

Brooklyn. Sikh businesses have been stoned and cars have been burned. A Sikh boy was even shot in New York. Many Muslims and other minorities were also subjected to violent attacks.

"We hope that there will not be any more of these incidents in connection with the anniversary of the attacks. "Violence against innocent people of any religion or ethnicity is unacceptable," said Dr. Aulakh. "It must be condemned and the violence must be ended."

TRIBUTE TO MR. SAMUEL J.  
TENENBAUM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime friend, Mr. Samuel J. Tenenbaum of Lexington, SC. On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, Mr. Tenenbaum will receive the Lifetime Achievement award in the area of philanthropy from the Columbia Urban League Guild.

The Columbia Urban League is a non-profit organization that works for equal opportunity for everyone. The Columbia Urban League Guild is an affiliate and volunteer arm of the Columbia Urban League. The Lifetime Achievement Award is an award given to an individual who has made significant contributions to Columbia, the Midlands region, and the state.

A 1961 graduate of Savannah Country Day School, Mr. Tenenbaum graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History. He went on to do graduate studies in American Studies at the University of Minnesota. In 1967, he went to work in his family business, Chatham Steel Corporation, from which he retired in 2000 as Vice-President.

An outstanding citizen of the State of South Carolina, Mr. Tenenbaum presently serves as chairman of the Alston Wilkes Foundation, trustee of both the Columbia Jewish Foundation and the Columbia Museum of Art, and chairman of the Alumni Advisory Committee to the Institute of Jewish Studies at Emory University. He is also a member of Habitat for Humanity, First Union Bank Advisory Board, The Richard W. Riley Institute of Furman University, and The Kosmos Club.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Sam for longer than either of us care to remember. He has been a driving force behind the scenes in almost every major community initiative affecting the Columbia Metropolitan area. He puts his heart and soul into each and every endeavor whether it is raising money to replace a New York City fire truck lost on September 11th or building bridges between different racial and ethnic groups. Sam Tenenbaum is one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever known who prefers to stay out of the limelight and let his generous spirit speak for itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commending Mr. Samuel Tenenbaum on his Lifetime Achievement recognition by the Columbia Urban League Guild. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

FOSELLA-WATT MOTION TO  
INSTRUCT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we continue our war on terrorism, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to decimate the terrorists that are threatening our very existence and have singled out Americans who represent freedom and democracy, so cherished by our citizens.

I strongly support the Fossella-Watt motion to instruct which will finally allow American victims of international terrorism to receive compensation from blocked assets—judgments they were already awarded.

Last week, we commemorated the anniversary of 9/11. A day that marked the most devastating acts ever committed on U.S. soil.

There may not be another Member of Congress who lost more constituents in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center than I did.

I knew countless number of victims and their families and one year later, the pain and hardship go on. No amount of money can bring back our loved ones, but this motion to instruct can work to prevent future tragic acts of terrorism.

It paralyzes the financial resources of those terrorist organizations and increases our ability to go after the sources of funding for these organizations and cells. It sends a message to terrorists that we will not stand for the murder of innocent Americans. And, those who target Americans will be punished.

The United States must use every tool in its arsenal—military, diplomatic, and legal—to protect Americans and other innocent parties against these random acts of terror.

The Fossella-Watt motion to instruct is a tool to weaken the terrorist grip.

I urge my colleagues to retain this provision in the final version of the Terrorism Insurance bill.

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY UNDER  
SECRETARY ROGER R. RAPP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Roger R. Rapp, who on October 3, 2002, will be retiring after serving 30 years at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roger personifies the steadfast career civil servant. He began his federal career at the Veterans Health Administration in 1972, advancing through various positions which included field assignments at VA medical centers in Dayton, Ohio, and Washington, DC. Ultimately, Roger moved to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), where he served as the director of the National Cemetery Area Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1987, Roger was named Director of Field Operations for the NCA. In March of 2000, his title was changed to that which it is today, Deputy

Under Secretary for Operations. As the one responsible for operations and construction at NCA, Roger has personally visited each of the 120 VA National Cemeteries.

Roger's dedication to veterans and their families is apparent to all who know him, and he truly is a man with a vision. He has been a leading voice in ensuring the expansion of existing cemeteries, development of new national cemeteries, and expanding the State Cemetery Grants Program. Through his leadership, the number of national cemeteries increased from 103 in 1973 when NCA was formed, to the current 120; five new national cemeteries are currently in the planning stages.

It is said that Roger knows the majority of NCA employees nationwide on a first name basis, and he has devoted his career to helping all VA employees take pride in their jobs and focus on the needs of veterans. Owing to his leadership, NCA scored 93 percent on the American Customer Satisfaction Index, the highest score of any federal government entity. Roger was also instrumental in establishing the Director Training Programs to provide upward mobility and career advancement for VA employees throughout the system. Additionally, he's contributed significantly over the years to Leadership VA, the agency's executive development program.

Mr. Speaker, Roger Rapp is an advocate for veterans and has dedicated 30 years to this advocacy—20 years with the National Cemetery Administration alone. And when the situation called for it, he has done so with humor and selflessness. Indeed, Roger was a lucid and forthright witness when testifying before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Thank you, Roger, for your dedication to America's veterans. You are leaving, a lasting legacy of dedicated federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL RICHMOND

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Richmond, President and CEO of The Woodlands Operating Company, as he prepares to retire from 30 years of dedication and service to The Woodlands Community.

Michael Richmond is a visionary. He shared in the original vision for The Woodlands almost from the very inception when he joined George Mitchell and his team in 1972.

During these past 30 years, Michael's career moved rapidly within The Woodlands Corporation and then into The Woodlands Operating Company. He became treasurer, then senior financial officer and moved into the operations area as senior vice president of commercial development. In 1985 he was named executive vice president of the company with responsibilities encompassing commercial, The Woodlands Conference Center and Resort, investment properties, apartments, office buildings, industrial development and retail shopping centers. Today, thanks to Michael's leadership, The Woodlands is a model of success.

In his three decades of service and exemplary performance in developing The Woodlands, the new owners Morgan Stanley and

Crescent Operating, Inc. named him president and COO in November 1997. He was named President and CEO on November 1, 1998. Currently, Michael is serving on numerous boards and is affiliated with many community services. When he heard Michael was retiring, George Mitchell stated "I hate to see it, Mike is a very knowledgeable person. He did a great job of keeping the vision alive."

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the citizens of The Woodlands, Texas, in thanking and congratulating Michael Richmond on a job well done.

COMMEMORATIVE JOINT MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS AND HEROES OF SEPTEMBER 11 2001, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FEDERAL HALL, NEW YORK, NY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2002*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, it's hard to believe that it's been almost a full year since that awful day. On September 11, 2001, all the world saw the very face of evil. And on that day and every day since, we have felt the heartbeat of America.

For me, the most enduring image of 9/11 was the sight of the Pentagon on fire after the terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into our nation's military headquarters. A thick black smoky cloud oozed from the Pentagon and hung over the banks of the Potomac River. I will never forget seeing with my own eyes that proud building engulfed in flames. Then the whole world watched TV in stunned disbelief as the twin towers of the World Trade Center came crumbling down in a fiery wreck of twisted steel.

On that day, America was changed forever. But, the test in life is not whether or not you ever get knocked down. The true test is whether you have the courage, pride and determination to get back up again. Every day since September 11, the people of this country have gotten back up.

We Americans from all walks of life have pulled together like never before. We have stood united to tell our enemies that the spirit of America will never be broken. We will not rest until we have eliminated Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network.

In the year since 9/11, we have come to treasure the service and sacrifice of ordinary Americans and extraordinarily heroic. The selfless devotion of the firefighters, police, EMS and other public servants in New York City and the Pentagon have given us new appreciation for our hometown heroes whose everyday service does so much to strengthen our communities. The dedicated professionalism of our men and women in uniform renew our pride in our country and make us thankful for our many, many blessings. And the incredible story of the passengers of the hijacked plane who fought back and prevented the tragic events of that day from being even worse in-

spires us all to take charge and give back to our country.

September 11 taught us anew the immeasurable strength of the uniquely American ideal of "We, the people." As we memorialize the lives lost one year ago, let us also celebrate the renewed spirit of America that has been reinvigorated by the service and sacrifice of so many ordinary citizens and inspirational heroes.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR NATION

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an outstanding member of our military, and native of my district, whose impressive service in the United States Navy makes our district, our country, and me very proud.

Vince McBeth was born the fourth child of Velma McBeth-Slaughter and the late Manuel M. McBeth in Camden, Arkansas. In 1983, he graduated from Fairview High School, where his impressive athletic and academic performance earned him many honors. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was Captain of the Navy Football Team as well as an officer on the Brigade Staff.

Upon receiving a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, McBeth completed division officer tours aboard two guided-missile frigates, USS *Duncan* and USS *John A. Moore*, and a guided-missile cruiser, USS *Antietam*, in Long Beach, California. He then served as Operations Officer aboard the USS *Barry* in Norfolk, Virginia.

At age 30, McBeth became one of the youngest officers to command a warship. As Commanding Officer of the USS *Tempest*, McBeth commanded more than 50 special warfare missions while deployed to the European and Caribbean theaters. After earning a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, McBeth returned to serve as Executive Officer of the USS *Barry*. He now serves as a Commander in the U.S. Navy and the Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Navy. McBeth was recently appointed as a White House Fellow.

McBeth's service to our country extends beyond his actions in the military. He has coordinated Adopt-A-School programs in several communities and implemented U.S. Embassy-sponsored community relations projects in numerous countries abroad. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals.

Throughout his life, McBeth has sought to better himself, his community, and his country. He is a model for today's youth of what is possible through hard work, discipline, and most of all, compassion. I congratulate him on his recent White House appointment, and I wish him luck in what I know will be many more selfless years of service to our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 384, 385, and 386, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 387, "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2002*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, because of commitments in my home State of Wisconsin, I was unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 375 through 386. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Aye," on rollcall No. 375; "Aye," on rollcall No. 376; "Aye," on rollcall No. 377; "Aye," on rollcall No. 378; "Aye," on rollcall No. 379; "Aye," on rollcall No. 380; "Aye," on rollcall No. 381; "Aye," on rollcall No. 382; "Aye," on rollcall No. 383; "Aye," on rollcall No. 384; "Aye," on rollcall No. 385; and "Aye," on rollcall No. 386.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ADAM CURRY

**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 Adam Curry of Clifton, Colorado for the recent contribution he has made to the advancement of science. An undergraduate student at Mesa State College and only 18 years old, Adam has invented an earthquake warning system that has received much attention from numerous people throughout the scientific community.

Adam Curry has shown lots of interest and enthusiasm for electronics throughout his life. As a kid, Adam spent afternoons taking apart various appliances around the house to try to understand how they operated. Today, the curiosity of Adam's childhood has developed into an extraordinary talent for electrical engineering. Adam has just recently developed an electronic device that measures minute amounts of electron activity related to earthquakes and uses gravity to create a computer language. The language can then be transmitted through the Internet to warn that an earthquake is coming. The invention is significant because it provides scientists around the world with the ability to measure earthquake activity.

Over the summer, Adam traveled extensively throughout the country and Eastern Europe to enlighten the scientific community to the utility of his new earthquake warning system. He hopes to have his new invention placed in 20 different locations throughout the world. He has met with many scientists from prestigious universities such as the University of Virginia, Harvard University, and the University of St. Petersburg, and from all accounts,