

As the Nation mourns the deaths of thousands of our fellow citizens, as we take stock of the destruction caused by last week's terrorist attacks, we should also pause for a moment to reflect on the brave men and women in New York City who put their lives on the line to protect fellow citizens.

In every small town and suburb and big city across America, there are people just like the over 300 first responders who gave their lives in New York. In Michigan, we too have experienced the loss of emergency personnel. Last year alone, four Michigan firefighters lost their lives. Each of these deaths is a tragedy for family, friends, and community.

What happened at the World Trade Center in New York will live in our memories forever. We can be proud that at a time of great peril, the Nation's first responders answered the call, conducting themselves with a selflessness and dedication that does credit to themselves, their city, and their country.

Many thousands of people would not be alive today if it were not for the heroic efforts of these men and women. In one of the country's darkest hours, they kept faith with their colleagues, with those in need, and with their country.

Our Nation's founders were deeply committed to the idea that the individual had an obligation to serve the community. The Nation's first responders live this ideal every day. They lived it again on September 11, and because they did, they gave their lives.

While we have cause to mourn these deaths, we should also celebrate the values their lives exhibited, values that represent the very best of America.

We have suffered a grievous loss. But the wonderful thing about America is that we will bounce back. For every firefighter who fell on September 11, someone else will take his place. For every emergency responder who paid with his life, another will emerge. For every police and port authority officer who fell in the line of duty, another citizen will answer the call. That is the American way.

On September 11, the Nation's firefighters showed the world what courage means. If we expect the fire services—many of whom depend on volunteers—to deal with terrorist attacks, we have a responsibility to provide them with the help they need so that they can continue to protect lives and property.

Madam Speaker, as a member of the conference on the defense authorization bill, I will be pushing for a large increase in the authorized funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program to \$1 billion for each fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with the families of the fallen heroes to whom we owe so much. God bless those who have died, God bless their families, and God bless America.

Mr. WALSH. Madam Speaker, I also rise in support of this resolution sponsored by Congressmen ENGEL and WATTS, that expresses our profound sorrow for the senseless loss of life and injuries suffered by our heroic first responders as a result of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania tragedies on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. My prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathies are with their families and loved ones at this definitive moment in American history.

Tocqueville once said of Americans, "They show with complacency how an enlightened

regard for themselves constantly prompts them to assist one another and inclines their willingness to sacrifice a portion of their time and property to the welfare of the state." These words describe the 300 firefighters and 70 police officers that have died in this senseless tragedy. Their names are forever inscribed on the portals of fame. America now truly understands how much we as a nation owe these heroic people, both those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue to serve with honor day in and day out. God help us always to have these men and women who believe in what they are doing and who will fight to the very end for what they believe.

This resolution also speaks to the unity of public safety officers. There is an old saying in the fire service that goes, "Firemen are a brotherhood. They do not care what department a man belongs, if he is a fireman enrolled for the same purpose, fighting under the same banner, they are ready to extend the hand of fellowship." This is true literally and figuratively. Literally, there are many families who serve together as firefighters and police officers or both in New York City. Currently, they are working to help recover their figurative brothers and sisters. This figurative bond was also evident with the outpouring of help that came into the New York City, and Virginia from around the country and the world. So much help, that some of it had to be turned away. The literal and figurative unity is stronger than ever as a result of the attacks on our country.

When I visited the Pentagon and "Ground Zero" with President Bush in New York, I saw first hand the destruction and the tireless rescue efforts underway. I thought to myself, "why do these people, the firefighters and police officers, do what they do?" I soon recalled a book I had read in the 1970's by Dennis Smith, a retired New York City fireman and founder of Firehouse Magazine who also assisted in the rescue efforts. In his classic book "Report from Engine Co. 82", an account of his life on a South Bronx fireman, Smith said after recovering a victim who had perished in a fire, "I don't say anything further, nor does Billy, as I look up to his eyes. They are almost fully closed, but I can see they are wet and teary. The corneas are red from heat and smoke, and light reflects from the watered surface, and they sparkle. I wish my wife, my mother, and everyone who has ever asked me why I do what I do, could see the humanity, the sympathy, the sadness of these eyes, because this is the reason I continue to be a firefighter." America saw this same scene played out time and time again on September 11th and the following days. As a result, we as a nation can start to understand why they continuously sacrifice their lives and pay them a long overdue thank you.

We thank them, we praise them, and we will never forget them. God bless these heroes, their families and God bless America.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 233.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of

those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 233.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST) at 6 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 243, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2559, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2910, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 233, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 243.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr.

SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 243, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 408]

YEAS—409

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Istook	Myrick	Rohrabacher	Sununu	pending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2559.
Ackerman	DeMint	Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Ros-Lehtinen	Sweeney	The Clerk read the title of the bill.
Aderholt	Deutsch	Jackson-Lee	Napolitano	Ross	Tancredo	The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. Jo ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2559, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.
Akin	Diaz-Balart	(TX)	Neal	Rothman	Tanner	This will be a 5-minute vote.
Allen	Dicks	Jefferson	Nethercutt	Roukema	Tauscher	The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 1, not voting 25, as follows:
Andrews	Dingell	Jenkins	Ney	Royal-Allard	Taylor (MS)	[Roll No. 409]
Armey	Doggett	John	Norwood	Royce	Taylor (NC)	YEAS—406
Baca	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Rush	Terry	
Bachus	Doyle	Johnson (IL)	Oberstar	Ryan (WI)	Thomas	
Baird	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.	Obey	Ryun (KS)	Thompson (CA)	
Baker	Duncan	Johnson, Sam	Olver	Sabo	Thornberry	
Baldacci	Edwards	Jones (NC)	Ortiz	Sanchez	Thune	
Baldwin	Ehlers	Jones (OH)	Osborne	Sanders	Thurman	
Ballenger	Ehrlich	Kanjorski	Pastor	Schrock	Tiahs	
Barcia	Emerson	Kaptur	Pawlone	Schaffer	Tiberi	
Barr	Engel	Kelly	Pascrall	Schakowsky	Tierney	
Barrett	English	Kennedy (MN)	Peterson	Shadegg	Toomey	
Bartlett	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)	Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Towns	
Barton	Etheridge	Kerns	Peterson (PA)	Visclosky	Traficant	
Bass	Evans	Kildee	Paul	Shays	Turner	Abercrombie
Becerra	Everett	Kilpatrick	Sensenbrenner	Udall (CO)	Udall (NM)	Davis (FL)
Bentsen	Farr	Kind (WI)	Pelosi	Udall (NM)	Upton	Ackerman
Bereuter	Fattah	King (NY)	Pence	Sessions	Uppton	Aderholt
Berkley	Ferguson	Kingston	Peterson (MN)	Velazquez	Velazquez	Davis (IL)
Berman	Filner	Kirk	Peterson (PA)	Visclosky	Visclosky	Allen
Berry	Flake	Kleckzka	Pombo	Watkins (OK)	Watkins (OK)	Deal
Biggert	Fletcher	Knollenberg	Pomeroy	Watson (CA)	Watson (CA)	Defazio
Bilirakis	Foley	Kolbe	Portman	Walden	Walden	Houghton
Bishop	Forbes	Kucinich	Price (NC)	Walden	Walden	Holden
Blagojevich	Ford	LaFalce	Rahall	Walters	Walters	Holt
Blumenauer	Fossella	LaHood	Ramstad	Walsh	Walsh	Holt
Blunt	Frank	Leach	Rangel	Wamp	Wamp	Honda
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Leah	Rehberg	Waxman	Waxman	Jo Ann Davis
Boehner	Frost	Lee	Rehberg	Watkins (OK)	Watkins (OK)	Horn
Bonilla	Gallo	Levin	Rehberg	Watson (CA)	Watson (CA)	Horn
Bonior	Gargent	Lantos	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Hyde
Bono	Ganske	Largent	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Deutsch
Borski	Gekas	Larsen (WA)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Hyde
Boswell	Gephardt	Larson (CT)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Isakson
Boyd	Gibbons	Latham	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Isakson
Brady (PA)	Gilchrest	LaTourette	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Israel
Brown (FL)	Gillmor	Leah	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jefferson
Brown (OH)	Gilman	Lee	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jenkins
Brown (SC)	Gonzalez	Levin	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Johnson (IL)
Bryant	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Johnson (MN)
Burr	Goodlatte	Lewis (GA)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Johnson (TX)
Burton	Gordon	Lindner	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jefferson
Buyer	Goss	LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Callahan	Graham	LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Calvert	Graves	LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Camp	Green (TX)	LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cannon	Green (WI)	LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cantor	Grucci	Lucas (KY)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Capito	Gutierrez	Luther	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Capps	Gutknecht	Lynch	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Capuano	Hall (OH)	Maloney (CT)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cardin	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Carson (IN)	Hansen	Malone (NY)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Castle	Harman	Manzullo	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Chabot	Hart	Markey	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Chambliss	Hastings (FL)	Mascara	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Clay	Hastings (WA)	Matheson	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Clayton	Hastings (WA)	Matsui	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Clement	Hayes	McCarthy (MO)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Costello	Hayworth	McCarthy (NY)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cox	Hefley	McCollum	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Coyne	Hofeller	McDermott	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cramer	Hoekstra	Hill	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Crane	Hill	McGovern	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Collins	Hilleary	McInnis	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Combest	Hilliard	McIntyre	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Condit	Hinchey	McKeon	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Costello	Hinojosa	McKinney	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cox	Hobson	McNulty	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Coyne	Hoeffel	Meehan	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cramer	Hoekstra	Meek (FL)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Crane	Holden	Meeks (NY)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Crenshaw	Holt	Mica	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Crowley	Honda	Millender-	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Culberson	Horn	McDonald	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cummings	Hostettler	Miller, Dan	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Cunningham	Houghton	Miller, Gary	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Davis (CA)	Hoyer	Miller, George	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Davis (FL)	Hulshof	Miller, Jeff	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Davis (IL)	Hunter	Mink	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Davis, Jo Ann	Hyde	Mollohan	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Davis, Tom	Inslee	Moore	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Deal	Isakson	Moran (KS)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
DeFazio	Israel	Moran (VA)	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)
Delahunt	Issa	Morella	Rehberg	Watson (PA)	Watson (PA)	Jones (NC)

## NOT VOTING—23

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 408 I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

## FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AMENDMENTS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2559.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. Jo ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2559, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 1, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 409]

YEAS—406

Abercrombie	Davis (FL)	Holden
Ackerman	Davis (IL)	Holt
Aderholt	Davis, Jo Ann	Honda
Akin	Davis, Tom	Horn
Andrews	Deal	Hostettler
Armey	DeFazio	Houghton
Baca	Delahunt	Hoyer
Bachus	DeLauro	Hulshof
Baird	DeMint	Hunter
Baker	Deutsch	Hyde
Baldacci	Dicks	Inslee
Baldwin	Dingell	Isakson
Ballenger	Ehrlich	Israel
Barcia	Emerson	Jordan
Barr	Engel	Kaput
Barrett	English	John
Bartlett	Eshoo	Jones (NC)
Barton	Etheridge	Jones (NY)
Bass	Evans	Kerns
Becerra	Everett	Jefferson
Bentsen	Farr	Jenkins
Bereuter	Fattah	Jones (IL)
Berkley	Ferguson	Jackson (IL)
Berman	Filner	Jackson-Lee
Berry	Flake	Jones (MN)
Biggert	Fletcher	Jones (NC)
Bilirakis	Foley	Jones (NY)
Bishop	Forbes	Jones (OH)
Blagojevich	Ford	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Fossella	Kennedy (MN)
Blunt	Frank	Kennedy (RI)
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Kilpatrick
Boehner	Frost	Kirk
Bonilla	Gallo	Kleckzka
Bonior	Gargent	Klodenberg
Bono	Gekas	Kucinich
Borski	Gephardt	LaFaice
Boswell	Gibbons	LaHood
Boyd	Gillmor	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Gillmor	Langevin
Brown (FL)	Gilpatrick	Lantos
Brown (OH)	Gilpatrick	Largent
Brown (SC)	Gilpatrick	Larsen (WA)
Bryant	Gillmor	Larsen (CT)
Burr	Gordon	Latham
Burton	Goss	LaTourette
Buyer	Graham	Leach
Callahan	Graves	Lee
Calvert	Green (TX)	Levin
Camp	Green (WI)	Levin
Cannon	Grucci	Lewis (CA)
Cantor	Gutierrez	Lewis (GA)
Capito	Gutknecht	Lewis (KY)
Capps	Hall (OH)	Lipinski
Capuano	Hall (TX)	LoBiondo
Cardin	Hansen	Lofgren
Clement	Hart	Lowey
Costello	Hastings (FL)	Hart
Cox	Hastings (WA)	Lucas (KY)
Coyne	Hayworth	Lucas (OK)
Cramer	Hefley	Luther
Crane	Hill	Lynch
Crenshaw	Hilliard	Maloney (CT)
Crowley	Hinchey	Maloney (NY)
Culberson	Horn	Maloney (NY)
Cummings	Hoekstra	Manzullo
Cunningham	Houghton	Markey
Davis (CA)	Hoyer	Mascara
Davis (FL)	Hulshof	Matheson
Davis (IL)	Hunter	Matsui
Davis, Jo Ann	Hyde	Matsui
Davis, Tom	Inslee	Matsui
Deal	Isakson	McCarthy (MO)
DeFazio	Israel	McCarthy (NY)
Delahunt	Issa	McCullum