

honored that he was here today to lead us in prayer.

TRIBUTE TO CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL CENTER FOR ITS WORK TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the sea of stripes and stars and red, white, and blue that decorate shop windows and adorn our homes and cars is evidence that Americans have renewed our sense of pride and unity. Donning ribbons and waving flags, hundreds more will fill the streets of South Florida this Sunday, October 7. They will participate in a patriotic salute; but as our Nation gets back to business, these South Floridians will Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer.

Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer will help raise funds for lifesaving research at City of Hope Medical Center and at the Beckman Research Institute. I congratulate the event co-chairs of the walk, Michael Yavner and Mason Mishcon; as well as the Grand Marshal of the walk, Susan Wise, the Morning Diva at 101.5 Lite FM, and Jade Alexander, entertainment reporter for CBS 4, who have utilized their TV and radio talents to promote the event.

I also congratulate Ambassador Naomi Wright, director of community relations at Pro-player Stadium, who has worked to raise funds that will benefit clinical trials and hereditary and clinically associated research.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, but with the dedication and leadership of groups like City of Hope Medical Center, we will soon be trained with the weapons to fight this devastating disease.

URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW GOD BACK INTO THE SCHOOLROOMS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, after September 11, America turned to prayer. Churches, community groups, colleges, all of America prayed for the victims, their families, and our great Nation.

Once again, when in crisis, America turns to prayer and turns to God. Yet, America has banned God from our schools. Shame. A nation that bans God from our schools is a nation that invites the devil.

I yield back our right of religious freedom and urge this Congress to take whatever steps and means are necessary to invite and allow God back into our schoolrooms.

WHY WE MUST GO TO WAR

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, we seem to be entering a new era of war protesters. The professional protesters who have been marching against globalism and capitalism and other causes now have a new cause.

I respect true pacifists, although I do not agree with them. I believe sometimes we have to fight against tyrants. But we should remind one another that freedom is not free. Our freedoms were not won with poster paint. It was costly. They were won by the blood of patriots.

The reason our soldiers fight and die is to secure our freedoms: the freedom, the luxury, even, to protest and carry a sign, and the freedom to be tolerant; the freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and redress of grievances.

This war is against terrorists who will kill innocent women and children and take the law into their own hands to achieve their own ends. This war is to guarantee that our people, our children, can have a secure and free future. The intent of the terrorist is not our defeat, it is our destruction. If they had weapons of mass destruction, they would use them. They are seeking such capability as we speak.

That is why we must go to war. We must exact justice on the terrorists, and we must prevent them from getting that capability so the world can live in peace and freedom.

TANCREDO AMENDMENT WILL STOP BARBARIC PRACTICE OF COCKFIGHTING

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the House this morning has an opportunity to stop the barbaric and inhumane practice of cockfighting. Roosters bred, trained, and equipped not just to kill but maim and do maximum damage and bloodshed is something that is abhorrent to the American public.

Starting in 1837, Massachusetts and 46 other States over the years have done their job. Congress has not done its. Even though 25 years ago the House passed the legislation and last month passed legislation, we have never had time to do it right.

It is time to close this loophole that transports these fighting birds across State lines. Join the advocates for humane treatment of animals, law enforcement, and the overwhelming majority of American citizens. I urge my colleagues to join the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) and I to close this loophole by voting for the amendment.

URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RESCHEDULE SAFETY PATROL TRIPS TO THE U.S. CAPITOL

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, I want to applaud my colleagues as co-chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus for their outstanding work on getting America flying again, traveling again, and looking at some of the implications of September 11.

One disturbing note: I have heard many school districts around the Nation are talking about canceling the all-important safety patrol trips to our Nation's Capitol. I urge them to reconsider those decisions. One of the great times for us in Congress is a chance to meet with our young constituents when they come to Washington, D.C., their eyes big as saucers, looking at the wonderful majestiness of this building, our national monuments, and the history invoked in this room.

This is a singularly important trip for these young people and should not be put aside based on fear or irrational concerns over safety. We want the children to be treated safely. We want them, yet, to have a great historical time in our Nation's Capitol.

I urge those school boards to reconsider their decision and allow their kids to travel to our Nation's Capitol. They will be safe, and more important, they will gain an insight into the workings of the Federal Government, which is important for themselves and their future.

TODAY CONGRESS CAN FUNDAMENTALLY REFORM AGRICULTURE POLICY TO BENEFIT ALL FARMERS

(Mr. KIND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today we have a chance to fundamentally reform agriculture policy so all farmers in all regions of the country will benefit under the next farm bill.

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I, along with the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) will offer an amendment that takes a little bit of the increase of the subsidy payments that the largest commodity producers will receive, and instead move those resources into voluntary and incentive-based land and water conservation programs that our farmers want and are calling for.

As the Bush administration made clear in their statement on the farm bill released yesterday, even they cannot support the committee bill because, and I quote, "It misses the opportunity to modernize the Nation's farm programs through market oriented tools, innovative environmental programs, including extending benefits to working lands and aid programs that are consistent with our trade agenda."

Our amendment, Madam Speaker, accomplishes these objectives, and I urge my colleagues to support the Boehlert-Kind-Gilchrest-Dingell amendment.

AIDING OUR CITIZENS

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, the recent terrorist acts against our Nation have scared and angered us. Many have been directly affected by this tragedy and some have lost loved ones, and some are experiencing job displacement and others just need someone to talk to. There is help for those affected by this misfortune.

There are forms of aid available to them and their families and friends in this difficult time. I wanted to ensure our citizens that they have knowledge and access to these helpful programs.

If folks are out of work because of the attack, they are eligible for disaster unemployment assistance including access to health insurance. It is possible for states to receive funding from the Department of Labor if a large amount of their citizens have experienced job loss. If employment has been terminated due to a downsizing in the company resulting from these events, there are employment services that will assist in finding a new job.

Madam Speaker, looking to our neighbors and offering help at times such as these is what makes America and our citizens resilient. Our land may have been damaged, but our strength is indestructible.

HONORING THOMAS JOHNSON

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Thomas Johnson, a professional truck driver for Roadway Express and proudly one of my constituents.

Mr. Johnson was recently invited into the ranks of the Individual Million Mile Safe Drivers, a small group of truck drivers who have driven their vehicles more than one million miles without accident.

To put what Mr. Johnson has done into perspective, the average car driver would have to travel around the world at least 40 times to equal this milestone. This is a remarkable accomplishment, and is an outstanding safety achievement. I rise today to congratulate Mr. Johnson for his hard work and for the example he sets for other professional truck drivers and regular motorists.

Mr. Johnson has been with Roadway Express for over 8 years and I know that they are as proud of him as I am. I wish Mr. Johnson, his family, his company all the best for the future and hope that he will keep on trucking safely for many years to come.

FIGHT HUNGER TO REDUCE POVERTY

(Mr. QUINN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, October 16 is United Nations World Food Day. This annual event, as we know, seeks to raise awareness for the problem of hunger around the world, as well as to provide a plan to address and make a significant reduction in the number of people who are without food. This year's theme, Fight Hunger To Reduce Poverty underscores the U.N.'s belief that fighting hunger is the first step in reducing poverty.

In conjunction with the food bank of Western New York and Buffalo, we are honored to sponsor a Columbus Day food raiser Monday, October 8. Food and money donated to this event will go towards supplying families in our area food items over the holiday and Thanksgiving times. In my district and throughout the region, the food bank is dedicated to feeding hungry people, providing over 90,000 individuals with close to a million meals per month.

Madam Speaker, I would encourage all of our colleagues to work with their local relief organizations to continue to fight hunger.

IMPORTANCE OF URBAN FORESTRY

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as we consider the agriculture relief package today, I urge my colleagues to support the increase of funding for Urban forestry. In my district, the city of Atlanta, loses 50 acres of green space each day. The city, once known as the city of trees, is in danger of becoming the city of asphalt, strip malls and sprawl. Urban forestry helps to correct this problem.

Madam Speaker, this is an important issue. It is about more than just a few trees and parks. We need to open green space in our cities so that families can come together and watch the wonder of nature. We need open green spaces in our communities so that young people can belt 3-2 pitches over the fence. We need open green space in our neighborhood so that our seniors can sit and talk about the days gone by.

Madam Speaker, we need urban forestry.

RETURN TO THE SKIES

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, today Washington, D.C. Ronald Reagan National Airport reopened, a reopening that reflects the freedom to access the

world's seat of democracy. This is yet another sign that our country is recovering and we will not cower to the threat of terrorism.

I applaud the administration for their commitment to assuring the American public and that it is safe to return to the skies. Washington, D.C., like other favorite tourist destinations in our great Nation, welcomes millions of visitors every year and the reopening of Ronald Reagan National Airport will once again allow people to travel from the farthest corners of the world to see our Nation at work, to see our Nation's capital and to see democracy at work.

Our Nation is strong. Our resolve is strong. Madam Speaker, we will not allow terrorists to shut down our airports, our society or our freedoms. I encourage everyone to battle terrorism individually by returning to their normal day-to-day work routines and to enjoy the freedoms of travel and enjoy their lives as Americans.

ADOPTION INFORMATION ACT

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the Adoption Information Act which I recently introduced.

The act requires that eligible family planning clinics that receive Federal funds provide information listing the adoption agencies in that State to every person who enters these clinics and requests family planning services.

Opinion surveys consistently find that the general public views adoption as an attractive option in the case of an out-of-wedlock pregnancy or other situations in which the mother is unable to care for the unexpected child. Yet very few women choose adoption when confronted with an unwanted pregnancy. I believe this is in part because adoption information is not available to them and they often have to search for a provider of adoption services. This bill is a small step in the right direction and provides women with another option.

Adoption is a safe, loving choice for both the mother and the child. I urge my colleagues to support the Adoption Information Act.

EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE PEOPLE IN THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, we have all heard stories over the past three weeks where Americans have gone out of their way and beyond the call of duty to help the victims of their families of the September 11 attacks of