

tremendous leadership and determination to help the less fortunate in her Atlanta community. I am honored to share a little about her work with my colleagues today and urge them to join me in congratulating her for winning this distinguished award.

As her nominator said, "Lucy took on this challenge with nothing but an idea and a burning desire to help others. Unlike others, she found a way to turn this idea into reality."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, 2002, I was in my Congressional District in Washington and consequently I missed three votes. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 388, "yea" on rollcall vote 389 and "yea" on rollcall vote 390.

THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS
IN SUDAN

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Saturday night, college students from around the country will be spending all night at the Lincoln Memorial. They will be praying for the people of Sudan, and reminding us all of the human tragedy that is occurring there, and that we must do something about it. They will march to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in the morning, reminding us that we must never again let happen the kind of evil, the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis. And so, we must do something about Sudan.

The Sudanese government, the National Islamic Front, is killing its own people in many horrible ways in its attempt to assert total control over their lives, to impose its version of Islamic law on the Christians and animists of southern Sudan. Government forces drop homemade bombs on villages and crops; they attack people in line for food aid with helicopter gunships; and they burn villages and crops to the ground. A particularly horrible weapon the government uses is hunger—it intentionally denies food to hundreds of thousands of people, to force them to starve or become refugees.

According to the United Nations World Food Program, the Sudanese government intentionally put as many as 1.7 million people at risk this spring by denying them food and medical relief. The government agreed in 1989, along with the Sudan People's Liberation Army (the rebel group) and the United Nations to allow relief through Operation Lifeline Sudan. Shortly after this agreement, however, there was a coup and the current strongmen came to power. They immediately began to manipulate the relief system to prevent relief from coming in. Operation Lifeline Sudan flights are not always allowed in, and the government refuses to protect non-Operation Lifeline Sudan flights. In short, the government is

trying nearly everything short of outright banning all relief to keep the people of the south starving.

This is nothing less than genocide. The government is trying to kill or drive out hundreds of thousands of people because they are not Arabic Muslims. The government wants to impose its version of Islamic law over these people, who refuse to follow, and it wants free access to the oil fields that lie under these people's homes. So, it tries to starve them.

We in America cannot tolerate this any longer. We have stood by too long while the people of southern Sudan suffer at the hands of the government. We must act. We must listen to the call of the college students at the Lincoln Memorial Saturday night and the Holocaust Museum Sunday morning. We must stand firm with Sudan.

HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GREATER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th year of ministry of the Stones River Baptist Church of Smyrna, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the milestone on October 7, 2002.

The need for a new Baptist Church to serve the military families stationed at the former Seward Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tennessee, was discussed in May 1952. The first worship service conducted by the Stones River Baptist Church was held on July 30, 1952. And the first worship conducted in the church's permanent building was held on October 26, 1952.

The church has served its community and congregation well for half a century, a period during which our nation experienced much change and innovation. Through those many years, though, Stones River Baptist Church never faltered in its commitment to bring the Lord's word to the people.

Smyrna is a much stronger community because of the work of the church and its congregation. I congratulate the congregation's perseverance and am sure the church will grow even stronger during its next 50 years of service.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SENATE PASSAGE OF THE PENSION SECURITY ACT (HR 3762)

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, since December, several of our country's most noted corporations, many widely regarded as the most innovative, fastest growing, strongest, and best managed companies, have collapsed due to gross irresponsibility and financial mismanagement. Accordingly, shareholders in these companies as well as tens of thousands of employees who held their retirement accounts in these companies have lost literally billions of dollars.

These shareholders and employees have lost everything. The plans made for retirement? Vanished. Their hopes and dreams for the future? Gone. Money set aside to pay for sending their children to college? Disappeared. All because of the improper and fraudulent actions of a handful of corporate executives who took advantage of the system.

In April, the Republican leadership of the House brought to the floor legislation to protect the pensions of employees from corporate wrongdoing. This legislation, the Pension Security Act, HR 3762, provides new protections and options to help workers enhance and preserve their savings while restoring employee confidence in our country's pension system.

That crucial legislation passed this body with a bipartisan vote of 255–163. Since that time, however, the Senate has not taken action on this bill. Pension security is a must past issue for this Congress. Employee confidence in their pensions is deteriorating. Will we allow yet another corporate scandal to hurt even more families throughout this country before getting a bill to the President's desk?

The Pension Security Act will reform outdated federal pension laws. The bill will prevent company insiders from selling their own stock during blackouts while employees are left to fend for themselves. It will require employers to offer workers high quality investment advice so they can make well-informed decisions on how to invest their hard-earned money. It gives workers freedom to diversify their portfolios and seek alternative investment options.

The President is ready to sign this bill. The House has not turned its back on American workers. The House has taken action! We passed the Pension Security Act five months ago! But, the Senate has not acted on pension reform legislation, and American workers are worried about their retirement.

Mr. Speaker, a few bad apples in the corporate hierarchy have drained the retirement savings of tens of thousands of workers, and it's time to act! Today, I am introducing a resolution demanding action on the Pension Security Act. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. It's time to stop playing politics with the savings of hard working Americans.

STATEMENT ON ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS ON AMERICA

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, cowardly terrorists carried out a brutal and horrific attack on America. We watched our televisions that Tuesday morning in shocked disbelief to see our landmarks burning, knowing that it meant thousands of our countrymen and women had perished in the flames and smoke.

For many, that day was a nightmare unlike any other. As we commemorate the one-year anniversary of those attacks, I am pleased to say that a dark nightmare has given way to the dawning of a new day in America.

We have taken the battle to our enemies, ferreting them out of caves and crevices. We have broken the backs of an organized, well-funded, committed terrorist network, and our

brave troops continue that effort. We have renewed pride in what it means to be an American.

As we pause to remember the loss of our loved ones, friends, neighbors, and family members, let us resolve to never let their memory fade from our consciousness. On anniversaries such as this, it can be very difficult for the family of those who perished to see the hope we share. Our hearts and prayers are united with them. We profoundly share in their grief.

But, God is good to America. We will heal and rebuild. And, because to do otherwise would be to grant the terrorists the victory they seek, we will continue to live our lives as the guardians of liberty and freedom in the world. May God lay his guiding hand upon the leadership of this nation and its people.

“WE HAVE NO ORDERS TO SAVE YOU”

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the organization Human Rights Watch has issued a report on the violence earlier this year in Gujarat, India, entitled “We Have No Orders To Save You.” About 5,000 Muslims were killed in these riots, according to the newspaper “The Hindu.” News reports quoted a police official as saying that he was ordered not to intervene to stop the violence and save lives. Another published report said that the government of India pre-planned these riots. The report from Human Rights Watch confirms this.

The riot was allegedly a response to the attack on a trainload of Hindus in Godhra. However, in the report, Human Rights Watch writes, “Human Rights Watch’s findings, and those of numerous Indian human rights and civil liberties organizations, and most of the Indian press indicate that the attacks on Muslims throughout the state were planned, well in advance of the Godhra incident, and organized with extensive police participation and in close cooperation with officials of the Bharatiya Janata party (Indian Peoples Party, BJP) state government.” The BJP, which is the political arm of the pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), also controls the central government in Delhi.

“The attacks on Muslims are part of a concerted campaign of Hindu nationalist organizations to promote and exploit communal tensions to further the BJP’s rule,” Human Rights Watch wrote, calling it “a movement that is supported at the local level by militant groups that operate with impunity and under the patronage of the state.”

This report makes it clear that the Indian government supports terrorist groups that are murdering minorities all over India. India Today, India’s largest newsmagazine, reported that the Indian government created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which the U.S. government has labeled a “terrorist organization.” It has supported cross-border terrorism in Sindh, a province of Pakistan, according to the Washington Times. The book “Soft Target” shows that India shot down its own airliner to blame the Sikhs. It paid out over 41,000 cash bounties to police officers

for killing Sikhs. According to the “Hitavada” newspaper, India paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir.

Unfortunately, this violence is all too reminiscent of previous incidents that took place before the BJP took power. In 1997, police gunfire broke up a Christian religious festival. And the violence in Gujarat was strangely reminiscent of the 1984 massacre of Sikhs in Delhi which cost 20,000 Sikhs their lives. It seems that in India, no matter who is in power, it is not safe to be a minority.

Mr. Speaker, we must act. America can’t just sit and watch this terrorism and repression unfold. India has already been put on the watch list of countries that violate religious freedom. We must cut off aid and trade with India until human rights are enjoyed by all, and we must support self-determination for all peoples and nations in South Asia. Then perhaps there will no longer be need for reports like the one recently issued by Human Rights Watch. Instead, everyone in the subcontinent will be able to have real democracy, freedom, stability, prosperity, and peace.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LAYTON MUNSON

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Layton Munson of Sedgewick, Colorado. Recently, the United States Department of Commerce presented Mr. Munson with the Ben Franklin Award for 55 years as a volunteer for the National Weather Service. Since 1947, Layton has collected a daily weather and climate reading, an invaluable service to his fellow farmers and ranchers on Colorado’s Eastern Plains.

Layton Munson and volunteers like him are the backbone of our nation. Each day, Mr. Munson selflessly serves his community, and at 85 years of age, he looks forward to the opportunity to continue his volunteer work in the years to come.

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

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NANCY WACKSTEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nancy Wackstein, who has served as Executive Director of Lenox Hill Neighborhood House since October 1991. Ms. Wackstein has been a phenomenal director, helping to expand the array of services provided by Lenox Hill and ensuring that Lenox Hill continues to be a vital force in the community. After more than ten years of service, Ms. Wackstein has accepted the challenge of be-

coming Executive Director of United Neighborhood Houses of New York, the federation of the City’s 37 settlement houses and neighborhood centers.

Founded over 100 years ago, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House is dedicated to helping those in need who live, work, or go to school on Manhattan’s East Side, primarily the Upper East Side, and to improving the quality of life for all individuals and families in the community. Each year, Lenox Hill serves over 20,000 people of different generations, cultures, means, and ethnic groups—children, teens, single parents, home-bound older adults and homeless people, among others.

During her tenure at Lenox Hill, the House has expanded its innovative programs for seniors, young people, recreation and fitness and community education. Lenox Hill operates two senior centers, a community outreach program and other programs that serve more than 2,800 senior citizens each year and their caregivers. Ms. Wackstein presided over the creation of the newest senior center, Lenox Hill Senior Center at St. Peter’s Church, the first new senior center on the East Side of Manhattan in decades.

The Early Childhood Center at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House was granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children on December 6, 2001. This prestigious recognition, only achieved by approximately 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide, certifies that Lenox Hill’s early childhood program meets national standards of excellence in childcare. With after school programs, a teen center and a summer camp, Lenox Hill also provides a wide array of programs for older children.

Lenox Hill provides invaluable assistance to residents of the East Side through its Neighborhood Information and Action Center. More than 900 East Siders each year find help with landlord disputes, government entitlements and other concerns. Lenox Hill also provides educational programs for people needing training in computer skills, vocational rehabilitation and English as a second language.

The comprehensive range of services available at Lenox Hill is due to Ms. Wackstein’s determined leadership and unwavering commitment to service. She truly understands the needs of this community and has worked tirelessly to ensure that East Siders have a warm and friendly place to come to in times of trouble. Under her leadership, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House has continued to exemplify the best that the East Side has to offer.

Before joining Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Ms. Wackstein served as the Director of the Moay’s Office on Homelessness and SRO Housing from 1990–1991 under Mayor David Dinkins. She was Senior Policy Advisor for Human Services in Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins’ office from 1986–1989, where she was also Staff Director for the Task Force on Housing. Ms. Wackstein serves on the Boards of Directors of several non-profit organizations, including the Human Services Council of New York, SAGE and the 9/11 United Services Group. In 1988, Ms. Wackstein received a Samuel and May Rudin Community Service Award for exceptional service to the homeless, and in 1991 the recognition award from the Settlement Housing Fund for her efforts to end homelessness.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nancy Wackstein, an outstanding leader,