

the U.S. Constitution—justice, equality and true brotherhood. His distinguished career includes service as President of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association. He demonstrated his faithfulness to the legal profession as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

After graduating with honors from the University of Florida College of Law, he went on to become a principal architect of Holland and Knight, LLP, one of the nation's largest and most respected law firms. As chair of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, he accepted the challenge of revising and redrafting Florida's Constitution for the first time in fifty years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to Chesterfield Smith and his many lifetime achievements. I congratulate him on receiving the distinguished 2002 Justice Award. His remarkable life's work as an accomplished public servant is deserving of such notoriety, and I consider him to be a true leader of the 21st Century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, I was in the 4th Congressional District to honor the heroes and victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote number 384.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ELPIS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Elpis Greek Orthodox Church of Hopewell, Virginia on its 85th anniversary.

In 1914, Dupont Chemicals decided to expand their plant in Hopewell in support of WWI. Consequently, ads were posted throughout Europe to recruit immigrants as laborers and engineers for this plant. About 6000 Greeks responded to this ad with the promise of a new future in America. Upon arrival in Hopewell, these Greeks sought to preserve their heritage and religion by building the first Greek Orthodox Church in Virginia.

The tremendous sacrifice made by these early parishioners to establish St. Elpis was great. Their devotion and commitment to preserving their Greek heritage and religion enabled the parishioners to overcome great obstacles over the years and has enabled the church to continue to thrive. This spirit is as vibrant today as it was 85 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate St. Elpis and its parishioners, as they celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of their church and I wish them continued success and prosperity in

the years to come. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize St. Elpis in the United States House of Representatives this day.

TRIBUTE TO THE MITRE CORPORATION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MITRE Corporation in celebration of twenty years in Huntsville, Alabama. As you know, the MITRE Corporation is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that provides government agencies with technical support that is not available through the government or contractor community.

For 2 decades, the Army, NASA, and Department of Defense programs headquartered at Redstone Arsenal have relied on the MITRE Corporation's Huntsville Site Office for objective technical expertise. Since the MITRE Corporation cannot manufacture products or compete with the industry, the support it provides Redstone Arsenal is in alignment with the government's objectives and free from competitive pressures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the MITRE Corporation for 20 years of excellent service to the North Alabama defense and NASA community. In 1982, this Site Office began with one person and now employs a staff of 33. On this milestone anniversary celebration, I send the employees of the MITRE Corporation my thanks and wish them many more years of success in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its staff for their outstanding contributions to science and to the security of our Nation throughout the past 50 years.

The Laboratory was established in 1952 to help meet an urgent national security need and has made numerous advances to keep the Nation at peace and secure.

Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Laboratories developed the nuclear weapons that have deterred world wars. The labs are ensuring the continuing safety, security, and reliability of our Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing.

Breakthroughs at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory led to the development of the high-yield warheads that greatly contributed to strategic deterrence throughout the Cold War.

The Laboratory has provided technical support to arms control negotiations and treaty implementation, including negotiations and treaties to reduce the size of nuclear arsenals, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons

and technologies, and limit nuclear weapons testing.

The Laboratory has greatly contributed to efforts of the United States intelligence community to understand nuclear weapons-related activities worldwide, and today is using its capabilities to defend our nation against terrorism.

The Laboratory is also a leader in science and has worked on technologies to provide us with long term energy security.

The Laboratory has developed environmental restoration technologies that are being used to rapidly clean up groundwater contamination at Superfund sites and is developing simulation capabilities to better understand changes in the earth's climate.

The Laboratory is identifying the source of genetic diseases and developing improved detectors of biological agents.

Livermore scientists produced work that won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1998 and numerous advances in astrophysics.

Technology development at the Laboratory has broadly contributed to the Nation's technical prowess and the competitiveness of United States industry, as evidenced by the winning of 85 prestigious R&D 100 awards.

Lastly, the Laboratory contributes broadly to higher education, as well as elementary and secondary educational efforts throughout Northern California and educational outreach directed at minority groups nationwide.

On its 50th anniversary, I would like to congratulate the Laboratory, its staff, and former employees for their dedicated service to our Nation, outstanding contributions to national security, a strong tradition of scientific and technical excellence, and continuing efforts to make the world more secure and a better place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: SALVADOR A. LOPEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez of Glade Park, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed last March of 2002. On September 18, Mr. Lopez will be awarded the prestigious Special Carrier Alert Award from the National Association of Letter Carriers, and as he receives his award, I would like to pay tribute to his extraordinary act of courage. Mr. Lopez is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he has worked for the last 28 years. Not too long ago, while he was busy delivering mail along his route, Mr. Lopez noticed a runaway car with a child inside who was too young to take control of the vehicle. Mr. Lopez hurriedly ran alongside of the car, jumped into the car window, and pulled the emergency break. Fortunately, Mr. Lopez was able to stop the vehicle before the car drove into a busy intersection which could have brought certain injury to himself and the child. Due to Mr. Lopez's quick thinking and heroic actions, the child only suffered minor bruises, while Mr. Lopez escaped with three broken ribs. Last April, the Carnegie Hero Fund honored Mr. Lopez with one of its 23 nationally recognized awards for

his heroism. Tomorrow, he will be recognized again by the National Association of Letter Carriers for his courageous actions here in Washington D.C. The true magnitude of his bravery can only be fully illustrated by the fact that the child whom he saved, Nicholas Reyes, will have the opportunity to reach his full potential. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez before this body of Congress and this nation for his bravery and composure in a time of adversity. Mr. Lopez's courage is an example of what all Americans throughout the country are capable of demonstrating when faced with extraordinary circumstances. Congratulations on your achievement, Salvador, and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVE MANEY

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dave Maney of Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Maney is Experience Works' 2001 Older Worker of the Year for the State of Georgia.

As a Marketing Representative with the Department of Labor Career Center in Georgia, Mr. Maney changes the downhill direction of the unemployed every day. His job is to motivate, encourage and inspire clients into believing in their ability to find and keep a job. The way Mr. Maney describes his job is . . . "Most of my clients, and there have been more than 600 this year, seldom set goals, and when they do, they are not high enough. I teach them that goals have to be higher than anything they have ever done."

His goals in life have been simple. "The keys to my success and to the life I have had to this point have been a positive attitude, a great wife and wonderful home life, and loving interaction with people."

That interaction with people, especially those who are labeled non-custodial parents, and food stamp recipients, has added tremendous value to both his life and work. From his first job as a custodian at Montgomery Ward, to his service in the Korean Conflict, raising six children, and surviving cancer, Mr. Maney has had a full and challenging life. "With all I've been through I would still say that giving people self-worth and hope for a better tomorrow is my proudest accomplishment," says Mr. Maney.

Mr. Speaker, due to the events of last September we were not able to honor Mr. Maney for his accomplishments. I hope that you will join me today to do so.

CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS INITIATIVE—SENATE OPENING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, Americans for a Free Cuba gathered on the Senate steps to officially open the Cuban Political Prisoners Initiative display in the Sen-

ate Russell Office Building. They will be storming the halls of the US Senate tomorrow, urging Senators not to vote for lifting the travel ban on Cuba.

The Business and Agricultural communities have used their vast resources to make their case for lifting sanctions on Cuba at a summit here in Washington, but we know that their case is based on their own self-interest. They have failed to acknowledge or fully consider that lifting sanctions would empower Castro to cling to power and continue his reign of terror over millions of suffering people.

The members of the Americans for a Free Cuba have heroically made the case for those Cubans who cannot speak for themselves because of Castro's brutal and restrictive regime through their silent vigil and demonstration. This is a regime that prohibits freedom in almost every way possible while punishing and imprisoning all opposition. The compelling stories of Cuban defectors clearly demonstrate that many will do whatever they can to escape the dreadful conditions brought about by their totalitarian ruler. Both the people and political prisoners in Cuba as well as those who cherish freedom are counting on Americans to stand up to Castro and keep the pressure on through the embargo.

Thankfully, President Bush is behind The Americans for a Free Cuba 100 percent. I commend President Bush for the strong and unwavering stance he has taken against the Castro regime. The President has made it clear that the United States will work with Cuba only after Castro takes concrete measures to improve the abysmal human rights situation in his country. I support the President's demand to Castro that he must free political prisoners, legalize political activity, permit free elections, and cease discriminating against Cuban workers before Congress should even begin to consider lifting economic sanctions. Administration officials have vowed a Presidential veto to any version of the Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill that weakens trade or travel sanctions on Cuba.

The Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative was initially launched in April when over a dozen members of Congress, from both political parties, adopted a dozen political prisoners. These prisoners each have a unique story but all share in a common suffering because of their love of freedom.

While the Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative was launched this Spring, it will not end until every single Cuban political prisoner is free. I am sending out a letter signed by my colleagues who are part of this initiative to Sergio Vielra de Mello, the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, urging him to follow through on the resolution this commission adopted in April that called on the Cuban government to improve its record on human, civil, and political rights and allow the UN and other representatives to examine human rights conditions in Cuba.

Twenty former political prisoners were amongst those gathered on the Senate steps today.

They are the heroes for freedom that endured the horrors of Castro's Cuba and lived to tell about it. Also in attendance was Maritza Lugo Fernandez a former Cuban political prisoner joining us today who was jailed more than 30 times before she was exiled by the Castro regime. Her husband, Rafael Ibarra Roque, is still a political prisoner in Cuba and is the prisoner I have adopted.

Before going to prison, where he has been since 1994, Mr. Roque's home was raided by Castro's thugs, who seized virtually everything he owned of value including the family car, the stove, a television, and even his pets. He was arrested and charged with "sabotage," but no credible evidence whatsoever exists that he committed this crime. Those close to the case know his real "crime" was having the courage and audacity to speak out against the regime and demand the same freedoms Americans—and other freedom loving people hold to be self-evident and a basic foundation for society.

Mr. Roque has been sentenced to twenty years in the wretched Combinado del Este Prison in Havana where political prisoners are subjected to especially brutal treatment. The State Department's 2001 Human Rights report on Cuba speaks of political prisoners suffering beatings, intimidation, and sexual abuse. These abuses are carried out not only by prison officials but also by state security agents posing as prisoners.

Unfortunately Mr. Roque's case is not an exception but rather the norm for human rights activists in Cuba. Hundreds of others whose only crime is their love of freedom languish in Castro's prisons and the Cuban people on a whole have suffered under the terror of his rule for over 40 years.

The Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative display that we have opened in the Senate Rotunda is somber but will serve as an important reminder of the hundreds of innocent Cubans languishing in Castro's prisons for all Senators, Senate staff, and visitors who pass by it each day. I am confident that when the American people and members of Congress hear the true facts about the great human rights abuses occurring in Cuba, and fully consider the great harm Castro seeks to do our nation through working with terrorist states and harboring fugitives of justice, they will agree that keeping sanctions on Cuba is our only option.

The challenge of fighting for human rights in Cuba remains great. However, we must never give up and we must never, ever forget those who are persecuted for carrying the torch of freedom.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the victims of the tragic events of one year ago. Last year on September 11th Americans awoke to a brutal attack on our country on its own soil. Throughout the course of this one tragic day, something that at once seemed inconceivable became a horrific reality. No one feels the pain of this day more acutely than the families and friends of the more than 3,000 people who