

(Mr. DEUTSCH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BLUMENAUER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BENTSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. TOWNS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the 8 million unemployed in this country must be watching the debate on economic stimulus in this House and in the other body with amazement and sadness. They are hardworking families who have struggled to pay their bills, and they now find themselves without work. They have worked hard, played by the rules, trying to build a better future for themselves and their families, and then have been laid off, both before and after September 11.

□ 2230

They are 137,000 workers in the transportation industry, 136,000 in the hospitality industry, 57,000 in the communications industry, 226,000 in manufacturing, 14,000 in retail, 44,000 in the service sector, 30,000 people in my district at the Boeing company, and in finance and real estate, another 24,000.

The overall jobless rate in this country shot up from 4.9 percent in September to 5.4 percent in October. In Washington State, it went from 5.1 percent to 6.1 percent. That is a 20 percent increase in a month. Now, this does not reflect everything, because there are many families who are denied benefits because the rules have been changed over the last few years. And they, although they contributed, do not have access to these benefits, or they find it virtually impossible to find employment under the present economic conditions.

This week, with several of my colleagues, we introduced H.R. 3741, the Putting Americans First Act, which will at once provide a short-term en-

hanced safety net for those who lost their jobs. This bill empowers the States to expand unemployment coverage for 26 weeks, provide COBRA coverage, that is to cover premiums for health care and also to aid the State Medicaid benefit programs. It also addresses the needs of States whose welfare loads are increasing. Because every time we have a 1 percent increase in unemployment, the welfare load goes up between 5 and 15 percent.

I urge my colleagues to go home to their States, talk to their people, and they will find out that these are the problems that are bothering them. People in this country are hurting and they are mourning. They are having trouble paying their rent, they are having trouble paying their heating bills, they are having trouble putting clothes on their kids and paying for schools, and certainly they are not ready for a medical emergency.

Many States, however, are finding their own budgets in shambles because of the recession and because of tax bills that we passed in this House which took away some of their revenue. We have a situation, as described in The New York Times today, where 30 States are considering tax hikes or wide-spread cuts in benefits. Connecticut, this week, is \$300 million in debt, and they are working in their legislature. Our legislature is working on a \$1.2 billion cut. Infusing Federal money into these State programs through unemployment insurance and Medicaid will help the States continue some of the most important programs.

Now, if we look at it, some States, Illinois, New York, North Dakota, West Virginia, Texas, do not even have enough money for 6 months of unemployment benefits, not even in their local funds. If we do not put some money in from the Federal Government, they are going to have to cut lots of people off. There are an additional 17 States that have less than a year.

Now, crafting an economic stimulus package has been exceedingly difficult because it cuts to the heart of the difference between the Democrat and Republican core values. Here is the Republican argument: Corporations and entrepreneurs are the driving force in this country. They create the jobs. Tax incentives and cuts and rebates will directly help those groups, who will stimulate the economy.

However, the reason corporations are not investing right now to create more jobs is not because they do not have enough cash on hand. Let us not kid ourselves. Lots of large companies have cash. The reason they are not investing right now is because there is a lack of demand. If these companies manufacture products, not enough people buy them. The best way to create jobs is to provide unemployment insurance to laid-off workers so that they can buy the necessities of their life.

Why is it we are told by our colleagues on the other side of the aisle

that we do not have the money for these benefits for people? They say, well, we are just out of luck. But when we passed the budget here and we passed a stimulus package out of the House of Representatives, we could find \$25 billion to give back taxes to the major corporations of this country, who have been paying them since 1986. We had the money.

We should pass this bill and help these people at Christmas time. It is the American way.

COMMEMORATING THE LIVES OF HEROES OF SEPTEMBER 11

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) is recognized for half of the remaining time until midnight tonight as the designee of the minority leader, approximately 42 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject matter of this special order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, several weeks ago my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), who represents the Congressional District in North Carolina which adjoins my Congressional District, and I got together and decided to try to make an effort to commemorate some of the lives of some of the people who were lost in the events of September 11. This was out of a sense of our own grief and loss, and the feeling that we should try to do something to honor the memory of these heroes.

We have been trying to do 1-minute speeches on several occasions, but that did not work out too well. So we reserved this time this evening to do a more extended special order in memory of some of the heroes who died in the events of September 11.

I am delighted to share this idea and effort with my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), and I will now yield to her for her opening statement, and then we will go into it.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me.

Very simply, this is just a time for us to say that we appreciated these people. Some of them were heroes to their families, some were heroes to their country, and I have one gentleman in my district whose father was a victim in New York, and I wanted to say just a word about him.

His name was William Wren. My constituent's name is Christopher Wren. William grew up in Brooklyn and

served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960. After the Army, he came back home and attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science. Following graduation, he worked for 1 year with the New York Fire Department before joining Ladder 166 in Coney Island. After 25 years of service, he retired in 1990. But 3 years later, William accepted the position of Resident Manager for Fire Safety at the World Trade Center.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, he called his wife of 32 years, Patricia, after the first plane hit the north tower, and he said, "I'm okay." After the second plane hit, he called again and he said, "I'm okay, but very busy." He also asked Patricia to call their neighbor to tell her that her husband Richard was also okay. And when the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed at 10:29, both Richard and William left us.

Survivors say that William and some other men, among them fellow retired firefighters James Corrigan and Phil Hayes, both of whom also died, went to building 5 to rescue children from the day care center, then returned to tower 2, which was the first tower to collapse. William Wren is a real hero. He was saving others up until the very end without giving a second thought to his own safety or his own life.

William's son Christopher has shared a lot about his father with me, and it has been a real honor to talk to him and learn more about him. William is going to be missed by his family; his wife Patricia, sons William and Christopher, daughters-in-law Kathleen and Kathryn, granddaughter, Shannon, age 3, and a new grandson, William III, who was born yesterday to carry on the Wren tradition.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for yielding to me and for his leadership in organizing this tribute tonight to honor the lives of the men and women who lost their lives in the horrific terrorist attacks on September 11.

The world witnessed the bravery and humanity of hundreds of men and women, emergency services professionals, who rushed into the World Trade Center following the attacks and making the ultimate sacrifice to rescue individuals that were in grave danger. There is really nothing we could do to truly give these courageous men and women the honor and recognition they deserve.

Wanda Anita Green is but one of the many heroes who gave their lives to save the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, when United Airlines Flight 93 was hijacked on September 11.

Wanda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, my constituents, moved to Oakland from Oceanside, California within a year of Wanda's birth on August 22, 1952. Wanda, her identical twin sister

Sandra, and a brother, Tommy, were raised in west and north Oakland, California. Wanda's sister, Sandra Jamerson, now lives in Antioch, California, and Wanda's parents and brother, Tommy Smith, still live in Oakland, California.

Wanda was loved and will be missed by her daughter, Jennifer Green, and her son, Joe Green of Linden, New Jersey, and by many other family and friends. Wanda's family deeply appreciates the expressions of love from the people of our Nation and the comforting words and support from President Bush, as he personally received the families at the White House very recently.

For 28 years, Wanda was living her childhood dream of earning her wings and working as a senior flight attendant for United Airlines. The family has received communications from passengers that flew with Wanda earlier this year, and they remember her as watching after them because she cared, not because it was her job. Wanda loved to travel. She enjoyed meeting new people, and she had a great affection for exploring different cultures.

In celebration of Wanda's life, the family has established the Wanda Anita Green Foundation to assist urban youth in reaching their dreams by providing scholarships to support their education and career goals. Wanda loved children and was very active in the lives of her own children. One of Wanda's most memorable volunteer jobs was when she served as president of her local PTA.

September 11 was a tragic day in the history of our Nation and of the world. Wanda, members of the crew, and passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93 gave their lives to save others. For that, they are true American heroes and must be honored as such.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Wanda's family, her friends and colleagues, I honor the courage, the spirit, and the legacy of this great American hero, Wanda Anita Green, and all of those whose lives were suddenly and tragically lost during the unspeakable terrorist attacks of September 11.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, continuing in the bipartisan manner in which we are conducting this, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD).

Mr. GREENWOOD. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I very much thank my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), and my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), for putting together this special order.

I represent Bucks County in Pennsylvania, and we lost far more than our share of citizens on September 11. We lost at least 12, and I want to talk about a couple of them, if I have time.

It was a rain-soaked day not too long ago when we had a ceremony for those who were killed just from one little township in my area, in Lower

Makefield Township. And as we sat out in a park, and all of the families of those who were lost sat and watched and listened to the speakers, and I was among them, a little girl, 4 or 5 years old, her name was Michaela Havlish, came off her chair in the front row. She had lost her daddy. But she stood and sort of danced around and spun around and looked up at the rain coming down. Family members were trying to get her to sit down, but to me she was a wonderful symbol of innocence and the hope that this country still holds.

Her father was Donald G. Havlish, Jr., and some of what I will refer to now came from the New York Times.

□ 2245

The day of September 11 was this little girl's first day in preschool, and it was going to be a big deal and she could not wait for her father to come home from work that night so she could tell him about it, but her father never came for.

Donald G. Havlish, Jr., 53, was a senior vice president of Aon Consulting, and he was among those killed in the World Trade Center. That first day, Fiona Havlish told Michaela that "Daddy's building was in an accident, a big accident, and nobody knows where Daddy is." Later, she changed the explanation to he is up in heaven guarding us.

The couple was married in 1993 after a 5-year courtship. Don was a great stepdad to Fiona's two children, now 18 and 20. Yet at nearly 50, he never expected to have another shot at parenthood. He called Michaela, who will turn 4 on October 17, "my little miracle." After Michaela was born, he made a point to ask business associates about their families, encouraging them to focus on what was important. Havlish stopped taking trips overnight.

He had a law degree from Duquesne University, but made his living as a broker of insurance, arranging corporate benefits packages. The commute from their home in Yardley, Pennsylvania, to the World Trade Center took up to 90 minutes each way. He made it a point to get home by 7 every night so he could have the evening with his family.

Since September 11, Fiona has not been back to her job as a visiting nurse. She holds her days together by making lists of everything that needs to be accomplished. Her loss drags at her like an undertow, yet she is determined to keep her husband's memory alive for her daughter and herself. She says, "I was very lucky. I got to fall in love at first sight, and I got to stay in love the whole time."

I also want to talk about William (Bill) Godshalk. His parents are friends of mine. I have known them for years. They are civic leaders in their community. James and Grace Godshalk had 5 children. The one that they lost was William. He was the wildest of them all. At 10 years of age, he played shortstop in Little League. Once he caught a

ball, but he dropped it when the base runner ran into his glove. Well, he attacked the other player. His father walked on the field and pulled his son back, and his father said, "He needed me, and I needed him so much."

James Godshalk taught his son sports, and in the process taught him how to calm himself. But Bill Godshalk kept his wild and adventurous heart even as a 35-years-old vice president at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods in the World Trade Center, said his fiancee. At the memorial service for his son, James Godshalk, was reminded of a verse by James Whitcomb Riley: "Old man never had much to say 'ceptin to Bill, and Bill was the wildest boy he had, and the old man jes' wrapped up in him!"

That is Bill Godshalk, and he will be missed enormously.

I want to briefly talk about Louis Nacke. His first wedding anniversary would have been September 16. He was on Flight 93 on what would have been his first wedding anniversary, and he was feted with his favorite food and wine by the family he left behind. He would have wanted it this way, said his father-in-law, Robert Weisberg, and I spoke with Mr. Weisberg on the phone after September 11. "It was very poignant, and we will always remember him."

Nacke was 42. He lived in New Hope, Pennsylvania, and he was killed when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in rural Pennsylvania. Nacke and his wife, Amy, had been living with Weisberg, Nacke's father-in-law, while they waited for their home to be built. He was a voracious weight lifter and a proactive guy who oversaw operations in K-B Toys warehouse in Clinton, New Jersey. He really did not want to go. He was not much of a flyer. Maybe 2 or 3 times a year he would fly. Timing was just unbelievable, said his father-in-law. Mr. Weisberg wishes he could turn back the clock.

Those who knew Louis Nacke knew, because he was such a physical go-getter, they have no doubt that he was among those who rushed the cabin and one of the real heroes of September 11.

I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for organizing this Special Order.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE).

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for putting this Special Order together this evening, and I join my colleagues in rising to honor the brave men and women who perished on September 11.

Mr. Speaker, we know full well that on that fateful morning, which really was a beautiful morning here in this country, a very clear day, America was visited by evil unlike any time in the history of this country. The victims came from all walks of life and from every racial and national background. They simply were lost because they were doing their job on that morning.

We saw a lot of heroes that day. People we sort of take for granted, firemen, police officers, emergency management people and EMS employees, a lot of folks that we see every day and we forget how much they contribute to our society.

But today I want to talk about the memory of one of those people who lost his life because he was doing the job that he was trained to do. He was among the men and women whom we lost on September 11, Lieutenant Commander Eric Cranford. He was a graduate and active alumnus of North Carolina State University, and was from my congressional district. He lost his life during the attack on the Pentagon.

He was a Navy rescue pilot. Lieutenant Commander Cranford knew danger. He knew sacrifice, and it is said that courage could have been his middle name. If Eric had not been in the Pentagon on that fateful morning, or if his side of the building had not been hit, you can bet he would have sacrificed his own safety and risked his own life to rescue others, because that is what he had done before. Why? Because that was his job.

I rise this evening to pay my respect to him and his wife, Emily, and to their entire family. Unfortunately, Lieutenant Commander Eric Cranford was not alone that evening. As we know, thousands of other American citizens perished when those four commercial planes were turned into missiles and aimed at buildings that define our Nation and symbolize our freedom and the values that all of us hold true and dear. These attacks result in the loss of life on a scale unparalleled in America since the Civil War. The victims of these senseless acts were our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our friends and yes, our neighbors and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening with a heavy heart. We are at war, as we all know right now. A war Eric Cranford and those who lost their lives at the Pentagon would have been ready to fight if they had been called upon. Today we face one of the greatest challenges to our freedoms since World War II. The terrorists who committed these terrible acts on completely innocent men, women and children are not just criminals, they are mortal enemies of the United States of America and of freedom-loving people around the world.

But these cowards will not hide forever, and we will pursue them and the international community will bring them to justice so that those who perished on September 11 lives will not be in vain. We will show the world that any enemy who chooses to test our resolve and the allies of America will face a similar fate. We will win this war because we cannot afford to fail, and we will win this war for Eric Cranford and the thousands who lost their lives on September 11, and we will win it for Eric's wife, Emily, and for

the countless thousands who were left behind to mourn. We will win it because we are a good and a just Nation, and because evil must not be allowed to flourish anywhere in the free world. We will show these cowards that their efforts to terrorize us will not succeed.

But as we turn our thoughts toward the conflict in Afghanistan and the global war against terrorism, let us never forget the casualties this war has already produced.

Mr. Speaker, let us honor the memory of Lieutenant Commander Eric Cranford and every victim of this senseless attack. I thank my colleagues for having this Special Order.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN).

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for having this Special Order.

When Jennifer Brennan was pregnant with her first child, her husband, Thomas M. Brennan, would play Grateful Dead tapes loudly, hoping the music would reach the ears of the unborn daughter. When the baby kicked, as she invariably did, Mr. Brennan was delighted. She, too, he would say, was a fan.

The last day he spent with his family, the Sunday before September 11, Mr. Brennan, age 32, played Grateful Dead in the car in Westchester.

Strapped to her car seat, Katherine, now 19 months, laughed and moved to the music, and that is how Mrs. Brennan would like to remember her husband, as the only person who could make their daughter giggle uncontrollably. With his wife pregnant with the couple's second child, a boy who was born last month, Mr. Brennan took on many of the child care duties. He often fed his daughter breakfast and carried her when she needed a hug.

Mr. Brennan, an investment banker with Sandler O'Neill, treasured the time with his family, in part because he traveled constantly for work. Tuesday, September 11, was the only day that week that he was scheduled to be in the office.

Mr. Speaker, I did not know the Brennans, and I do not know them, but in a way I think all of us in America knew the Brennans because this heinous crime, this terrorist attack, was so anonymous. It just struck out and hit innocent people who were living the American dream. I think we all are affected by it because we realize but for the grace of God, it could have been one of us. Just as randomly, just as anonymously, and just as heinously, it could have been us.

So indeed tonight I think we all feel that it was a part of us. That is why we are so sympathetic and grieve at the loss that these American families are enduring, especially during this season.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, there may not be another Member of Congress who lost more constituents in the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center than I did. So I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) for organizing this Special Order and ensuring that some of those who were lost can be remembered on the floor this evening of the people's House. I would like to mention a few people I will never forget.

David Alger, the chief executive officer of Fred Alger Management, was a brilliant investment professional whose ability to select successful growth stocks brought tremendous prosperity to his investors.

□ 2300

He was also a neighbor of mine. Our daughters grew up together. I know Christie misses her father enormously. And I cannot believe he is actually gone.

I will always remember Lindsey Herkness, a managing director at Morgan Stanley who died at his desk on the phone with clients. Many friends called him the day of the bombing to see if he was okay. His mailbox was full because he had hundreds of friends who he will never be able to call back. I feel privileged to have been one of them. I will never forget Lindsey's wonderful, vibrant spirit and great sense of humor.

Neil Levin, head of the Port Authority and former Insurance Commissioner of New York State, devoted his life to public service and lost his life helping other people. He was last seen assisting people in the evacuation effort. That says it all about Neil. He was always helping others.

Cat MacRae was the daughter of my good friends Cameron and Annie MacRae. She worked in the World Trade Center in her first job out of college. She had her whole life ahead of her and her future held tremendous problem. But like all the other people that were there that day, she was killed simply because she showed up for work.

The last person I will mention, and I could go on all night, was literally the very first person to call 911 on 9-11. Jerry Hanlon was at Windows on the World. He was there for a breakfast work meeting that morning. He was there to make a living. And I am so sorry for his family that he made history instead.

Mr. Speaker, for the last several weeks, we have been trying to prevent the administration from shamefully breaking its pledge of supplying the full \$20 billion in disaster relief that is needed for New York City for the many unmet needs and unpaid bills that we confront. If they truly want to honor the victims we are talking about tonight, all they have to do is keep that promise.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) and my classmate the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) for organizing this special order tonight and for getting us together to have an opportunity to talk about some real heroes in American history, some heroes that are the most recent heroes of American history. As chairman of the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had the opportunity to take my subcommittee to New York City to visit Ground Zero. We were there about 2 weeks after September 11. Not only were we there to recognize and somewhat memorialize the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, but we were also there to recognize another set of heroes, those heroes who had been working for 2 weeks at that time and who have been working since that time 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to dig into the rubble of the World Trade Center and the rubble of the other buildings around the World Trade Center to restore New York City once again to its prominence. It was a very emotional experience for me, because as a former firefighter with the city of Thomasville, Georgia, I have had some experience in fire fighting but nothing in any wise to compare with the experience that the brave and courageous firefighters of the New York City Fire Department faced on September 11.

But as I was there a couple of weeks after September 11, I had the occasion to visit with a number of firefighters, not just from New York City but volunteers who came from other parts of New York and other parts of the Northeast to assist those brave firefighters in New York City in going through that rubble. It was a very touching and very heartwarming experience to visit with those individual men and women about their experiences concerning their rescue efforts and the ongoing investigation as well as the removing of the rubble from the World Trade Center.

In addition to that, I am very pleased tonight to not only recognize those brave individuals who lost their lives and have been involved in that rescue and recovery effort but also particularly to rise tonight and to honor an individual from my district, Army Major Wallace Cole Hogan, Jr. who died on September 11, 2001, at the Pentagon here in Washington, D.C., after the plane struck the Pentagon.

Major Hogan grew up in Macon, Georgia, and graduated from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. Shortly after graduation, he joined the Army National Guard as a rifle and mortar platoon leader.

Major Hogan was truly born to serve. His time with the National Guard included service with 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 an Army active duty appointment with the grade of captain. He fought in the Persian Gulf War with the 1st Special Forces Group Airborne, Fort Lewis, Washington, 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, and was a member of the Green Berets.

Major Hogan arrived at the Pentagon and joined the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in June of 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.

Major Hogan was married to Air Force Major Pat Hogan who still resides in Alexandria, Virginia. His parents are dear friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Hogan, Sr. of Macon, Georgia.

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 evidenced by the numerous decorations and awards earned during his period of 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.

Major Hogan and all other individuals who were at the Pentagon that day are real heroes. They are heroes not just because they were there serving their country but they were there doing their duty. They were there making sure that those of us who survived them continue to live under that great flag of freedom and democracy that all of us have been privileged to live under. It is my privilege and my pleasure to rise tonight to salute, to commemorate and to memorialize Wallace Cole Hogan, Jr. who served his country well.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) for the thoughtful approach to this evening and to those individuals who sacrificed their lives on September 11. I have personally noted in the last 10 weeks that

September 11 has become a date that was an event. It will never be forgotten by any American nor any citizen of the world that was alive on that day or that will live in the future.

□ 2310

But the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) have done something very important: They have given us an opportunity to also not forget the individual faces and the individual lives of those who were tragically taken on the 11th. One such person was a resident of my district, Michael Gann, 41 years old, born in Smyrna, Georgia, and, upon his tragic death, residing with his wife, Robin, in Roswell, Georgia.

On the morning of September 11, Michael and 82 other delegates to a financial technology conference were on the 106th floor of the first tower that was struck. Now, ten weeks later, none of those 83 have been accounted for, nor will they ever be physically accounted for, because of the horrible tragedy, which makes it all the more important that we memorialize the names and the lives of these individuals.

You see, Michael Gann was just like a lot of other Americans. He and Robin had been married for less than two months. They were just starting their life together in the promise of America. A graduate of Georgia Tech, a dedicated husband, only in the shortness of their marriage, Robin summed up better than I certainly could ever what Michael was really all about. When asked shortly after his tragic loss, Robin said, "Michael was the most genuine person I have ever known and ever met. And that's rare. He was definitely a prize."

Mr. Speaker, the men and women from America and those from 60 other countries who perished on September 11 were unwitting and unwilling heroes. Hopefully the loss of those lives will touch us all to see to it that we strive for such an event to never happen again.

It should not pass on us without notice that yesterday a United States flag that flew over the World Trade Center during the recovery period was flown to the United States Marines who landed near Kandahar in Afghanistan. The significance of that event to Robin Gann in remembering her husband should be the memory for all of us of all of those individuals, for it is they for whom we fight today in Afghanistan, and it is for their children and their memories that the United States of America should win forever this battle against terrorism.

I thank the gentleman from North Carolina and the gentlewoman from North Carolina, for they have helped us to remember that this great tragedy for our country was a tragedy of individual and immense proportion to men, women and children all over the United States of America, whose names and memory should be memorialized and never forgotten.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I believe my half of the special order time has expired, so I yield back so that the Chair can recognize the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) to control the balance of the time.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for the balance of the time, until midnight, as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI).

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentlewoman and the gentleman from North Carolina for their leadership and their compassion in orchestrating these special orders this evening as we memorialize the names of so many brave Americans who did so many brave things that day, when all they really wanted to do was get up and go to work, hug their children, see them again that evening, to love their spouses and their families and to be home with them, but ended up becoming American heroes, heroes that they chose not to be, and the stories that we have been hearing about the bravery of New York's twin towers, the human twin towers, New York's finest and New York's bravest, New York's Police Department and New York's Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the many heroes who lost their lives in the attack on our Nation on the World Trade Center on September 11, New York City Police Detective Joseph Vigiano of Medford, within my Congressional District on Long Island.

The loss of Detective Vigiano was only half of the tragedy of that day for the Vigiano family. John Vigiano, Joseph's brother, was a member of New York City's Fire Department Ladder Company 132 in Bedford-Stuyvesant, who ran into those buildings that morning and has been missing ever since.

While the attack on our Nation that day was shocking, there was nothing surprising about the response of the Vigiano brothers. Coming from a long line of city firefighters, doing anything other than rushing into those dangerous buildings at risk to their own life would have been out of character.

These two men were the sons of Captain John Vigiano, a retired city firefighter, who is considered a living legend within the department, and the grandson of a city firefighter as well.

By the age of 34, Detective Vigiano had also distinguished himself as a police officer. Recipient of numerous awards and citations, he was one of the first and only detectives to serve with New York City's Emergency Services

Unit. At his funeral, which I attended on October 30, New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerrick spoke about his personal friendship and working relationship with Detective Vigiano. He detailed Joseph Vigiano's commitment to serving others and his willingness to risk his life to help others, having been wounded twice in the line of duty in the streets.

His brother, John, was the same way, and both shared a special relationship with each other. As boys, when Joe was about to become an eagle scout, John said, "Wait for me. We will do it together." And they did, a few months later.

These two men epitomize everything that our Nation stands for and the bravery and the courage of our firefighters, police officers and other uniformed services. In the midst of chaos, carnage and danger, these two brothers stood tall and stood together with their fellow firefighters and police officers and did not think twice about entering the North Tower, while thousands of others ran in terror looking for safety.

It is something that the Vigianos have done for generations. His wife, Kathleen, who was also a New York City Police Officer; three sons, Joseph, James and John; and his parents, John and Jeanette, survived Detective Vigiano. His brother, John, is married to Colette, and has two daughters, Colette and Ariana.

Mr. Speaker, the thoughts and prayers of myself, my family and my colleagues here in the House of Representatives go out to the Vigiano family, and all of the families affected by the attack and the tragic events of September 11. May God bless them and keep them, and may God bless their families, and may God bless and keep the United States of America.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT).

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, to my colleague the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), I want to first express my sincere thanks to her for helping to organize this and for coming up with the idea and supporting this effort.

I was listening to the tributes that have already been done this evening, and I thought about a book, and I could not think of the name of it. I thought it was *Three Degrees of Separation*. I was later told by the Parliamentarian that it was *Six Degrees of Separation*.

As I recall the theory that is advanced in that book, if you go six people out from yourself, you will always find someone who has a relationship to you. Now, I may not be expressing it exactly right. The Parliamentarian probably knows the theory better than I do.

□ 2320

But certainly, the statements that have been made this evening suggest to me that somewhere within several degrees, perhaps no more than 6 degrees,