

most vulnerable citizens in the event of a terrorist attack: our children.

The events of September 11 have illustrated only too clearly for us the risks posed to our children by terrorism. Children perished aboard the planes that crashed. Both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon housed day care centers. Nearby schools had to be evacuated. And an estimated 10,000 American children lost a parent as a result of these atrocities—many of them losing their sole or primary caregiver.

In recent weeks, new concerns have emerged. With the threat of bioterrorism and chemical warfare more prominent, we have realized that our understanding of the proper dosages of vaccines and antidotes for children is incomplete. Few health care providers are trained to recognize the early signs of smallpox or anthrax, which can mimic cold or flu symptoms. The National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program is not necessarily equipped with the supplies necessary to administer drugs or other treatment to large numbers of children.

Other needs have become evident as well. Many schools lack effective evacuation plans or methods of moving children to an alternative safe location. Networks do not exist for informing parents of evacuations and the sites where their children may be found. Mental health services are not always available for children traumatized by catastrophic events.

Finally, the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks robbed untold numbers of children of their sole parent or caregiver. While these children are now largely being cared for by relatives and friends, they are considered orphans by the government. We must establish a method for settling these children in loving homes and ensuring that all possible aid and services are provided to them in a coordinated, comprehensive fashion.

I am proud to join my colleague, Senator HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, in introducing today the Protecting America's Children Against Terrorism Act. This bill addresses each of these critical issues, supplying federal resources and coordination to ensure that our children's needs are met in the event of a terrorist attack.

The bill would protect children against bioterrorism by:

Establishing a National Task Force on Children and Terrorism. The task force would examine and make recommendations regarding the preparedness of our Nation's health system for mass casualties of children and youth resulting from bioterrorism.

Establishing a Children and Terrorism Information Network. The network would collect and disseminate information for health providers on how to prepare for a biological or chemical terrorist attack and what steps to take to ensure children get the health care they need in the case of an attack.

Providing research funding on children and bioterrorism.

Supporting training programs for physicians and health care personnel.

Ensuring that the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program (NPSPP) includes inventories to meet the medical needs of children.

The bill would protect our schoolchildren by: Recommending advance plans for school evacuations, safe places and parental notification.

Ensuring mental health services for children affected by terrorism and their caregivers.

The bill would secure our social services infrastructure to assist children and families by:

Helping communities provide universal hotlines, such as 2-1-1.

And, finally, the bill would provide services for children orphaned as a result of terrorism by:

Establishing an Office of Children's Services after any disaster in which children have lost their custodial parent(s).

The events of September 11 have revealed to us the gaps in our preparedness for a major disaster. We owe it to our children to ensure that we close these gaps before a future emergency—be it terrorism, natural disaster, or other cause—requires that we take action.

I hope my colleagues will join me in lending strong support to the Protecting America's Children Against Terrorism Act. Our precious children deserve no less.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND W.J.
HALL, D.D., PASTOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend W.J. Hall for his many outstanding years of service to the Bethel Baptist Church.

W.J. Hall was born August 1, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Hall in Oxford, NC. He attended elementary and high school in Oxford, NC. After graduating from Mary Potter High School in 1947, he went to Philadelphia, PA, to work. He also attended Temple University. In 1950, Reverend Hall joined the U.S. Army serving as a military policeman and working with the CID (Criminal Investigating Department). Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 1953, he completed a double major in religion and social studies at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. Reverend Hall also earned 18 semester hours toward a masters degree in education at North Carolina College in Durham, NC. He used this knowledge when he taught 4 years of public school in North Carolina and Virginia. In addition, Reverend Hall is a member of Phi Beta Sigma, a Master Mason, and a member of NAACP.

Reverend Hall has been the pastor of several other churches, including the Olive Grove Baptist Church of Oxford, NC; Spring Street Baptist Church of Henderson, NC; and the Greenwood Baptist Church of Warrenton, NC.

He was married in 1954 to Miss Beatrice Mabel Sellars of Vass, NC. Together he and Mabel have two daughters, Wanda and Andrea.

Since Reverend Hall arrived at Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, he has been busy. Under his leadership, the church membership has greatly increased, the church has been painted and remodeled, a church paper has been published, a new parsonage added, a station wagon purchased and a new pastor's study built. A mural also has been added over the pipe organ, which was purchased by the trustees, along with a Hammond organ purchased. In addition, to his tremendous success at Bethel Baptist Church, he recently, received a divinity degree.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. J.W. Hall has devoted his life to educating others and his church; as such he is more than worthy of receiving our

recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this dedicated and hard-working man of faith.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLARENCE SENIOR CENTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 20th anniversary of the Clarence Senior Center in Clarence, NY.

The Clarence Senior Center is an important gathering place for our community—providing social, educational, recreational, and nutritional support for the town's independent senior population. The center is a place to share friendships and experiences, and encourages independence of its members, who range in age from 60 to 96.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in saluting Clarence Senior Citizens, Inc., upon the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its center, and that this honorable body extend its sincerest appreciation to the staff, volunteers, members, and visitors who have made this facility such a tremendous asset to our community.

IN MEMORY OF MAJOR WALLACE
COLE HOGAN, JR.

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Major Wallace Cole Hogan, Jr. for serving our country in the United States Army. Major Hogan grew up in Macon, Georgia, and attended Valdosta State University. After graduation, he joined the Georgia Army National Guard as a Rifle and Mortar Platoon Leader.

Major Hogan was truly born to serve. His time with the National Guard included the 19th Special Forces Group Airborne, Commander of the Colorado Army National Guard, 20th Special Forces Group Airborne, and Alabama Army National Guard as a Detachment Commander. On April 4, 1993 Major Hogan accepted in Army active duty appointment in the grade of Captain. He was a member of the Green Berets and fought in the Persian Gulf War with the 1st Special Forces Group Airborne as a Battalion Operations officer and Detachment Commander. He also served as the Commander, Special Forces Instructor Detachment, U.S. Army Jungle Operations Training Battalion, Fort Sherman, Panama.

Ultimately, Major Hogan arrived at the Pentagon and joined the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in June 1999. His work at the Pentagon included Special Operations Staff Officer in the Directorate of Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization and Executive Officer for the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. A committed serviceman, Major Hogan dedicated his entire professional life to the United States Army.

On September 11, terrorists claimed the lives of our friends, family and loved ones

from all over this nation and the world. Major Cole Hogan was one of these loved ones. His parents are from Macon and happen to be personal friends of mine. My wife and I have two children and I can't imagine any greater pain than that which floods ones heart upon the death of a child. My prayers are with the Hogans during their most difficult time of grief.

In our mourning, we can't help but question how such a heinous act could come to fruition on American soil. But in a time where questions are many and words are few, I want to offer my most sincere condolences to the family of Major Hogan; his wife, Air Force Major Pat Hogan of Alexandria, VA and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Hogan, Sr. of Macon, GA.

In a lifetime of service that spanned half the globe, Major Hogan served from Hawaii to Panama before coming to work at the Pentagon. His outstanding accomplishments have not gone unnoticed as evident by the numerous decorations and awards earned during his service. These recognitions include: The Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Scuba Diver Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

I think we have a lot to learn from Americans like Major Cole Hogan. His dedication and patriotism are unwavering and a standard we all should strive to emulate. Major Hogan will be missed, as will so many others. These lives will not be forgotten. We must honor them by living on as they lived. The lives stolen by terrorists so easily could've been our own. We owe it to the fallen to press on and take hold of all that our forefathers fought for and dreamed we would live to enjoy. As a nation, Americans have always shown strength through adversity.

I commend Major Hogan for his service and I thank his family for raising up a man whose heart was to give his all for his country. His presence will be missed and his legacy will not be forgotten.

IMPACT AID

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Impact Aid program. Impact Aid remains one of the oldest, and most critical, elementary and secondary education programs administered by the Department of Education.

It is vital to more than 1,500 federally impacted school districts and 1.5 million children across the country who depend on the program for a quality education. This funding not only affects military children and children residing on Indian lands, but also an estimated 17.5 million children who attend financially strapped schools due to a large federal presence in their school districts. By increasing funding, we help local school districts, which have lost tax revenue as a result of the federal presence in their district, better serve their communities.

The Impact Aid program is an example of an effective, successful partnership and shared responsibility between federal, state, and local governments. Therefore, we must increase funding to ensure that students who attend federally impacted schools continue to receive a quality education. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Impact Aid program.

TRIBUTE TO FRED R. JOHNSON OF
ROME, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 1, 1927
TO OCTOBER 10, 2001

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Rome, Georgia has lost one of its finest citizens. Frederick Ross (Fred) Johnson, a native of Floyd County, Georgia passed away on October 10, 2001. Fred attended Darlington School in Rome, and was a graduate of Auburn University and the Institute of Insurance Marketing at SMU.

Fred entered the Life Insurance Business in December 1949. He quickly became known as "icon" in the insurance industry, throughout Georgia, and nationally. As general agent, he developed the Rome-based Piedmont Agency into one of the largest life insurance agencies in the country. The Piedmont Agency was Georgia International's Agency of the Year for an unbelievable 30 consecutive years. His brother and partner in the Piedmont Agency, Bob Johnson, describes Fred as someone who loved a challenge and was very competitive. According to Bob, "if the tree was the tallest, he wanted to get to the top." In an interview several months before his death, Fred said he believed the secret to selling life insurance, or anything else, was to get up in the morning with the resolution to follow through. He was the author of, "The Secret of Selling Life Insurance," a training tool for agents, published earlier this year by New York Life Insurance Company.

Fred was a Director of the Rome Bank and Trust Company, and a member and current trustee at First Presbyterian Church. He served on the Board of Directors of Hand and Associates in Houston, Texas, and was a member of the Coosa Country Club. He was active in many other professional and community activities; and had a lifelong passion for politics. Fred Johnson was a fine family man, and a true friend to all in his community, including, thankfully, me. We will miss him.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JASON M.
DAHL, UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT
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HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Jason Matthew Dahl, the pilot of United Airlines Flight 93, and a true American hero. He was doing what he loved to do when he lost his life along with thousands of others in the horrible assault on our nation

that occurred on September 11. His bravery on that flight was reflective of the American spirit displayed in abundance by countless Americans that day. Jason grew up in the San Jose community, and his parents, who were the proprietors of Dahl's Dairy Delivery, used to deliver milk to Hillsdale Elementary School, where I served as principal.

From his childhood years, Jason had a strong desire to fly. His passionate devotion to this endeavor was only matched during his lifetime by his devotion to his family. Jason was born the youngest of five children on November 2, 1957, in San Jose, California, and grew up on Haga Drive, in the house where his widowed mother, Mildred, still lives. He attended Hillsdale Middle School and Sylvandale Middle School, both of which I would eventually helm as principal. He first manifested his affinity for flight during his years at Sylvandale, where he started building radio-controlled airplanes, and would fly these planes with his friend, Roger. He then joined the Civil Air Patrol, and was soon taking flying lessons from Amelia Reid at Reid Hillview Airport. He was a quick study, and was flying solo by the youthful age of 16. During this early period, Jason gave his father a photograph, depicting the two of them standing in front of a Cessna, on which Jason had written: "Maybe someday this will be a 747."

Jason attended my alma mater, San Jose State University, from 1975 to 1980, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Operations. While at San Jose State, Jason developed close, lasting relationships with a group of classmates, fellow members of the "Flying Twenties" club, who cemented their friendships while pumping fuel at Reid Hillview Airport in order to earn money to rent planes and buy their own fuel. Jason supported himself during his college years working at this job, as well as by flying advertising banners, doing aerial photo surveys, and teaching private flying lessons.

After graduating from college, Jason was hired by Ron Nelson Construction as a corporate pilot. A few years later, he applied to the commercial airlines, and he realized his dream when he got the call from United Airlines in June 1985. He steadily moved up the ranks at United, and when he was offered the position of flight instructor, he accepted it. Although Jason loved to fly, working at the training center allowed him to spend more time with his family.

Balancing the demands of career and family is a daunting challenge, especially for a pilot, but family was greatly important to Jason. No matter how busy his flight schedule, he always made the time for his wife, Sandy, and his children, Matt and Jennifer.

Captain Dahl was an emblem of the American dream. He was a committed family man and a successful pilot. His heroism on the morning of September 11, 2001, saved the lives of countless Americans in Washington, DC, and quite possibly many Members of Congress and others who work in the United States Capitol Building. Jason's mother recently told me that though she accepted his tremendous love of flying early on, she never could quell the concern any pilot's mother has for her child's safety. She said that Jason would reassure her by saying that if he ever were to experience an airborne disaster, he would be sure to go down over trees or an open field, and not over a populated area.