

10,000 people a day, to assist volunteers at the Pentagon in their rescue efforts. Additionally, Karla Long—the Emergency Service Director—is at Ground Zero assisting as a mass care specialist while 9 other volunteers and staff are helping in New York as well. The patriotism and persistence of the Midland Empire Red Cross is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

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REGARDING THE \$400 MILLION
STRIPPED FROM THE DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION BILL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, It is truly shocking that the House Defense Authorization Bill eliminated \$400 million from space-based defenses, cutting the highly successful Space Based Laser program and a restart for the equally successful but de-funded Brilliant Pebbles space based interceptor program. Conscience demands my protest.

The destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon involving the loss of 6,000 lives should have taught us a lesson on the need for vigilance. Freedom has a price. Attacks upon the United States can take the form of ballistic missiles, cyberwarfare, and attacks on our satellites as well as terrorism.

The World Trade Center was bombed in 1993. Plans for the aerial destruction of the World Trade Center by Islamic terrorist Abdul Hakim Murad were communicated from the Philippines to the United States in 1995. Six years of advance warning was supplied before the terrible events of September 11, 2001.

In 1995 China threatened the United States with a ballistic missile to exchange Los Angeles for Taipei. China, moreover, reinforced its threat in 2000, and in 1995 and 1996 demonstrated its proclivity to use ballistic missiles, launching them offshore Taiwan. Six years of advanced warning has been supplied of China's plans.

U.S. intelligence has been either unable or unwilling to inform us of the extent and purpose of China's military buildup. It is not for modernization but part of a deliberate buildup for threatening or attacking the United States. China's Long Wall Project building missile bases is aimed at U.S. forces in the Pacific.

Nor is China the only country building ballistic missiles. North Korea, Libya, Iran, Iraq as well as other countries are engaged in buildup of ballistic missiles. But the passage of a few weeks has not seared the conscience of Congress to the menace posed by ballistic missiles, a threat against which Mr. Rumsfeld has warned us.

The House Defense Authorization Bill saw fit to cut our defenses, cutting \$400 million from space-based missile defense programs, including the Space Based Laser and re-start of the Space Based Interceptor or Brilliant Pebbles. Aiming itself at out space-based defenses, the House Defense Authorization Bill substituted false economy for the senseless risk of our lives and freedom.

The disregard for our nation's defense is exuberated by a certain ignorance of ballistic missile defense programs. For Example, the opposition to the space-based defenses said the Airborne Laser was a stepping stone to the Space Based Laser evidently unaware of how the Space Based laser already completed the demonstration of its technology of its technology in 1997, four years ago.

It is evidently poorly understood how the Airborne Laser and Space Based Laser involve different applications and technologies. The Airborne Laser uses a chemical oxygeniodine reaction to power the laser suitable for an airplane or other platform in the environment of the earth's gravity. This laser, however, is not suitable for the zero-gravity environment of space. This Space Based Laser uses a hydrogen-fluoride reaction to power its laser, where the spent gases can be exhausted in the zero-gravity environment of space.

It is apparently not well understood, moreover, how the Airborne Laser relies on a complex mirror system for directing the laser beam. The Airborne Laser, in addition, is designed for transmission of the laser through the atmosphere at ranges greater than 100 miles. The Space Based Laser, in contrast, transmits its beam from space to around 35,000 feet in altitude, or above the cloud tops.

The House Defense Authorization Bill left \$32 million for space-based missile defenses including the Space Based Laser and any re-start of the Space Based Interceptor or Brilliant Pebbles where the administration requests \$165 million for the Space Based Laser. Funding levels for the Space Based Laser have been around \$130 million.

I vigorously protest this senseless abasement of our best missile defense programs. The United States is spending \$40 billion to respond to the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The price of a ballistic missile attack and the policy of deliberately leaving ourselves vulnerable, as embodied in the House Defense Authorization Bill, may be immeasurable.

I therefore urge this body, at the first and next opportunity to advocate not only the full and immediate restoration of the \$400 million cut by Congress, but to increase funding for space-based defenses, along with their necessary technological support and development.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis.

The Sisters have a long history of dedication to people of Northeast Ohio. Over the years, the sisters served in seventeen schools in Ohio, providing for a strong education and solid virtue and morale to thousands of students.

The congregation was originally founded in Wisconsin in 1901 to educate Polish immigrants who were settling in the Midwest. Forty-six Sisters comprised the original congregation that had grown to over 183 members in 1908, serving twenty-three parish schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio.

The ministry of the Sisters expanded greatly from its original focus on educating grade school children to include high school teaching, hospital care, special education, food pantries, missionary work, geriatric care, spiritual guidance and counseling, university professorships, pastoral care, and more. Their guidance and inspiration has touched thousands of people throughout the entire Midwest, and their caring missions stand strong today. While their mission and programs continue to expand, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis have not altered their founding spirit—seeking to serve the minors, the little people who often fall through the cracks of society.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating and honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. The Sisters have remained a strong force in our community, and will continue to touch the hearts and souls of many in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Southern California community of La Cañada Flintridge. On December 8, the city will celebrate its 25th year of cityhood.

In 1843, in the wake of the Mexican Revolution, Ignacio Coronel, a Mexican school-teacher from Los Angeles, was granted a valley named "Rancho La Cañada." Later, U.S. Senator Frank Flint divided 1,700 acres south of modern-day Foothill Boulevard into large lots and called his subdivision "Flintridge." Eventually, the valley came to be known as "La Cañada Flintridge," as it is called today.

La Cañada Flintridge experienced its most rapid growth during the 20th Century. A diverse and resourceful collection of farmers, professionals, intellectuals, and ranchers toiled to develop a prosperous city. To this day La Cañada Flintridge reflects their hard work. It is a city with extensive cultural resources and an

educated population that has never abandoned the vision of its founders of successful small-town life.

La Cañada Flintridge is a bustling suburb with several important landmarks. The most recognizable institution in La Cañada Flintridge is the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the world's leading center for robotic exploration of the solar system, which is managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology. La Cañada Flintridge is also home to Descanso Gardens, a 165-acre botanical garden famous throughout the nation. The city also provides its citizens a full range of vital services and an excellent education in an independent school district.

On this 25th anniversary of the incorporation of La Cañada Flintridge, I offer my sincere congratulations to the city and its residents. La Cañada Flintridge exemplifies the American dream of a diverse coalition of individuals and families working together to secure business success, a high quality of life, and the friendliness and cooperation that is a hallmark of America's small-town suburbs.

RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT BODY OF SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Body of Savannah High School for their work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of young people like the Student Body of Savannah High School signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Student Body and Faculty of Savannah High School contributed more than \$1,400 and raised more than \$5,300 for the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to assist the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of the Student Body of Savannah High School is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

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CELEBRATING HEAR O' ISRAEL AND THE LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE CHILDREN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN 2001

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Hear O' Israel, which is sponsoring the Listen to the Cries of the Children National Campaign 2001. Hear O' Israel International, Inc. developed the campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families across Houston.

In October, Hear O' Israel will be celebrating the grand opening of their National Campaign Headquarters in Houston, Texas. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hear O' Israel.

Mr. Speaker, on February 22, 2001, Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown and the Houston City Council approved the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION: "LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE CHILDREN"

A non-profit non-denominational organization, Hear O' Israel International Inc., developed its "Listen to the Cries of the Children" national campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative side effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families. The campaign has heard the cries of the children and parents, young and old, and the veterans who are crying out due to neglect, physical challenges; broken homes; and or lack of adequate food, shelter, clothing, health care, or education. The "Listen to the Cries of the Children" National Campaign 2001 will promote "... wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and forgiveness that will break the suffering out of their prisons, visible or invisible."

As part of its ongoing effort to help the suffering, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., has conducted community oriented programs, campaigning with former gang members who were shot and, after becoming quadriplegic, are presenting themselves as physical evidence to reinforce the negative consequences of gang involvement and experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

As part of this year's campaign, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., will call for sixty seconds of positive communication between children and adults, in an effort to bridge cultural boundaries and unify a response to listen to the cries of the children. The campaign will also call for a "stop to violence and a response to mercy, love and compassion for our fellow man; turning the hearts

of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children towards the fathers; linking and strengthening the connection that should be present between every parent, child, American, and citizen of the world-wide."

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston do hereby salute Hear O' Israel International Inc., for its efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life for children, and extend best wishes for continued success.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston this 22nd day of February 2001.

MEMORIAL TO H. NORMAN JOHNSON, SAN BERNARDINO CIVIC LEADER

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to H. Norman Johnson, a lifelong civic leader in my hometown of San Bernardino, California. Mr. Johnson, who was the owner and operator of Fourth Street Rock Crusher in San Bernardino, died on September 19 at the age of 73.

Norm Johnson was the old-fashioned kind of civic leader, one who was deeply involved in his community because he loved it and wanted to make it a better place. He never held public office, but could always be counted on to work as a volunteer in the service of San Bernardino. He helped convince voters to pass an improvement tax that has made our streets safe, headed up a drive to provide underprivileged children with dental care and even campaigned to save the historic whistle at the local Santa Fe Railway depot yard.

Much of what Norm Johnson did came with no publicity. He donated all of the concrete for an addition to the local Lighthouse for the Blind, and made a similar donation for an addition to Santa Claus Inc., a local charity. Most of the Little League dugouts in the Inland Empire were provided and poured at no expense by Fourth Street Rock Crusher—and many of those teams were sponsored by the company, as well. When Yucaipa High School needed new volleyball courts, 200 tons of materials were donated by Norm Johnson and his company. When any church called, materials were supplied and delivered at no expense.

Norm Johnson worked closely with local schools long before it became fashionable for companies to "sponsor" a school. He ensured local libraries stayed in business. When San Bernardino Unified School District opened the new Arroyo Valley High School in August, Mr. Johnson advanced the city the funds needed to complete street improvements around the school.

A graduate of my alma mater, San Bernardino High, Mr. Johnson went to the University of Arizona to study business and engineering. He returned to take over Fourth Street Rock Crusher when his father became ill, and was in the office nearly every day since. His employees remember him as a tough, solid man who was unswerving in his loyalty to his company family. City officials will remember him for his insistence that they