

others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Allison, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young woman on her day of recognition.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM EVANS

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from the State of Colorado. For over twenty years, Jim Evans has selflessly contributed his time and energy to the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado, and as he celebrates his twentieth anniversary, I would like to thank him for his dedication and time served.

As a member of the AGNC, Jim has been successful in bringing growth and prosperity to the northwest region. The organization was originally created to secure tax dollars and federal funds for the five northwest counties and to ensure the funds are properly distributed throughout the region. To achieve this goal, the AGNC created several programs to help distribute and secure funding. These programs include increasing coal production revenues, establishing tax credits for beginning businesses, providing regional planning and technical assistance grants, and the distribution of an oil shale trust fund to the counties of the region.

Jim has played a key role for the AGNC by drafting the legislation for the Mineral Leasing Distribution Formula Amendment. This effort by the AGNC increased available energy impact funds in the region by more than \$23 million. Jim has also been a vital contributor to the area's aging programs, notably insuring the continuation of nutrition programs, transit opportunities, home care, legal services, and senior ombudsman services. Through Jim's and the AGNC's efforts, over \$7 million has been put toward funding the programs.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Evans and the AGNC have been instrumental in encouraging the harmonious relationships between the counties and cities of the northwest county region. Through the tireless efforts of its members and people like Jim, northwest Colorado enjoys the prestige and influence it wields in the state today. Their work and dedication to improving the lives of Colorado residents certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress. Thanks for all your hard work Jim, and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING WILLIAM A.  
MOSSBARGER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO CENTRAL KENTUCKY

### HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. William A. Mossbarger on the occasion of his retirement from Fuller,

Mossbarger, Scott and May. Bill has dedicated his life to improving the Bluegrass area and the lives of Central Kentucky's residents.

A native of Glendale, Kentucky, Bill had an early interest in both basketball and engineering. As a student at Glendale High School, he played in the Kentucky State Boys Basketball Tournament, known affectionately in Kentucky as the "Sweet Sixteen." Bill moved to Lexington in 1956 to attend the University of Kentucky, where he played on the Freshmen Basketball team for the legendary basketball coach of the Kentucky Wildcats, Adolph Rupp. In 1961, Bill graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He went on to receive his Master of Science degree in Structures from the UK College of Engineering in 1963.

Bill began his distinguished engineering career at the University of Kentucky in the research lab, where he rose to become the head of the Engineering Mechanics Section. In 1966, he left UK to organize the consulting firm of Fuller and Mossbarger, Civil Engineers, Inc. with Mr. Don Fuller. In 1968, the firm opened its arms to Mr. John Scott and became Fuller, Mossbarger and Scott, Civil Engineers, Inc. The firm welcomed Mr. Audrey May in 1973, and the firm's current title took its place in the Lexington community. Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May (FMSM) specializes in geotechnical evaluations for structures, highway designs, and locks and dams. FMSM has expanded significantly from its original office in Lexington, with offices in Hazard, Kentucky; Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Notable clients of Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott, and May include the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Kentucky Department of Highways, Ashland Oil, Inc., the Kentucky Finance Administration Cabinet, the Kentucky River Authority, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Metro Government.

Bill has also made significant contributions to the Central Kentucky community and the entire state. He is a past President of both the Kentucky Consulting Engineering Council and the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Consulting Engineers Council and serves as a Board Member of the Cincinnati Bible College. As a past Chairman of the Board of Elders for Southland Christian Church in Lexington, Bill was a natural choice to chair the Building Commission when Southland decided to construct a new sanctuary.

While achieving so much in his professional life, Bill has remained a devoted husband to his wife, Martha, and a loving father for his four children, Belinda Meyers, Carol Kearns, Evan Mossbarger and Dee Mallory.

#### AUSTRALIA STANDS WITH US

### HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the terrorist attacks of last September 11th were a terrible blow to the United States and to all of our citizens. Each of us became witnesses to the coldblooded murder of fellow Americans by a small band of fanatics who hate our country

and the values we stand for—freedom and the rule of law.

But the events of last September produced not only shock and horror, but an immediate outpouring of support from nations all over the world. One voice from overseas that spoke with both power and eloquence was that of Premier Bob Carr of New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Carr has long been a good friend of the United States and his speech to Parliament on September 18th last year should be read by every Member of Congress. Today, I place that speech in our RECORD so that it will be clear to all that America has many good friends and many strong allies in the fight against terrorism.

Bob Carr is not only a historian of his wonderful Australia. He is also a master of our history.

#### TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(By Bob Carr, MP, Premier of New South Wales)

Mr. CARR (Maroubra—Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship) [2.18 p.m.]: I move:

That this House:

(1) condemns the terrorist attacks committed in the United States;

(2) extends condolences to all the victims and their families; and

(3) calls on Australians of all faiths to support each other and practise the very values that were attacked—freedom and the rule of law.

All who lived through 11 September 2001 will always remember it. A catastrophe like that bonds us as human beings and great good can sometimes flow from enormous evil as if, in this time of talk of war, when facing the darkness, we most value the light. The events of just a week ago have shown us that human goodness is a fact—it is unstoppable, and ineradicable. The firemen and police who walked into the shadow of two great wobbly towers and climbed the stairs, were probably aware they would not survive. The heroes on United Airlines flight UA93, accepted their fate and attempted by their death to save others and protect their country. The husbands, wives, sons and daughters rang loved ones from those planes and wrecked offices to say, "Goodbye, I'm unlikely to survive this. It was good to have been your friend upon the earth."

Thousands volunteered their blood, their hands, their exhaustion for the long nights and days that followed. They are still at work. The chaplain who died in the act of giving absolution to a fireman who himself died in an act of gallant self-sacrifice. Our colleague in public service Mayor Giuliani never slept, and former President Clinton wept with the kinfolk of the fallen. Sometimes it takes this enormity to show the generosity of the human spirit. It is not good that the few who are not susceptible to mercy can do such harm to so many.

Today we are not here to speak—though the time will come—of the big picture of world terrorism, its causes and its remedies, or of the strategic goals and alliances that are being talked of, and the necessary action to smash terrorists. We are here today only to speak our shared regret, our sympathies and kindred sorrows. The number of Australians currently not accounted for in New York and Washington is more than the number who perished at Thredbo when 18 lives were lost; on the Westgate Bridge, 35 lives; in the fires of Hobart, more than 50 lives; perhaps even more than in the Granville Train disaster, 83 lives lost.

We feel ourselves one in blood with the fallen, kin and bonded with all who died. A

world away, we share their grief. There were those that morning who had the luck. The Chairman of Cantor Fitzgerald, Howard Lutnick, survived the attack because he was late for work. He decided to take his children to kindergarten for the first time that morning. He lost his brother, though, and around 700 workmates—700! John, a New York Port Authority worker, rolled himself into a ball, tumbled down 80 stories as the building fell and was barely scratched. Ian Thorpe came to the door two hours before and then went back to his hotel for his camera.

John Howard was giving a news conference at his hotel a short walk from the White House, when the 767 airplane intended for its destruction hit the ground in Pennsylvania. All feel relief but also guilt that they were spared and so many were lost. Human beings are like that. We feel for our fellows, across race, religion and region. We breathe the same air, share hopes and sorrows. We are involved, as John Donne said, in mankind, and the tolling bell tolls also for us as it does for comrade, foe and kin.

We think of our lost Australian kin. Yvonne Kennedy, 62, from Westmead, a widow with two sons, had recently retired from the Red Cross after 25 years, having been awarded the Red Cross distinguished service medal. She was on her retirement holiday. Adelaide industrial advocate Andrew Knox was working for an infrastructure company on the 103rd floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center. Leanne Whiteside, from Prahran, Melbourne, was on the second day of her dream job in the World Trade Center working for an insurance company. Retired Sydney Qantas baggage handler Alberto Dominguez from Lidcombe had worked for Qantas for 21 years. He was a prominent member of the Spanish community. Lesley Thomas, from the Central Coast, was working in New York as an options trader for Cantor Fitzgerald.

For these and all the others missing and not accounted for among the scarred and twisted metal we hope for a miracle: that among the rows of stretchers and doctors waiting for patients and treating so very few, that along the unending odyssey of the sniffer dog Bear, who knows in the way dogs do how essential is his task, a human form in the dust will unexpectedly move and show that life is there, and hope abides.

There is no joy in this occasion. There is no great comfort in knowing that more lives are yet to be shed in the conflict that will surely follow this atrocity, this bestial act by fearless, fanatical, short-sighted men. There is no comfort in sharing a planet, a fragile global confederation, that has in it so much hate, and to see that hate grow by the hour. There is no victory, and there is no honour, in defaced mosques or churches or in abuse and street violence against good citizens born in the Middle East and at peace here in Australia. They detest as much as any these barbarous and poisonous acts and the inhumane organisation that planned them and fed them.

There is comfort, however—some comfort—in the goodness this foul deed has ignited: the song and ritual and the extended hands of nations met in unexpected comradeship, united by their sympathy, sorrow and outrage. In the words of a familiar song, "We are one, but we are many." In this country as in yours and at this awful time we are with you, the very many of you now grieving, in spirit and in fact, in our prayers and in our sorrow, and in our strategic support—in all this, Australia will be there.

## TRIBUTE TO JACE RATZLAFF

### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to congratulate Mr. Jace Ratzlaff of Greeley, Colorado. Jace is a recent recipient of the Accommodation Award jointly given by the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Southeastern Colorado's Soil Conservation Districts.

This award is given to distinguished individuals for the time and effort they have contributed to NRCS and Soil Conservation District programs and is rarely given to someone outside of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Jace is committed to serving the agricultural heritage of Colorado and has been extremely helpful in aiding Colorado farmers and ranchers. He has given numerous presentations on agricultural programs, updating constituents on legislation important to them, while also making this government service more reliant and accessible to Coloradans.

Farming, ranching, and natural resources are what make Colorado great. NRCS and the Soil Conservation Districts have greatly aided the well being of agriculture and the environment. The services and technical advice these programs offer, on a daily basis, to farmers and ranchers are invaluable.

Jace is an exceptional Coloradan and has served Colorado extremely well. Mary Miller, an area Public Affairs Specialist for NRCS said, "Jace really cares about the people and is very popular. He is a great representative for Congressman Schaffer." The special efforts and helpfulness Jace has given show his dedication to the people of Colorado.

Jace not only makes his community proud, but also his state and country. He has taken the responsibilities and standards of his job to a higher level and I applaud him. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending hearty congratulations to Mr. Jace Ratzlaff.

## HONORING THE CAREER OF LENORD CRAFT

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask this Congress to recognize Mr. Lenord Craft, the Agricultural Commissioner from our nation's second largest agricultural producing county, Tulare. Located in the nation's largest agricultural producing state, California, Mr. Craft's leadership is being recognized later this month. On January 25, 2002 Mr. Craft will serve his last day in office after a distinguished 38-year career.

The most recent figures indicate that Tulare County farmers produce commodities in excess of \$3 billion on 354,000 acres. This county's agricultural output exceeds the majority of states in this great nation.

Mr. Craft's illustrious career started in 1963 as a simple AG inspector. He performed admirably in a variety of positions eventually re-

ceiving his first appointment as an agriculture commissioner in 1974 for two small counties in California. Local governments throughout the state soon recognized his talents. He was hired by several for positions, each with greater responsibility, until the position that he always wanted became available.

In 1990 he returned to Tulare County to assume the position of Agriculture Commissioner. Tulare leads the nation in the production of commodities such as dairy, navel oranges, fresh table grapes and many others. Consumers across America and around the world, from over 80 countries, enjoy the products grown in Tulare County.

Lenord's role as Agriculture Commissioner encompasses food safety operations, pesticide use monitoring, weights, measures, pest detection, exclusion and eradication efforts. Throughout his career Lenord Craft has become recognized as a protector of the environment, an enforcement arm for the consumer and an advocate for the producer. He is respected for his even handed approach from all quarters of society. California agriculture, Tulare County producers, consumers across America and around the world have all benefited from the intense love of his job and his strength in fulfilling the mandates of his position.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lenord Craft for his many successes and years of service to Tulare County and the state of California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Lenord congratulations for a job well done and best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE NEARS CRISIS PROPORTIONS

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, when I prepare an introductory paragraph for insertion into the RECORD, my very able assistant, Maria Giesta, often has to remind to compose a headline. But in this no such reminder is necessary, because the National Housing Conference, whose statement I am inserting, composed a perfectly appropriate headline which I have appropriated.

The National Housing Conference is a broad based group of a variety of organizations concerned with our housing crisis. The statement which the NHC has issued, which I am inserting here, is very important both for its substance and precisely because it represents such a broad range of organizations.

As the statement says, "a significant increase in direct federal funding for affordable housing, coupled with a more responsive and progressive use of the nation's tax code, will be necessary in order to expand, and in some cases execute more effective affordable housing strategies at the state and local level." And as the NEC has made clear, such an increase in resources for affordable housing is necessary because "in addition to homeless and very low income families who experience the most severe effects of an inadequate supply of affordable housing, today many teachers, police officers, fire fighters, retail sales clerks and nurses are also finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to find decent affordable housing for their families."