

Whereas, within moments of the crash at the Pentagon, Inova AirCare was on the scene to transport patients, and AirCare 2, the system's back-up helicopter, transported needed supplies to the scene for use in patient triage; and

Whereas, Inova Blood Donor Services collected more than 2,000 units of blood in the first week following the attacks, and a portion of the donations were sent to New York and New Jersey to help injured patients; and

Whereas, the Inova Institute of Research and Education contacted the Food and Drug Administration to allow usage of a new drug—in its final phase of testing—in a successful attempt to save the life of Virginia State Police Trooper Michael Middleton; and

Whereas, more than a month after the September 11 attacks, Inova Health System played a leading role in the initial diagnosis and treatment of patients exposed to anthrax at the Brentwood Postal Facility; and

Whereas, Inova Fairfax Hospital emergency room physician Cecele Murphy diagnosed the first inhalation anthrax patient on October 19, 2001, before the source of the anthrax was known; and

Whereas, within two days, the hospital diagnosed the second anthrax case, and Inova physicians soon developed protocols for hospitals to follow in screening postal workers and other potential inhalation anthrax cases; and

Whereas, in collaboration with infectious disease specialists from Kaiser Permanente, Inova physicians published an anthrax case study in the Journal of the American Medical Association, an article that was published faster than any other case study in the journal's history; and

Whereas, Inova Fairfax Hospital held three press conferences to educate the public on key anthrax information, including the fact that it is not contagious and that patients in and visitors to hospitals are safe; and

Whereas, Inova Health System continued to take the lead in producing and distributing anthrax information to inform the public via information hotlines, websites, the press, and public meetings; and

Whereas, throughout the turbulent Fall of 2001, the medical professionals and staff of Inova Health System responded to emergency situations with great dispatch, diligence, courage, and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Inova Health System for its quick and effective response to the events of September 11 and the anthrax incidents in October 2001; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Inova Health System as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for its dedication to the health and welfare of the citizens of Northern Virginia.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM WEST

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. William West. I am proud to recognize Mr. West for his dedication to furthering agriculture education in the state of West Virginia.

On a national scale, Mr. West was one of six educators to be recognized by the National

Association of Agricultural Educators with the 2000-01 Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award. This annual award was presented to Mr. West for conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs and rewarding him for his civic, community, agricultural and professional leadership.

This award also serves as a highlight of Mr. West's ability to draw upon community resources in order to provide meaningful educational experiences for all students.

Currently a teacher at Ripley High School in Ripley, West Virginia, William West continues to supply top quality agricultural education. His work, and the example he sets, has provided an invaluable service to his students and to West Virginia. I am honored to commend Mr. William West and offer him my best wishes in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed Roll Call votes 375–377. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call #375: Yea; Roll Call #376: Yea; Roll Call #377: Yea.

TRIBUTE TO HART AND MARK HASTEN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hart and Mark Hasten, two brothers born in the small town of Bohorodczany, Poland and currently living in my home state of Indiana. In 1942, acting on horrifying rumors that Nazis were murdering Jews everywhere, their father placed young Hart and Mark in a horse drawn carriage and the family fled town in the middle of night.

Shortly after the Hastens left Bohorodczany, twelve hundred Jews were gathered by the Nazis and murdered in a nearby town. Hart and Mark, and their parents, were the only surviving Jews from the area.

Recently, the two brothers traveled back to their boyhood town to erect a monument in the memory of the martyrs. Rabbi Kasriel Shemtov from Israel and Rabbi Mosh Kolesnik from Ukraine as well as fifty Jewish people from neighboring villages joined Hart and Mark to observe the dedication.

The story of those who perished is etched in Hebrew and English on a granite stone in a small cemetery where they may rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I praise Hart and Mark Hasten for erecting this monument in the name of their fellow townspeople. This is a special memorial for a deserving community of heroes.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR PER ANGER OF SWEDEN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I call to the attention of my colleagues to the passing during the August recess of Ambassador Per Anger of Sweden. He died Sunday August 25 in Stockholm at the age of 88. I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to him.

Mr. Speaker, Per Anger was a distinguished career diplomat of his native Sweden. He was ambassador to Australia, Canada and the Bahamas, Consul General in San Francisco, an advocate and activist within the Swedish Foreign Ministry for humanitarian assistance, and an effective voice of conscience in Swedish diplomacy. But most of all, he will be long remembered for his active and effective collaboration with Raoul Wallenberg in the saving of Hungarian Jewish lives during the Holocaust, and then for his advocacy on behalf of Wallenberg after the Soviet Army took him prisoner at the end of World War II.

Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Anger was born in Goteborg on December 7, 1913, and studied law at Stockholm and Uppsala universities. He began his diplomatic career in Berlin, but he was posted to Budapest in late 1942. During his early days in Budapest, he passed on a historic piece of intelligence—the plans, location and operations of Nazi concentration camps that he had gleaned from refugees to Hungary.

He was still in Budapest in March 1944 when Nazi Germany occupied Hungary. Shortly after the German Wehrmacht arrived, Adolf Eichmann and his henchmen appeared in Budapest with the assignment to exterminate the Jewish population of Hungary. Per Anger began issuing temporary Swedish passports and identity cards to Hungarian Jews in an effort to protect them against deportation to Nazi extermination camps.

In July of 1944, Raoul Wallenberg arrived at the Swedish Legation Budapest. He came at the request of the United States and with the support of the Swedish government in an effort to do what he could to save the lives of Hungarian Jews. Wallenberg expanded the use of these protective passports, issuing tens of thousands of them to Jews facing shipment to extermination camps, and with American financial assistance he leased apartment buildings where Jews driven from their homes stayed nominally under Swedish diplomatic protection. Together Wallenberg and Anger saved tens of thousands of children, women, and men from the forced marches and from the trains bound for death camps at Auschwitz and elsewhere in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Mr. Speaker, while Per Anger's diplomatic career is distinguished, it is his efforts with Raoul Wallenberg that set him apart, that raise him above the many eminent Swedes who have served their country with honor and integrity. Ambassador Anger's association with Raoul Wallenberg gave him a cause that he continued to pursue with commitment and intelligence throughout his life. Because of that association, he will be honored around the world for generations.

A great deal of what we know about Raoul Wallenberg's efforts in Budapest in 1944 is the

result of the work of Per Anger. His memoir, With Raoul Wallenberg in Budapest, provides essential documentation of many of the events during that tempestuous time. Without this published recollection, our knowledge of Wallenberg's incredible struggle against the Nazi terror would be considerably diminished.

Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Anger was also a champion within the Swedish Foreign Ministry, urging bolder and more aggressive action by the Swedish government to secure the release of Raoul Wallenberg after he was seized and imprisoned in the Soviet Union in January of 1945. Because Sweden was reluctant to take any action that might antagonize its huge neighbor to the east, it officially pursued a cautious and pusillanimous policy in seeking the release of Wallenberg. Within the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Anger was a strong voice for bolder action.

After his retirement from the diplomatic service, Per has continued his efforts. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, he was in Moscow on a number of occasions, at times with members of Raoul Wallenberg's family, in the continuing effort to determine the truth of what really happened after Wallenberg was seized by Red Army troops in Eastern Hungary.

Ambassador Anger has been one of the leaders in keeping alive the memory of Raoul Wallenberg during the fifty years since Raoul Wallenberg disappeared. I remember well many occasions when Anger paid eloquent tribute to the heroism of Raoul Wallenberg. One of his most memorable and moving tributes was given at the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance which was held at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., on January 17, 1995.

Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Anger was honored appropriately for his humanitarian contribution to saving the lives of Hungarian Jews. In 1982 he was named one of the "Righteous Among Nations" by Israel's Yad Vashem memorial and museum. The government of Hungary awarded him the Order of Merit in 1995, and in 2000 he was granted honorary Israeli citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the unspeakable horrors that were unleashed upon the world by the Nazi regime a half-century ago, it is important that we not only remember the atrocities and violence and murder and terror of that time, but that we also consider the sparks of humanity that glowed in the midst of that darkest of midnights. Per Anger was one of those radiant sparks of light. Per Anger had the decency, dedication, courage and the motivation to do great good against incredible odds.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CLAUDE BURPEE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. DUCAN. Mr. Speaker, very few people alive today can say they knew someone who met President Abraham Lincoln. However, Mr. Claude Burpee of Maryville, Tennessee can. In fact, he can even say he shook the same hand that shook the hand of President Lincoln.

When Mr. Burpee was in elementary school, he had the opportunity to meet a Civil War veteran who was honored by Mr. Lincoln during the war.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Burpee for his unique connection to arguably our Nation's most admired President.

I have included a copy of a story written in the Maryville Daily Times that further explains Mr. Burpee's story that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Maryville Daily Times, Feb. 13, 1991]

MARYVILLE MAN RECALLS HANDY LINK TO LINCOLN

(By Adele McKenzie)

An event of 53 years ago is alive today in the memory of Claude Burpee of Maryville. The happening was a reward as a student for making good grades and the privilege of shaking a hand that had many years earlier shaken the hand of President Abraham Lincoln.

Elijah Sanborn, who was then in his early 90's, had served in the Union Army as a youth of 16 or 17 during the Civil War. For a heroic deed, he received a citation which was presented by President Lincoln, who also shook his hand.

Burpee lived in Acton, Maine, where Burpee was one of 25 to 30 students, grades 1 through 8, attending a one-room school taught by one male teacher. "One of our incentives for making good grades was the great honor of being able to shake the hand of this hero—Elijah Sanborn," remembers Burpee.

As far as Brupee knows, he is the last person living who attended Acton School and had this honor.

Children of today probably would not consider this event of any significance, but 53 years ago it was something to be proud of says Burpee.

He also remembers the old soldier quoting Lincoln as having said: "Don't let your schooling get in the way of your learning."

Two years ago, Burpee visited Maine and was delighted to find his old school, well taken care of and serving another role. Built in 1814, it is now the town library.

After serving in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, Burpee spent 25 years in California following his career as a locksmith.

Advancing years and declining health of the parents of his wife, Wanda Joy, brought the Burpees to Tennessee 14 years ago to assist with their care. Burpee said he learned that Blount County was in need of a locksmith and so they chose Maryville as their home to be near their relatives who live at Mascot.

"Maryville has treated me well, and I've made a good living here. One couldn't find a nicer place to live," he said.

Selling his business two years ago, Burpee has devoted much of his time to work with Disabled American Veterans (DAV) serving presently as commander of Blount County DAV Chapter 76 and as alternate commander of the East Tennessee Division of DAV. Burpee is also a member of Blount County Memorial Post 5154 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Capt. Emerson J. Lones Post 13 American Legion.