

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,

everyone is very excited about the possibilities that his earthquake warning system has to offer. Currently, Adam is in the process of modifying his invention into a smaller, more convenient prototype that can be installed directly into a user's computer.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Adam Curry before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding accomplishment in the fields of science and electronics. It is very satisfying and encouraging to see our upcoming generation of young people committed to the prosperity of knowledge and to the progress of academic achievement. Adam Curry has only begun to reveal the true merits of his potential, and we shall witness many more accomplishments and contributions from him in the years to come. Congratulations on your achievement, Adam, and keep up the good work.

14TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPRISING OF THE BURMESE PEOPLE

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today is the 14th anniversary of the uprising of the Burmese people against the drug dealing military dictatorship that rules their nation. On this solemn occasion we need to ask ourselves what we can do to help those brave people help themselves.

The people of Burma and their elected leaders, Aung San Suu Kyi and members of the National League for Democracy (the NLD), have struggled for over a decade to bring an end to the military dictatorship. In 1991 Daw Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize for defying great odds in standing firm against this heinous regime. She has spent years under house arrest and hundreds of members of her political party, the National League for Democracy, have disappeared into Burma's notorious prison system.

Fourteen years ago the Army slaughtered thousands in cold blood on the streets of Rangoon and imprisoned and tortured thousands more.

The people of Burma believe that the people and the government of our great Nation stand strongly behind them. Today some governments in the world are struggling to decide whether or not to support the war against terrorism while they sponsor acts of domestic terrorism against their own citizens. We need to ensure that we keep the friends that we have by not making any deals with such governments as the Burmese junta or Chinese communists. By supporting the people of Burma over the totalitarian regime that is currently in power, we will not only help the people of Burma to help free themselves but we will be creating the good will in the future that will enable us to fight terrorism in that area of the world.

Lately though, I have seen some news about Burma that greatly disturbs me. The military dictators have come knocking on the door of the United States asking for money for what they call humanitarian aid, while simultaneously spending \$130 million on MIG fighter planes from the Russians. This is nonsensical.

We should not waste American taxpayer money on aid money that encourages the regime to spend more on weapons. We should also not forget who has caused the humanitarian crisis in Burma and why. The regime is entirely responsible for the sufferings of the Burmese people; their lack of good governance—any form of governance—has resulted in a debacle of the public health sector.

Even more disturbing than this, however, I have recently seen evidence that the military regime has sent its scientists to Russia to learn to build a nuclear reactor. The United States must do everything in its power to ensure this does not happen. The Burmese regime has proven repeatedly not only its callous brutality, but complete disregard for international opinion. Nuclear power in the hands of the Burmese dictators that terrorize their own people makes Southeast Asia and the world a more dangerous place.

The United States and the international community ought to inform the Burmese junta that in no uncertain terms it should immediately begin full-scale political talks with the elected leaders of Burma, the National League for Democracy, and ethnic nationalities aimed at speedy transition to democracy. I have met many of the leaders of Burma's struggle for freedom myself and I can tell you they would be outstanding partners for the United States and the world. In the meantime, to ignore the threat posed by an armed, nuclear Burmese military regime would be a serious error.

HONORING THE CAREER OF REDONDO COUNCILMAN KEVIN SULLIVAN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of a constituent and friend—Redondo Beach City Councilman Kevin Sullivan, who resigned from the city council earlier this year.

As a dedicated council member, Kevin served the city of Redondo Beach for more than five years. He was a representative from the Second District of the city, which includes not only my district office but also both a power plant and a beautiful harbor. Kevin knew how to balance the needs of these two potentially competing interests.

In general, Kevin's career was focused on the best interests of the community, from his seat on a local committee against LAX expansion to holding local town meetings for the public. He was a person who could be counted on to take care of the community's needs while making the time to return his constituents' phone calls.

Kevin has always been there for the community. As a union leader for many years, he was thought of as a great negotiator. His skills served the people in his union while gaining him respect from others who watched him fight for causes he thought worthy. He never ducked the tough fights.

I loved Kevin's Boston accent—which fit in particularly well at the Redondo Lobster Festival. He knows everyone, and I have been fortunate over many years to have his strong support and help.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that Kevin has decided to leave public service, but I expect he will return one day. Meanwhile, I am certain I will miss his smile, pleasant humor and good deeds. He has added a great deal. Well done, my friend!

OPPOSING THE WAR ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I remain strongly opposed to the continued efforts by President Bush, Attorney General Ashcroft and the Administration to seriously endanger our country's civil liberties. In the aftermath of the September 11 tragedies, Congress moved quickly to enact sweeping legislation granting additional powers to federal, state and local law enforcement authorities in the name of fighting terrorism. I voted against that measure because I believed, and still believe, that such measures intrude significantly on the important civil liberties that make American democracy invaluable and unique.

The "anti-terrorism" legislation contained numerous provisions that had little or nothing to do with the war on terrorist activities. Amongst other things, the law authorized covert searches for any Federal criminal investigation, including the IRS, without restricting those to terrorist activities; provided for unprecedented wiretapping authority; gave access to confidential financial and medical information granted by a secret court; and allowed indefinite detention of immigrants solely on the basis of suspicion.

In a September 10, 2002 editorial, the New York Times outlines the continuing and substantial nature of the assault on our civil liberties. In the wake of September 11, the administration has shown its "contempt for basic rights in its enthusiasm for military tribunals."

Today, one year after the events that so tragically shook the nation, our precious civil liberties continue to be endangered in the name of "anti-terrorism efforts." Such a secret, covert and, ultimately un-American agenda serves only to increase paranoia, rouse unnecessary public fear and stifle the protections that are fundamental to freedom, democracy and an open society. Rather than increasing security, such actions serve only to asphyxiate the public trust. Rather than protecting against terrorism, the foundations and principles upon which American democracy exist are slowly being eroded. The 4th Amendment was created for the purpose of ensuring our rights and protecting against the very violations to which our government would now subject us. The war on terror can be fought without surrendering our rights. As so amply stated in the New York Times, "Fear is no guide to the Constitution. We must fight the enemies abroad without yielding to those at home."

I urge my colleagues to read the September 10, 2002 New York Times editorial entitled, "The War on Civil Liberties."

[From the New York Times, Sept. 10, 2002]

THE WAR ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

It would be easy to dismiss the harm that has been done to our civil liberties in the past year. Most of us do not know anyone