

who work on our nation's farms deserve much credit for helping to make our lands productive.

Through the arduous process of working and cultivating the soil, these farmworkers help prepare the ground, plant the crops, and harvest the food we need to live. The life of a farmworker is a tough lifestyle. Like the farmer, the farmworker must endure the ever-changing seasons from the harshest winters to the sun-drying, waterless droughts to rain-soaked days that lead to disastrous floods. Farmworkers watch the fields as thunderous storms race across them damaging the crops from which they make their living. However, through it all, farmworkers continue to the fields to do their work.

Mr. Speaker, agriculture is vitally important to the Fifth District of Ohio as we are home to nineteen percent of all of Ohio's farmland. We know that the economy of our part of Ohio depends on farming and a big factor in our prosperity is due to the tireless efforts of farmworkers who bring in the crops. I can think of no better way to celebrate the contributions of these individuals than to take part in Farmworker Appreciation Day.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to farmworkers by helping me to proclaim August 3, 2002, as Farmworker Appreciation Day. We thank them for all they have done and wish them the very best for the future.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FLIGHT 93  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ACT (H.R.  
3917) AND THE TRUE AMERICAN  
HEROES ACT (H.R. 5138)

### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Flight 93 National Memorial Act, H.R. 3917; and the True American Heroes Act, H.R. 5138. These two pieces of legislation will serve as the first steps toward finalizing a tribute to our nation's citizens whom, on September 11, 2001, represented the true American spirit through their heroic efforts.

No one will ever forget the events of September 11, 2001 that devastated our nation. Three of the four planes hijacked that unforgettable morning crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, leaving thousands dead.

Many believe terrorists were going to use the fourth plane as a weapon to crash into the United States Capitol Building. But the passengers and flight crew made the decision to take down the plane that morning in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania after learning from cellular phone conversations with loved ones of the fates of the three other hijacked aircraft. As a result, countless innocent lives were saved, including our own, and the fate of our nation's Capitol was changed.

This was the ultimate act of bravery and sacrifice from the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, and those who enter our nation's Capitol each day should cherish their valiance.

Several residents of California, including two of my own constituents—Tom Burnett and

Hilda Marcin—were on United Flight 93. Citizens around the country have asked for the United States government to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of these passengers and the others that perished in these tragic events, by awarding a gold medal to a representative on their behalf.

The Congressional Gold Medal is considered the nation's highest civilian award given by Congress to recognize a lifetime contribution or a singular achievement. I believe that everyone on United Flight 93, as well as police officers, emergency workers and other employees at the Pentagon and World Trade Center should be recognized for their efforts and sacrifice to save the lives of so many others. I would like to see all of these extraordinary individuals commemorated for such bravery. This medal is the least we can do in Congress to remember the courage of our fellow citizens.

In the months following the horrific attacks, thousands of people from around the world have remembered the final moments of the heroes of Flight 93 at the crash site itself, in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania. Serving as a place where families and friends of the passengers and flight crew can grieve for their loved ones, the symbolism of this area will be etched in the memories of those who visit to pay their tributes. Like Pearl Harbor, Oklahoma City, New York City and Washington, this is another piece of U.S. soil that now bears the markings of our nation's history.

It is time that we ensure protection of the site by placing it under jurisdiction of the National Park System, so that an appropriate memorial can be created, following the recommendations of the Flight 93 Task Force.

There may never be answers for all the questions that surround the events of September 11, 2001 or closure for all of those around the world who suffered the loss of loved ones in this tragedy.

But it is in our power to make sure that we appropriately honor our fellow Americans, who not only saved our lives and so many others, but also protected our nation's symbol of democracy and freedom—our United States Capitol—by passing these landmark pieces of legislation. I urge my colleagues to support these two bills and yield back the balance of my time.

### SPECIAL ORDER ON CYPRUS

SPEECH OF

### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2002*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus to mark the 28th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. I thank Mrs. Maloney and Mr. Bilirakis for their ongoing leadership in the Hellenic Caucus and for organizing events such as today's, which draw much-needed attention to issues of importance to the Hellenic community.

Two days from now will be the 28th anniversary of the invasion. On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops seized control of northern Cyprus, establishing an occupation that exists to this day. The invasion and occupation caused the deaths of 5,000 Cypriots and the expulsion of

200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes. To add insult to injury, Turkey promoted an independence declaration in the controlled area, drawing the condemnation of the United States and the United Nations Security Council.

Our Nation's top foreign policy priorities must include the reunification of Cyprus. One of my first acts as a Member of Congress was to join many of my colleagues in sending a letter to President Bush requesting that his administration immediately address this matter and work toward a peaceful solution. The United States holds a unique position of trust with both Greece and Turkey, and must use its influence to encourage the Turkish-Cypriots to continue negotiations, so that Cyprus may once again be whole.

This year, the United Nations has redoubled its efforts to encourage unification negotiations between the Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriots, with Secretary General Kofi Aman visiting the island in May to meet with government leaders. Unfortunately, LTN negotiators, as well as other international observers, have noted that Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has shown little interest in negotiating a settlement, while noting that Cypriot President Glafcos Clenides has shown far more flexibility. The United States must remain engaged in negotiations in Cyprus to promote a lasting settlement to this ongoing problem.

Cyprus, like the United States, shares a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the concept of equal justice under the law. The nation's economic growth and high standard of living make it a prime candidate for membership in the European Union. I am a proud cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 164, which supports the accession of Cyprus to the European Union, as it would greatly contribute to the diversity and shared history of the EU. Membership would provide Cyprus with greater opportunities to contribute to the international community and could also serve as a catalyst for settlement of the unification problem.

On this important anniversary, we mourn those who lost their lives in the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. However, we can also look forward to a time when Cyprus is again unified and able to reach its fullest potential in the international arena. The United States has stood beside her in the past, and we will undoubtedly maintain this strong relationship for years to come.

Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for addressing this important matter, and I yield back the balance of my time.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 16, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 299 through 308. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on rollcall votes 299, 300, 301, 302, 304, 306, and 308, and I would have voted nay on rollcall votes 303, 305, and 307.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, please be advised that I will not be voting on Monday, due to a commitment in my District. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted on:

- (1) H.R. 1209—Child Status Protection Act, "yea";
- (2) H.R. 4558—To Extend The Irish Peace Process Cultural And Training Program, "yea";
- (3) S.J. Res. 13—Conferring Honorary Citizenship On the Marquis de Lafayette, "yea";
- (4) H.R. 3892—Judicial Improvements Act, "yea";
- (5) H.R. 4870—Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act, "yea";
- (6) H.R. 1401—California Five Mile Regional Learning Center Transfer Act, "yea";
- (7) H.R. 3048—Russian River Land Act, "yea";
- (8) H.R. 3258—Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees Act, "yea";
- (9) H.R. 3917—Flight 93 National Memorial Act, "yea";
- (10) H.R. 2990—Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Improvement Act, "yea";
- (11) H.R. 4940—Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, "yea";
- (12) H.R. 5055—Authorizing The World War II Battle Of The Bulge Memorial, "yea";
- (13) H.R. 3645—Veterans Health-Care Items Procurement Improvement Act, "yea";
- (14) H.R. 5138—True American Heroes Act, "yea";
- (15) H.R. 4901—Keep Monticello On The Nickel Act, "yea";
- (16) H. Con. Res. 439—Honoring Corinne "Lindy" Claiborne Boggs On The Occasion Of The 25th Anniversary Of The Founding Of The Congressional Women's Caucus, "yea";
- (17) H. Res. 471—Recognizing The Contributions Of Paul Ecke, Jr. To The Poinsettia Industry, "yea";
- (18) H. Res. 492—Expressing Gratitude For The World Trade Center Cleanup And Recovery Efforts At The Fresh Kills Landfill On Staten Island, NY, Following The Terrorist Attacks Of September 11, 2001, "yea";
- (19) H.R. 5145—William C. Cramer Post Office Building, "yea";
- (20) H. Con. Res. 352—Sense Of Congress That Federal Land Management Agencies Should Implement The Western Governor's Association "Collaborative 10-year Strategy For Reducing Wildland Fire Risks To Communities And The Environment", "yea";
- (21) H. Res. \_\_\_\_—Sense Of The House That Major League Baseball And The Players Association Should Implement A Mandatory Steroid Testing Program, "yea";
- (22) H. Con. Res. 385—Sense Of Congress The Secretary Of Health And Human Services Should Conduct Research On Certain Tests To Screen Ovarian Cancer, "yea";
- (23) H. Con. Res. 188—Sense Of Congress That The Government Of The People's Republic Of China Should Cease Its Persecution Of Falun Gong Practitioners, "yea";
- (24) H.R. 3487—Nurse Reinvestment Act, "yea";
- (25) H.R. 3969—Freedom Promotion Act, "yea."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF WEST LEIPSIC, OHIO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay special tribute to a special community in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On August 17 and 18, 2002, the community of West Leipsic, Ohio is celebrating a truly monumental event—its Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, West Leipsic, Ohio is one of a number of wonderful communities in Northwest Ohio. West Leipsic is located in the heart of the Fifth Congressional District in Putnam County. Throughout its long and traditional-filled history, West Leipsic has established itself as a model community.

We, in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, are blessed to have such warm communities, like West Leipsic. The folks who live in West Leipsic are truly some of the most terrific people. They are good friends and neighbors, colleagues and coworkers, and, together, they form a close-knit family all sharing a common bond centered around their dedication to their community.

Over the years I have served in elected office, I have had the good fortune to travel to West Leipsic many times. Each time I visit, I am greeted by friendly people who truly know how to make you feel at home. In West Leipsic, and towns all across the Fifth District, being there is just like being at home.

Mr. Speaker, the individuality of the American culture, the freedom of the American spirit, is embodied in West Leipsic, Ohio. The community of West Leipsic, for one-hundred fifty years, has certainly been a model after which other communities can pattern themselves. As we begin this Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration of West Leipsic, Ohio, I would urge my colleagues to join me in this special tribute. It is my hope that the next century and a half will be just as joyous as the first.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KONRAD K.  
DANNENBERG

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great member of the North Alabama community, Mr. Konrad K. Dannenberg. On August 6th, Mr. Dannenberg will celebrate his 90th birthday. Throughout his ninety years, Mr. Dannenberg has been a leader in our nation's space program, retiring from Marshall Space Flight Center in 1973 as Deputy Director of Program Development's Mission and Payload Planning Office. Today, Mount Hope Elementary School in Mt. Hope, Alabama is honoring Mr. Dannenberg for his service to their school, the North Alabama community, and the nation.

Konrad Dannenberg, born in Weissenfels, Germany, worked with Wernher von Braun in Peenemunde, Germany and came to the United States after World War II under "Project Paperclip". He later helped develop and produce the Redstone and Jupiter missile systems for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. In 1960, he joined NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center as Deputy Manager of the Saturn program, where he received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

Mr. Dannenberg is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and was past president of the Alabama/Mississippi Chapter. He was the recipient of the 1960 DURAND Lectureship and the 1995 Hermann Oberth Award. Additionally, the NASA Alumni League, the Hermann Oberth Society of Germany, and the L-5 Society (now the National Space Society) have the benefit of Mr. Dannenberg's membership. In 1992, the Alabama Space and Rocket Center created a scholarship in his name to allow one student to attend a Space Academy session.

Mr. Speaker, as you can tell, during Mr. Dannenberg's career, he was a valuable player in the advancement of our space program and was appreciated by co-workers and important organizations throughout the industry. Following his retirement, he has remained a major influence in the North Alabama community and still serves as a consultant for the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. I want to congratulate Mr. Konrad Dannenberg on his 90th birthday and thank him for the important contributions he has made to our community in North Alabama and the entire United States.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK MASCARA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 309 through 318. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on rollcall votes 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 315, and 318, and would have voted nay on rollcall votes 314, 316, and 317.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2002*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence last week, I regrettably missed Rollcall votes 319–323. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 319: "nay"; Rollcall No. 320: "yea"; Rollcall No. 321: "yea"; Rollcall No. 322: "yea"; Rollcall No. 323: "nay".