

are still providing security at MIA. This is the system we get with privatization.

Security at airports needs to be and is a legitimate function of the Federal Government of the United States, a security function, a law enforcement function. We should no longer resist that on some sort of ideological bias or an attempt to buy security on the cheap. The administration has convened a task force on kind of a slow timeline; they are proposing to come forward on October 1.

We know what we need to do. Let us not delay another day. I am amazed that this body rejected my motion last Friday night to begin the federalization process now to begin to put firms like this one in Miami International convicted of violating the law and leave them in charge. We need to take charge and make flying safer.

COMMENTING ON LETTERS FROM CONSTITUENTS AFTER THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Speaker's recognition. Certainly the people of Indiana are proud to see him in the chair, and we are delighted to be reconvening this Monday morning.

Let me just thank, as chairman of the Travel and Tourism Caucus, my colleagues for working quickly on Friday to bring about some financial stability to the airline industry. And of course today, as I speak, the market, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up some 350 points, and so we hope we have turned the corner on pessimism; and I know there is still opportunity to review and reflect on what the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) just spoke of.

We can certainly be Monday-morning quarterbacks and look back and see what we could have done differently. I hope prospectively we now start reviewing all the safety measures affecting our traveling public. We have to ensure stability in the marketplace. We have to make certain that airlines, of course, work on safety precautions, but the Government has to be a partner.

On Friday, some of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle objected to any bailout, suggesting somehow that that was unfair to the industry. I can assure you today we would be seeing a lot more massive economic downturn and a lot more jobs lost had we not acted.

Today, I wanted to spend a moment on two things: one, a constituent of mine, Dino Laudati, wrote this the morning of the tragedy, and he calls it "Eternal Flame of America."

"As I watched in horror and grief as the towers of the World Trade Center burned, I cried in pain and disbelief. As

I wiped the tears from my eyes and removed my hands from my face, I had a vision.

"In front of me the burning towers turned into burning torches, torches of hope, torches of courage and strength, torches of unity and love, torches that will guide us into the darkness to seek and defeat our enemy. The same enemy that ignited that fire, believing he could bring us to our knees.

"Torches that will engulf our hearts with love and tenacity, torches that will always burn, for the freedom that America stands for and that every American will fight for and would rather die than succumb to defeat or submission.

"Torches that will always remind us that we are all equal no matter what religion, race or background and we stand together in peace, brotherhood and love. We believe that God is the only one who is above us. He enables us to carry within us the fire of the burning towers as torches of eternal light.

"To remind us that America is freedom and freedom is America. Our forefathers established it, our fathers believed in it, we will fight for it and our children will keep it forever.

"Dino Laudati, September 11, 2001."

Dianne Robbins from my district office sent this along. Her daughter sent it to her, Beth Horner.

"On Monday we e-mailed jokes.

On Tuesday we did not.

On Monday we thought that we were secure.

On Tuesday we learned better.

On Monday we were talking about heroes as being athletes.

On Tuesday we relearned who our heroes are.

On Monday we were irritated that our rebate checks had not arrived.

On Tuesday we gave money away to people we had never met.

On Monday there were people fighting against praying in schools.

On Tuesday you would have been hard pressed to find a school where someone was not praying.

On Monday people argued with their kids about picking up their room.

On Tuesday the same people could not get home fast enough to hug their kids.

On Monday people were upset that they had to wait 6 minutes in a fast food drive-through line.

On Tuesday people didn't care about waiting up to 6 hours to give blood for the dying.

On Monday we waved our flags signifying our cultural diversity.

On Tuesday we waved only the American flag.

On Monday there were people trying to separate each other by race, sex, color and creed.

On Tuesday they were all holding hands.

On Monday we were men or women, black or white, old or young, rich or poor, gay or straight, Christian or non-Christian.

On Tuesday we were all Americans.

On Monday politicians argued about budget surpluses.

On Tuesday, grief stricken, they sang 'God Bless America.'

On Monday the President was going to Florida to read to children.

On Tuesday he returned to Washington to protect our children.

On Monday we had families.

On Tuesday we had orphans.

On Monday people went to work as usual.

On Tuesday they died.

On Monday people were fighting the 10 Commandments on government property.

On Tuesday the same people all said 'God help us all' while thinking 'Thou shall not kill.'"

It is sadly ironic how it takes horrific events to place things into perspective, but it has. The lessons learned this week, the things we have taken for granted, the things that have been forgotten or overlooked, hopefully will never be forgotten again.

These are messages from our community and our constituents. I am certain every Member in Congress probably has similar that they have received. The outpouring of support for our Commander in Chief, the President of the United States, has been wonderful.

In Palm Beach County, a county I come from, a typical blood bank volume is 500 pints a week. Last week when I visited Palm Beach County that same blood bank, and I will use the phrase used then by George Bush, the President, the President's father, a thousand points of light. Well, last week in Palm Beach County there were 7,000 pints of life supporting New York and Washington.

I commend my community. I commend this Congress. I am proud to be an American. I thank all who have witnessed and watched us work together on behalf of the American people.

GUAM STANDS READY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is in this time of national crisis and in this time of national need that I am proud to stand here in the House to reflect upon it and also to report that Guam stands ready to do its part. In fact, it is doing so as we speak and as we deliberate.

Guam's strategic location on the other side of the international date line, its very extensive military infrastructure, means that American resources and personnel, some of our strongest assets, are moving through Guam as we speak, through that part of America, on their way to South Asia and on their way to eventual victory.

The people of Guam have had a long experience with the military and, in fact, are very closely aligned with the military not only economically but socially and also politically. We have

over 2,000 people in uniform, on active duty, which amounts to about three times the national average. The people of Guam are in every branch and in every special operations unit and in every corner of the world today.

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The people of Guam extend their condolences and their support to all of our fellow Americans, and have done so through resolution by the Guam legislature, Resolution Number 125, which I include for the RECORD.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 (LS)

Relative to expressing the shock, repugnance and horror of the People of Guam at the hijacking of American commercial passenger airliners, the terrorist attacks upon the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and extending the condolences, sympathy and prayers of the People of Guam to those injured and the families of those who did not survive these acts of cowardice and inhumanity.

Be it resolved by I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

Whereas, I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan (the Twenty-Sixth Guam Legislature) on behalf of the People of Guam, having experienced the horrors of war during the bombing of their island on December 8, 1941 and having experienced the horrors, cruelty and human suffering of war, understand, comprehend and relate to the frightening terror resulting from the murderous attacks upon the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, though situated more than 10,000 miles from New York and Washington, D.C., through advances in modern communications technology, watched, in horror and disbelief, the events beginning with the first aircraft attack upon the World Trade Center, and have continuously followed all news reports on these tragedies; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, being extremely loyal and patriotic Americans, agree, and are in consonance, with the words of President George W. Bush that these acts have inflamed "a yielding anger" in all Americans; have created a firm resolve that America "will not rest until justice has been achieved"; that "there will be no differentiation between those who committed these acts of inhumanity and those who harbor them" and when identified and captured, justice will be served; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, staunch defenders of liberty, freedom and democracy, do and continue to support the United States of America's policy and philosophy of promoting principles of liberty, freedom and democracy throughout the World for all people; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, condemn the hijacking of American commercial passenger airliners by terrorist forces and the attack and bombing of the New York City World Trade Center Twin Towers and the Pentagon as cowardly acts of war perpetrated upon the United States of America and its People; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, wholeheartedly and resolutely support the promise and determination of President George W. Bush to "hunt down and bring to justice" those who plan and perpetrate such acts of war against any freedom loving people and nation, as well as, identification and prosecution of

those who harbor or provide refuge to such perpetrators and mass murderers; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, wholeheartedly support President George W. Bush's stern intent and resolve to capture, arrest and prosecute all involved in this breach of peace and violation of human rights, and his declaration of and resolution that the search, capture and prosecution of these mass murderers is a top priority of the United States government and its law enforcement agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, extend to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York; the Honorable Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City; the People of New York City, especially the families of those who were injured or who perished as a result of the cowardly attacks upon the World Trade Center Twin Towers; the People of Washington, D.C., especially the families of those who were injured or who perished as a result of the cowardly attacks upon the Pentagon; and the crash of the hijacked plane in Somers County, Pennsylvania the sympathy, condolences and prayers of all the People of Guam; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify and Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States of America and President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York; to the Honorable Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City; to the Honorable Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania; to Mr. Jim Goodwin, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Airlines, Ltd.; to Mr. Donald J. Carty, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Airlines; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T. Gutierrez, I Magalahen Guahan (Governor of Guam).

But at the same time that we stand in solidarity with the rest of America, my home island is also facing the greatest economic challenge that it has faced since World War II when Guam was devastated as the only American territory occupied by an enemy during the entire 20th Century.

Guam's economy is fueled primarily by tourism, most of it from Japan. Even prior to this attack, Guam was experiencing a 15 percent unemployment rate, because our economy is tied so much to Japan's, which was three times the national average. Guam was experiencing a \$40 million shortfall in revenues for the Government of Guam, roughly 10 percent of its entire budget, and for months my office, along with other political leaders on Guam and business leaders, have since tried to figure out various economic strategies of recovery.

But since the attack, the results have even been worse. The economic picture that we face is even worse. Because of international uncertainty and safety concerns, and perhaps a little bit out of deference to a Nation in mourning, many international tourists

have canceled their plans to come to Guam. This is devastating to my home island.

Continental Micronesia, which is the major airline of Guam, has laid off hundreds of workers. Hotels, restaurants and shops are empty; hundreds have been sent home or had their hours cut back dramatically. The ripple effect on ancillary economic activity and on Government of Guam revenues is immediate and dramatic. 25,000 Japanese tourists have canceled their plans to visit Guam this month, and it estimated that there will be a 25 to 30 percent decline in the coming months in the number of tourists from Japan.

The people of Guam are no strangers to tough economic times. Time and time again, the people of Guam have weathered the storm and persevered during economic hardship. Whether it was rebuilding the economy after a Supertyphoon, like Omar in 1992 and Paka in 1997, or an earthquake, like the 8.1 on the Richter scale we experienced in 1993, or following World War II, or the Gulf War, the people of Guam have always fought back, remained patient but determined, and eventually overcame the economic difficulty.

Recovery from the Asian financial crisis, the downsizing of the military following the Cold War, and now the recent terrorist attacks, presents an enormous challenge, in this hour of national crisis, Guam will do its part, as it has done in the past. We support the national effort and lend our assistance and support to all military activities in Guam.

Economic recovery is perhaps the best way to show that this Nation is back to normal. Economic assistance for communities and workers suffering from the decimation of entire industries is one of the best ways, although not the best way, to demonstrate that this Nation's political leadership understands the meaning of the attack nearly 2 weeks ago.

In the coming days and weeks, I will vigorously pursue an economic stimulus plan for Guam and the insular areas. There has been some progress on this, but much work needs to be done. I ask that the U.S. territories not be forgotten as we contemplate economic relief proposals for the entire Nation in the coming weeks and the coming months.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro