

in order to build safer and more secure neighborhoods to reduce crime, decrease local violence, and lower the demand for drugs. NATW provides information, program support and technical assistance to its associated members, which include Neighborhood, Crime, Community, Town and Block Watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime prevention organizations, businesses, civic groups, and community volunteers.

I greatly support the mission of NATW and National Night Out, and in past Congresses have introduced resolutions in recognition of NNO, and have supported continued funding for the program. The House passed resolutions in support of National Night Out in 2000 and 2001.

This year I have again introduced a resolution expressing support of the House for this important event. H. Res. 437 commends National Night Out and encourages the President and his administration to focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and to coordinate federal efforts to participate in "National Night Out", including supporting local efforts, neighborhood watches and local officials to provide homeland security.

I am grateful to Chairman SENSENBRENNER and the Judiciary Committee for last week's voice vote passage of this resolution, and I thank Chairman SENSENBRENNER for his great help on this issue.

Recently the Senate passed Senators BIDEN and SPECTER's companion resolution on NNO, S. Res. 284. The Senators have also authored an op-ed that appeared in several newspapers, highlighting NNO, neighborhood watch, volunteerism and community-crime prevention. I commend the op-ed written by Senators BIDEN and SPECTER and request that it be included in the RECORD.

Neighborhood Watch and community crime prevention are especially important in the aftermath of September 11th and I encourage my colleagues to participate in NNO on August 6th.

HOW NEIGHBORS CAN HELP THWART TERRORISM

(By Joseph R. Biden and Arlen Specter)

Remember when neighbors knew neighbors? Remember front porches? Remember hot summer nights when families sat on the front stoop and talked over the fence?

On Aug. 6 of this year, more than 33 million people in 9,700 communities from all 50 states will participate in the 19th-annual National Night Out to revitalize the America's neighborhood spirit and remind us of a time when neighbors routinely looked out for one another, and everyone knew the cop on the beat. This year, as our nation recovers from the shock of Sept. 11, we encourage everyone to participate.

This will be a National Night Out Against Crime, and we urge every citizen from coast to coast to turn on outside lights, to look over the fence and open the gates, get to know your neighbors, meet with local police, and participate in block parties and parades.

In concert with the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out has been at the forefront of community crime prevention and neighborhood watch for nearly two decades, encouraging citizens to become active supporters and caretakers of their communities.

The effort involves citizens in all 50 states who volunteer to make a difference by leading anti-crime efforts in their communities—restoring the sense that we are all members

of a community and that our common concerns and shared values are as important as individual rights. When we act together, and look out for one another, our communities become safer and fundamentally better places in which to live and raise our families.

One of the reasons we so strongly support the concept of neighborhood watch is that it literally grew up in our back yard. The seeds of National Night Out were planted in our tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware nearly two decades ago.

What began in a few mid-Atlantic states has now grown to become a national grassroots event supporting communities organized in local chapters to fight crime year round. It is an amazing event when you consider that currently one out of every nine Americans participates.

We believe in a neighborhood watch concept because it works. Studies show that 95 percent of all police arrests are the direct result of a citizen phone call. They also show that neighborhood watch programs effectively lower crime rates.

Neighborhood Watch programs, like those championed during the National Night Out event, have been a valuable part of crime and drug prevention for decades. Today, crime watch programs also can play an important role in heightening awareness to combat terrorism and uniting neighborhoods to respond and assist one another in the event of emergencies.

At a time when homeland security is on the minds of everyone, we support every effort to bring Americans together by persuading them to volunteer in their communities.

With the nation on a permanent terror alert, neighborhood volunteers can play a crucial role in identifying potential dangers and, if need be, alerting law enforcement and emergency officials. Psychologically, the knowledge that trusted members of our community are providing an extra measure of security should reassure everyone.

We applaud every effort to support Neighborhood Watch because it is about building community, preventing crime, and, now, thwarting terrorism. Working side by side with local law enforcement, neighborhood crime watch groups are an invaluable resource.

The tragic events of last Sept. 11 reminded us of the importance of family and friends, faith, neighbors, and communities. It also reminded us how closely all of America's communities are linked.

Every year, National Night Out serves as a great opportunity for Americans to get to know their neighbors, become involved in their communities, and show their sense of patriotism.

This Aug. 6, National Night Out will bring Americans together again to help make a difference, one doorstep at a time. Let's all be part of it.

COMMEMORATING THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ASIAN HOLOCAUST OF WWII (1931-1945)

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eugene Wei on the grand opening of the American Museum of Asian Holocaust, located at 400 Taylor Avenue in Falls Creek, Pennsylvania. The museum came about as a result of Mr. Wei's vision. I com-

mend Mr. Wei for having the foresight to create such an important learning institution.

The mission statement of the museum is "to remember those events of World War Two in Asia, preserve them through photographs, written word and multimedia, and to educate the public now and in the future so that the wounds of the past may be healed through repentance of the perpetrators and forgiveness from the victims and their families."

This museum will have photographic exhibits of the Asian Holocaust of World War Two, which was perpetrated by the invading and occupying forces of Japan in Asian countries including China, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia, as well as stories of the American defense of Bataan and Corregidor. The museum will tell the story of the plight of the American POWs who were forced to work for Japanese companies as slave laborers in coal mines, shipyards, copper mines and steel mills and their horrible hell ships experiences.

Existing exhibits made by the Alliance for Preserving the Truth of Sino-Japanese War (APTSJW) on the Rape of Nanking, Comfort Women, and Japanese Unit 731 biological and chemical warfare, will be on display at the museum as well. A special display on anthrax attacks in China by Japan during the years 1942-1944 will also be shown.

I commend Eugene Wei for educating the public about the atrocities that took place in the Pacific Theater during World War Two. This is not an easy history to tell, but it must be told so that we do not repeat it in the future. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all those who have the opportunity, to visit this important museum.

MINNESOTA'S 10TH ANNUAL STAND DOWN

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Minnesota's 10th annual Stand Down, held August 1-4, 2002.

Minnesota Stand Down is an annual event that provides homeless veterans and their families with a break from the daily struggles of unemployment, personal issues, and medical and legal problems. Over the past nine years, 3900 volunteers have gathered on the banks of the Mississippi River to give their time and energy serving thousands of homeless and near homeless veterans and their families. The unified efforts of these volunteers provide a brief, yet welcoming, respite for those veterans who face the struggles of the street and the despairs of poverty.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of a bill recognizing the merits of Stand Downs and increasing the number of Stand Downs in America. H.R. 3271, the Bruce Vento Stand Down Act, will enact a pilot program authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct and participate in at least one Stand Down in every state. This effort will also increase the number of Stand Downs in America through a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans' service organizations, and community volunteers in coordinating Stand Down events for our nation's homeless veterans.

The Minnesota Stand Down is a fitting and worthy event, recognizing the efforts of the veterans in our community and providing needed relief from the difficulties of day-to-day life. As a state legislator, I was especially proud to represent veterans in Minnesota and champion their patriotism, courage and honor. As a Member of Congress, I will continue supporting Stand Downs across the country and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING NORMAN AND LINDA
MANZER FOR BEING WORLD
CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norman and Linda Manzer for being named St. Helena World Citizens of the Year 2002. As residents of St. Helena for over 30 years, they have continued to make positive contributions to my hometown.

Norm and Linda Manzer have dedicated their lives to making their city, their country and the world better through community service. Norm and Linda have made thirteen trips to Russia in the past decade for humanitarian work with Rotary International, which is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Norm and Linda have been instrumental in Rotary International's Children of Russia Project. Norm and Linda's tireless work to improve the lives of the Russian people has been invaluable.

Norm has worked as a General Insurance Agent for 29 years. His insurance office has grown along with the St. Helena community to provide for over 1200 families. He has volunteered his time to a number of organizations. He served as President of the Silverado Chapter of the American Red Cross, President of the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Napa County Farm Bureau and the co-founder of Friends of Napa Valley. He has lectured at Pacific Union College and St. Helena High School.

Linda has dedicated her life to her family and community. In addition to her community service work, she and Norm raised two wonderfully successful children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the achievements of Norm and Linda Manzer. The town of St. Helena, the entire Napa Valley, and our nation should aspire to achieve the success of these two great Americans.

LORI BERENSON

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, for almost seven years, Lori Berenson, an American, has been imprisoned in Peru under exceptionally harsh conditions that have seriously affected her health. From the beginning, many of us have said that Lori's convictions

were based on extremely flawed trials in which she was denied due process. Her first conviction by a hooded military tribunal was so tainted that it was thrown out by Peru. Earlier this month, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights announced that her second trial was also flawed, determining that the Peruvian government violated Ms. Berenson's rights.

Indeed, much of the evidence used against Lori was gathered during her discredited military trial, in many cases from witnesses who had been subjected to torture. Most of the witnesses have since recanted their earlier statements. The only witness against Lori at the second trial received a reduced sentence in return for his initial testimony condemning Lori and, on the eve of Lori's second trial, was given a new trial so that he can get another reduction in sentence. Furthermore, court proceedings clearly show that the judges had decided the verdict long before this trial began. How fair is a trial in which a judge proclaims a defendant guilty while witnesses are still being heard? Even this badly tainted court admitted that Lori was innocent of terrorist acts or of belonging to a terrorist organization. Further, the law under which Lori was convicted has been widely condemned by the international community for its broad scope and outrageously heavy penalties.

The Inter-American Commission has spoken and Peru should listen. Lori has condemned terrorism and has said that she opposed the violence and deaths there have been. Peru embarrasses itself by continuing to keep her in prison based on a flawed trial and an indefensible statute.

She has been in prison for far too long. It is time for Lori to come home.

COMMENDING MR. DENNIS
DEMELOPINE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Dennis DeMelloPine, and to wish him and his fiancée, Miss Pattie Christman, the very best on the occasion of their marriage. A native of Santa Clara, California, Mr. DeMelloPine has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to community leadership, labor leadership, and charitable causes. His greatest contribution, however, has been his professional career—thirty years of dedicated service to the Bay Area as a firefighter.

Dennis's love for aviation as a young man led him to become a United Airlines mechanic, in which capacity he perfected the skills that would eventually help him become a licensed pilot. But Dennis decided to make aviation an avocation rather than a career, and in 1972, he joined the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Over the course of the next decade Dennis served in several different communities, and became a Fire Captain in 1979. A few years later, he settled in permanently at the University Avenue Station in Los Gatos, where he has served for the last twenty years. His fellow firefighters could not have been happier about that decision: when Dennis is not out on a job he is busy cooking his company some of the best meals to be found in town.

Considering the long hours required of a firefighter, and how strenuous those hours can be, it is amazing how much Dennis has contributed to our community outside of his firefighting duties. For fourteen years, Dennis served as President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1165, bringing improved working conditions and increased benefits to his peers while working to maintain a strong labor-management partnership. He has also helped the Department procure governmental relief from budget problems, and has played a major role in making the County Fire Department more efficient and accessible. He not only understands the needs of the employees in his own community, but also works effectively between community fire departments by using his managerial savvy to facilitate mergers. From every point of view, he has made an invaluable contribution to the fire departments of the Bay Area.

Dennis received a letter of commendation in 1997 for fighting the "Cats" fire in Los Gatos and a Merit Award for outstanding service in 1999, but Dennis has done much more for the community that goes largely unnoticed. He is a coach in the local PONY baseball and softball league, and he is an organizer and active participant in local fundraisers for charity and labor concerns. Much to my delight, Mr. DeMelloPine is also a strong and active supporter of the Democratic Party.

Dennis's commitment to family is every bit as strong as his commitment to the community and to his career. He has close relationships with his brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles, relationships serving as an important balance to the demanding nature and stressfulness of his job. Most importantly, Dennis's mother has been a good friend and a great parent to her son for his whole life, and much of the success Dennis has enjoyed in life can be attributed to this wonderful woman.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Dennis DeMelloPine and wish him and his lovely fiancée, Miss Pattie Christman, all the best on the occasion of their wedding. They have both brought much happiness and security to our community, and may they now do the same for each other.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE SERVICE
OF MARION P. CARNELL

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marion P. Carnell of Ware Shoals, South Carolina. Mr. Carnell has lead an extraordinary life, more than half of which has been dedicated to our state in the capacity of a state legislator. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress.

Mr. Carnell graduated from Ware Shoals High School in 1945. Among his many accomplishments are an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from The Citadel in 1993 and an Honorary Ph.D. of Law from Lander University in 1999. Currently Mr. Carnell is a successful retail merchant and President of Piggly Wiggly Stores in the towns of Ninety-Six and Ware Shoals, South Carolina. Mr. Carnell and his wife of 52-years, Sara, are the proud parents of Marion Ray and the late Toni Lynn. They