

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute President Chen Shui-bian on the occasion of Taiwan's forthcoming National Day. As a birthday present to Taiwan, I believe all of us should support Taiwan's bid to re-enter the United Nations. After the admission of Tuvalu to the United Nations in 2000, the Republic of China on Taiwan is the only aspiring country that remains excluded from the United Nations. Taiwan has every right to be a member of the United Nations. Taiwan has a dynamic economy that is the envy of much of the world. Taiwan is the world's 17th largest economy and holds approximately \$100 billion in foreign exchange reserves. Politically, Taiwan is one of the freest nations. It has a democratically elected head of state and holds free elections at all levels. Taiwan's citizens enjoy full human rights and press freedom. By any measurable standard, Taiwan is an economic powerhouse and a beacon of democracy. Taiwan's twenty-three million citizens need a voice in the United Nations. By excluding Taiwan, the United Nations is violating its own principle of universality. The Republic of China on Taiwan has much to contribute to the work and funding of the United Nations and other international organizations. I urge my colleagues to give their support to Taiwan's campaign to return to the United Nations and other international organizations. I also wish to add that Taiwan was shocked and devastated by the events of September 11th. Taiwan shares with us the belief that those terrorist acts are reprehensible and must be condemned. Taiwan grieves with America whose homeland was attacked by shameless terrorists. An attack on America means an attack on Taiwan; it means an attack on democracy and our way of life. Taiwan is ready to help us combat terrorism anywhere and everywhere. Happy Birthday Taiwan!

TRIBUTE TO ALYSIA C.
BASMAJIAN

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity today to pay tribute to Alysia C. Basmajian.

Alysia Basmajian was twenty-three years of age. She was a graduate of Godwin High School and the College of William and Mary, and was just beginning her career as an accountant at the World Trade Center.

Alysia's life was brutally taken from her by the hand of terrorists—radical extremists who are seeking to destroy the ideas embodied by America and her people. Alysia was a symbol of the American dream—working hard for herself, her family and her country.

Henrico, and the entire Richmond area, has experienced a great loss. Our entire community mourns along with Alysia Basmajian's parents and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband and two-year-old daughter.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, a precious life was ripped from our midst.

Alysia Basmajian represented the bright future of America. Working in the world's economic capital, Alysia was a hard worker and a true leader.

On September 11, Alysia Basmajian reported to work in the World Trade Center in New York City. Alysia began her day conducting the nation's business, when terror struck, taking her life and thousands of others. Because Alysia represented American freedom, she was attacked.

We owe Alysia Basmajian for paying the price of freedom with her life, and we will always remember her sacrifice. Let us honor her memory.

TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY BLOOD
CENTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Blood Center for its 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 should-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 organizations like the Community Blood Center 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 Community Blood Center has assisted in blood drives and blood donations to support the nationwide relief effort to provide for the injured survivors. The patriotism and persistence of the Community Blood Center is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the Nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our Nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

I am confident that the United States will seek out those that harbor hatred, terror, and depravity in their hearts; and we will defeat

them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great Nation and may God bless America.

UNITED WE STAND

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, following the tragic terrorist attack on our Nation September 11, Americans have responded with an enormous outpouring of generosity and patriotism. I am proud to call to the attention of my House colleagues one effort within my Congressional District.

At a ceremony in Dayton, Ohio, on October 5, Jeff Cottrell, Ron Witters, and Dana Applegate will present the American Red Cross Disaster Fund a check for \$1 million generated by sales of patriotic T-shirts and sweatshirts celebrating the irrepressible American spirit. Cottrell, Witters, and Applegate operate Screen Works Inc. in the Dayton suburb of Vandalia, Ohio, which manufactures the shirts.

The shirts depict a bold image of the Statue of Liberty and an American eagle with outstretched wings of red, white, and blue, and proclaim, "United We Stand."

The image was designed only hours after the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters. Within three weeks, the company's Web site registered 130,000 hits. Orders have come from all over the United States and around the world.

Much of the work producing the shirts came from volunteers. All profits go to help with the relief effort for the September 11 victims and their families.

The success of this fund-raising effort is a tribute not only to the citizens of the Dayton area but to the people throughout our great Nation who have declared their resolve that, even in these dark moments, America will stand united.

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO AS-
SISTED IN THE RELIEF EFFORT
AT THE PENTAGON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on the United States, we have witnessed an outpouring of generosity throughout the nation—be it monetary donations to the local volunteer fire department, blood donations to the Red Cross or time donations to any number of volunteer organizations assisting in the relief operations at both the Pentagon and the World Trade towers.

In the midst of the human evil and premeditated acts of death and destruction which marked Tuesday, September 11, it was easy to become disheartened. But out of the rubble, time and again, fellow Americans have risen to the occasion, offering a helping hand, a warm meal or a simple smile, thereby restoring our faith in humanity. These acts of service often go unnoticed and unrecognized, but not unappreciated.

The Pentagon, just a few miles from the nation's capital, was a hotbed of volunteer activity. Americans from all over the country put busy lives on hold, taking leave from their jobs and responsibilities at home, some using cherished annual vacation leave, to reach out to fellow citizens. Touring the Pentagon's south parking lot last week, you might find the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association faithfully serving day in and day out, or a church group from Louisiana which had driven through the night only to cook large kettle pots of jambalaya. And of course there were two organizations, which have become a mainstay at disaster sights throughout the country, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. All of these groups, many of them faith based, were instrumental both in the tangible parts of the relief operation, which included blood drives and food preparation, and in the intangible parts, like lifting the spirits of weary rescue workers.

Another organization which was a pivotal part of the relief effort at the Pentagon was Christ in Action, based out of Manassas, Virginia, which is part of Virginia's 10th Congressional district. It is a nonprofit organization

which was founded in January 1982 by Dr. Denny and Sandy Nissley.

Christ in Action prepared and served a remarkable 3,000 to 5,000 meals each day. In the twilight hours of the evening and the hours before sunrise, they and their team of volunteers diligently prepared up to 500 breakfasts to be ready by 5 a.m., for distribution to various areas of the Pentagon where workers could not leave their posts. Between 5–9 a.m., they served another 1,000 to 1,500 breakfasts. And that was just one meal cycle.

Christ in Action's tent was designated the "official" meal place for the entire relief effort by an office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The relief workers that were permitted to leave their sites often retreated to the Christ in Action tent as a treasured respite from the arduous task before them. Located just 200 feet from the crash site, the tent was near the intersection of two newly created "streets" in this impromptu tent city, American Way and Freedom Lane. A large American flag hung behind the stage in the tent, from which various military bands performed during the lunch hour each day, and cards and letters from students and children around the country were

gathered in boxes at the foot of the stage, to be read by workers in need of some encouragement during the course of the day.

In this time of need, Christ in Action found strength in its unyielding faith, and has displayed an outpouring of love and warmth to countless relief workers from across the country. Christ in Action answered a call to service before the call was even sounded and in doing so gave us a glimpse of the spirit which will carry our nation through this trying time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on the amendment offered by Mr. HOSTETTLER to the FY02 District of Columbia Appropriations bill on September 25, 2001, rollcall No. 354, I was unavoidably detained on official businesses. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".