOSTETTLER's amendment—a vote in support of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Supreme Court has ruled on this issue—and they said that to force the Boy Scouts to accept homosexual troop leaders would violate their right to free association and would dilute the Scout's message. We must not threaten the Scouts' constitutional freedoms that were clearly upheld by the Supreme Court.

The process of appealing this ruling is costing the Scouts valuable dollars each day that could be better used to benefit the lives of young men—Young men who are being taught

values such as duty to God and country, honor, respect, and community service.

We must send a message that Congress will uphold the full benefits of freedom of association, and that the Scouts, a private organization, may continue to define their own leadership and promote core American values that have been taught to children for over a century. I urge my fellow members to vote in favor of the Hostettler amendment.

#### AIR 2001 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2926, legislation that will help our nation's air infrastructure recover from the shocking terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The September 11 tragedy dealt a dual blow to the airline industry; not only did American and United Airlines lose highly esteemed pilots and flight attendants in these violent hijackings, the subsequent federal shutdown of the airways also had a severe financial impact on carriers and led to the layoffs of more than 100,000 workers. Our air infrastructure supports the American economy by transporting goods and people across this great nation, and its continued strength is essential to the ongoing economic health of the United States. However, airlines also provide an opportunity to exercise the American freedom of movement. Every year, millions of Americans use air travel to visit their friends and families, take vacations, and conduct business throughout the country. Congress is now poised to bolster the airlines and restore confidence in our ability to fly.

H.R. 2926 will provide \$5 billion in immediate cash assistance to airlines to compensate for losses incurred during the federal grounding order. The measure also includes \$10 billion in loan guarantees to help airlines adjust to the lingering effects of the September 11 attacks. By promoting the continued viability of air travel, this legislation will also assist other businesses reliant on the airline industry such as aircraft manufacturers, travel agents, rental car agencies, hotels, and other travel- and tourism-related companies—all of whom have been adversely affected by the recent slowdown in air travel. Coupled with significant improvements in airline and airport safety, which I urge Congress to address in the immediate future, H.R. 2926 will stabilize and restore confidence in air travel.

However, I am quite dismayed that this legislation contains no provisions to help the 100,000 workers in the airline and airline-related sectors who have lost their jobs in the aftermath of September 11. If we truly hope to boost our nation's economy, we must ensure that these men and women receive unemployment benefits, as well as the educational and retraining assistance needed to minimize the transition time between jobs. Additionally, Congress must enact legislation to provide these families federally-subsidized COBRA health insurance during this difficult time.