

citizenry fought bravely against both adversaries on two fronts. Unfortunately, in the process of valiantly defending their homeland, over fifteen thousand Polish soldiers, officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, and other Polish citizens were brutally murdered. Perhaps one of the most unforgettable acts committed by the Soviet Union against Poland was later uncovered with the discovery of 4,500 bodies found in a single mass grave at the Katyn forest, near Smolensk in the Soviet Union. This horrendous discovery became known as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

And in an egregious attack against humanity, over three thousand Americans and citizens representing more than 80 nationalities were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. The heinous attacks on American soil reaffirmed our commitment to Democracy in defense of a free and open society, threatened by evil, injustice, hatred, and tyranny.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives lost in these tragedies. We shall never forget these acts of barbarism. And we shall never forget the innocent lives lost as we strive, as a People, to create a peaceful world.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2002: A TIME TO MOURN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the good book tells us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn. On September 6th I joined some 250 of my colleagues in this body as we traveled to Federal Hall in New York City to do just that.

We gathered at a place in which this Congress met and even adopted the Bill of Rights in 1789. We mourned with those who mourn and we wept with those who weep. The last time I was in New York City was September 21, 2001. I stood in the ashes and on the periphery of the devastation at Ground Zero and I expect tomorrow, as we all do, to be a deeply moving day emotionally.

As we join to pray, Mr. Speaker, let us ever remember that we are also told that there is a time for peace and there is a time for war. As we pray for the bereaved let us also pray for wisdom for our President and our leadership in this institution as we choose the times and the days ahead for war.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
RAYMOND EDWARD WARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Raymond Warner has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 212 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Raymond Edward Warner as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILFREDO VAZQUEZ-
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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilfredo Vazquez-Pol of Clinton, Massachusetts who retired on September 3, 2002 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency after many years of dedicated service.

Willie, as his friends and co-workers affectionately call him, has had a very illustrious career. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was stationed in Hawaii and served in Vietnam. He was an auditor with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General, and for the past 22 years, was a devoted member of the EPA/OIG staff where he was the Audit Manager in the Boston office since 1988. His hard work earned him the bronze Medal, the highest award given by the Inspector General.

Willie has been an outstanding citizen in Clinton and has given much of his personal time to community service. He helps provide translation services to Latino residents who have difficulty transitioning into the community. Willie is a member of the Clinton Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler, and is also a member of the Clinton Hospital Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to congratulate Willie on an outstanding career. I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in wishing him many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY MORGENSEN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Morgensen, President and CEO of Hensel Phelps Construction in Greeley, Colorado. After the devastating attack on our Nation last September, Mr. Morgensen and his company were hired to rebuild the scarred west face of the Pentagon. Tonight, he is being awarded the Air Force Association's John R. Alison Award in recognition of his outstanding industrial leadership while renovating and rebuilding the home of our defense department.

Jerry Morgensen is a man who has served his country well during one of its darkest hours. Due to his innovation and leadership,

he and a team of dedicated men and women were able to rebuild the Pentagon in less than one year, defying the terrorists and fostering a sense of healing in the citizens who watched the building's dramatic transformation. I am proud of the tremendous work Mr. Morgensen has done, not only to rebuild the Pentagon, but to reinvigorate our national spirit.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Jerry Morgensen is truly a great American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to Mr. Jerry Morgensen.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN SNYDER,
CHAMPION OF THE PERSECUTED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on August 27, 2002, one of the leading advocates for the persecuted passed away. His name was Rev. Steven Snyder and I knew him well. Steve cared as much as anyone I know for the persecuted. His efforts and labor on behalf of the voiceless and the persecuted, raised awareness of cases and problems in far away places that few would have known without his voice. Mr. Speaker, I will insert following these remarks an article from the Washington Times which describes how Steve made such a difference with his life.

Steven was the founder and president of International Christian concern, an organization dedicated to raise awareness of and to advocate for the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. Prior to founding International Christian Concern, Steve was the director of Christian Solidarity International, where he also was a strong and vocal advocate for the persecuted.

Steve was a pioneer in exposing to the world the horrible persecution and brutality that is occurring to people just because of their religious beliefs. Steve's efforts and his voice resounded in the halls of power throughout the world. His advocacy and speaking out on the persecuted, influenced Members of Congress and government officials from around the world to intervene and become involved in what would have otherwise been unknown issues.

In order to see and learn first-hand of persecution, Steve risked his life many times by personally traveling to very dangerous parts of the world, where he not only was a witness to human rights abuses, but where he also brought hope and love to the suffering.

Steve was a remarkable man who did incredible things in his 53 years for the suffering all over the world. Steve will be sorely missed. He deserves the words from Matthew 25, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We send our condolences to his wife Connie and four children Sarah de Vuyst, Lori Slaubaugh, Joshua Snyder and Sean Snyder.

[From the Washington Times, Aug. 29, 2002]

SNYDER DIES AT 53; ADVOCATED CHRISTIAN
FREEDOM ABROAD

(By Larry Witham)

The Rev. Steven L. Snyder, a tireless global traveler and advocate for voiceless Christians abroad who faced religious persecution under communist and Islamic regimes, died Monday night of an infection. He was 53.

The evangelical minister, a native of the San Diego area, began his advocacy work as the U.S. director of Christian Solidarity International, which in the 1980s focused on persecution under communism. In 1995, he founded International Christian Concern to extend the work to Islamic countries.

The Silver Spring resident and father of four was acknowledged yesterday as a pioneer voice on the topic of Christian persecution when it was not high on Washington's human rights agenda.

Mr. Snyder also took risks to penetrate such countries as Sudan, Vietnam, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, China and Pakistan to bring out accurate information, documents and video footage of underground churches or persecuted minorities.

"He was a faithful servant of people persecuted for their faith," said U.S. Ambassador at Large for Religious Liberty John V. Hanford III, who had met and worked with Mr. Snyder in 1985. "He stayed with it despite the constant discouragement that comes with human rights work."

"Steven labored in this vineyard long before the movement against persecution captured the imagination of evangelicals," said the Rev. Richard Cizik, Washington director of the National Association of Evangelicals. "What a faithful friend he was of the persecuted."

Friends and human-rights workers who knew Mr. Snyder noted his on-the-ground work, desire to highlight those who suffered rather than himself, and a kind of perpetual sad look in his eyes from seeing such grim events abroad—and so little interest at home.

"When not many people cared about this issue, he worked at it faithfully and strenuously," said Paul Marshall, a scholar of religion with Freedom House. "He didn't just report, he went to dangerous places. He did his research with his boots on."

Dr. David Harding, a family physician who is on the six-member board of International Christian Concern, traveled to Indonesia with Mr. Snyder in November to provide medical aid to Christians being persecuted by Muslims on the island of Sulawesi.

"Steven is going to be very difficult to replace," Dr. Harding said. "He made every effort to get the facts right, and he had a way of finding all the right people and getting at the truth of a situation."

Pat Bradley, a St. Louis businessman who first met Mr. Snyder in 1999, recalls their two-week fact-finding trip to Sudan in February 2000.

"For two days we drove into the south from Uganda on what we thought was the bumpiest road in the world, until we got to Sudan's roads," Mr. Bradley said. "Between us we had seen bad places, but by far this was the worst."

It was 105-degree bush country, he said. "These people had literally nothing. No food or clothing. They were victims of a scorched-earth policy, and some were tortured."

On return from Sudan in 2000, Mr. Snyder drafted a detailed report for Capitol Hill and the State Department, and made it available to news organizations.

During a trip to China in 1999, Mr. Snyder brought in Bibles and met with leaders of the underground church. Some of the people who went to hear his presentations remember the vivid images and footage he brought back of nighttime river baptisms.

Staff at the State Department yesterday also took the news with sorrow. One staffer asked a reporter whether Mr. Snyder had worked at State because everybody knew him.

"Steve was a foot soldier for religious freedom," said Tom Phar, director of international religious liberty at the State De-

partment. "He traveled the world working on behalf of people being persecuted for their faith. He was an effective advocate and a good friend."

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Snyder was rushed to the Holy Cross Hospital emergency room with a high fever, and friends recall that because the diagnosis was severe he asked them to "pray for a miracle." He died about 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Snyder lost his spleen in an operation six years ago, and doctors said that weakened his ability to fight the infection, which rapidly taxed his entire system.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Snyder of Silver Spring, and four children: Sarah de Vuyst of Ukraine; Lori Slaubaugh of Rollin, N.D.; Joshua Snyder of Boulder, Colo.; and Sean, 16.

Visitations may be made tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home at 500 University Blvd. W. in Silver Spring. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel's Church at 16819 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations "to help the persecuted church" be sent to International Christian Concern, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Box 941, Washington, DC 20006-1846.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANITA ADAMS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Anita Adams, Auditor of Muskingum County, has for the tenth straight year, earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and,

Whereas, this award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is an honor given to local governments that publish comprehensive financial reports meeting the standards on the GFOA; and,

Whereas, Anita has shown continuous dedication to the people of Muskingum County;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in applauding Anita Adams for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAIRLAWN REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital in my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1987, Fairlawn served as a small acute community hospital. However, over a period of time it has evolved into the first facility in the United States to fully convert into a rehabilitation provider. Currently, an average of 100 inpatients and 100 outpatients are treated everyday to help people reach their fullest potential to make for a joyful and productive life.

Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is in joint collaboration with the Fallon Clinic, UMASS

Memorial Health Center, and HEALTHSOUTH Corporation. Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital specializes in many rehab programs: brain injury, orthopedics, geriatrics, stroke, spinal cord injury, pulmonary, amputee, neurological cardiac, and burns are included. The incredible care and dedication to the patients' of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 19, 2002, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital celebrates its Fifteenth Anniversary. It is fitting that this facility is recognized for its efforts in improving the lives of people with disabilities in Central Massachusetts. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking the employees of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital for their dedication and service to the people of Central Massachusetts.

IN MEMORY OF ADEL A. ZAKHARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Adel A. Zakhary, a friend and neighbor to many, who lost his life in the World Trade Center tragedy on September 11, 2001. A memorial service took place in his honor on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at Saint George Catholic Orthodox Church in Jersey City.

An immigrant from Egypt, Adel lived the American dream, making America his home with his wife, Nagat, son, George, and daughter, Mariam. He was dedicated and tireless in his work, and in providing for his family. On September 11, he went to work on the 92nd floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center, as he had done for 18 years.

In one of the most unforgivable acts against humanity, over three thousand people were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Adel was among those individuals who were tragically lost. The horrific attacks have strengthened us in our resolve to fight evil and intolerance in pursuit of freedom, justice, and democracy.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Adel A. Zakhary, a loving husband and father, who will never be forgotten. Let us join together not only to grieve this tremendous loss, but also to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments in his life. I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Adel.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002: TRIBUTE TO
FREEDOM

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the United States of America is founded on the fundamental principle that all citizens have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The United States of America stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity for everyone regardless of race, creed or religious belief.