

TRIBUTE TO MR. JACK
FITZGERALD

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Jack Fitzgerald and the efforts of Fitzgerald Auto Mall. Working in concert with the National Safe Kids Campaign, police, fire and rescue officials, and the Montgomery County Maryland Office of Consumer Affairs, they have worked diligently to ensure that child safety seats have been installed in vehicles correctly. Today, at Fitzgerald Auto Mall, the 20,000th child safety seat inspection will be performed.

Nearly 90% of the child safety seats that have been inspected at Fitzgerald Auto Mall found incorrect installations—some with multiple errors. In addition to those who made the inspections and corrections, I would like to recognize those 20,000 families who came to get their child safety seats checked. It is a testament to the active and concerned citizenry that helps make our community unique. We cannot accurately say how many lives have been saved through this effort, but without a doubt, vehicles and families are now safer because of it.

Let us all hope that tens of thousands more will follow the lead of this first 20,000, and I salute Fitzgerald Auto Mall and all the community leaders who have worked so tirelessly in this effort.

**TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT. 11,
2001**

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday our nation commemorated the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. While these attacks were committed on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, they were in fact directed at our nation as a whole. Our freedom, our way of life, the very foundations of our great democracy, were ruthlessly targeted by an unprecedented force of evil. Now, one year later, our nation is stronger and more unified than ever to rid the world of terrorism in all of its forms, as well as its root causes including poverty, injustice, and despair. It is my sincere hope that America never forgets the terrible atrocities committed within our borders. These acts were a direct attack upon freedom loving people everywhere and we have a duty to ensure that freedom and democracy prevail in this struggle against tyranny and oppression.

**YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA**

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the fight

against suicide. Suicide takes the lives of over 30,000 Americans each year. Last year, September 16-22, was designated as the Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week in Pennsylvania. This week brought community awareness to suicide, helped educate the public about suicide prevention techniques and brought together families who have lost loved ones to suicide.

Suicide prevention efforts are an important factor in reducing the amount of suicides in this country. More people die from suicide than from homicide each year. The Yellow Ribbon Program has helped people of all ages ask for help during their most desperate times.

Members of Congress and communities throughout the country have supported this organization. Please join me in recognizing this important group and the important role it has provided in preventing suicides.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY**

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, citizens across central New Jersey and the Nation will pause on National POW/MIA Recognition Day to reflect on the heroism of the thousands of Americans who endured the hardship of enemy confinement, and those who are missing and whose fate remains unknown. I'm proud to join them in observing this important and solemn occasion and to say thanks to those who have made this sacrifice.

Especially now, at this difficult time in our nation's history, we must remember, that for some brave families, especially the families of our missing, the war is never over. Many of us have read recently about the questions of the fate of one of our service people from the Gulf War, Navy Pilot Scott Speicher. For his family and others this day is especially important. While our government is still making every effort to account for our soldiers, there are still 88,000 of our fellow citizens are missing in action from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War. As a nation, we must do all that we can to continue to honor them and to account for them.

In central New Jersey, and the country, of-fices, schools and businesses will fly the POW/MIA flag. It will fly at national and military cemeteries and here, in the Capitol Rotunda, the most honored place in this historic seat of our government.

This nation has not forgotten its obligation to former POWs and those who are still missing in action. As people gather today for patriotic ceremonies and speeches to commemorate our POW/MIA's, America's commitment to them remains strong.

I hope my colleagues will join me in marking National POW/MIA recognition day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

September 12, 2002: rollcall vote 385, on motion to go to conference, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 386, on approving the journal, I would have voted "yea."

September 18, 2002: rollcall vote 391, on agreeing to H. Res. 528, I would have voted "yea."

**AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY**

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, Idaho is blessed with a variety of natural resources, many of them located on public lands. We also are blessed with a diverse array of recreational choices, many of which also are available on public lands. Over 63 percent of Idaho is public land. Tens of thousand of visitors to our state each year are drawn by the beauty of those lands and by opportunities to drive Idaho's byways, camp, ski, hike, hunt, river raft or enjoy a host of other activities. America's public lands are an important legacy that belongs to all citizens. Recognizing that fact, Idaho recently hosted a special expedition called American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, which is drawing attention to this special legacy. This 3,200-mile journey by two teams of adventurers is helping to educate school-children about public lands and bringing all of us the opportunity to better understand the way these lands help shape the West. I encourage people to visit the special Web site that chronicles this amazing interactive journey, at www.americanfrontiers.net. The dispatches from the trail recount stories in Idaho ranging from encounters with grazing sheep and their shepherds to a "town" with a winter population of one person. All of the trekkers were impressed, most of all, with Idaho's vast beauty. As one of them observed: "The view across the meadow to the mountains is stunning. We see and hear three sandhill cranes flying overhead. The whole scene seems like right out of a movie." I commend the Public Lands Interpretive Association for organizing this effort. And I congratulate the individuals who will complete this two-month journey on September 28 in Salt Lake City!

RACING REMEMBERS

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize the American racing industry for its response to the terrible tragedies our nation suffered a year ago. I am deeply

gratified to note that the nation's horseracing industry, which is of such great importance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shared in our nation's ceremonies of remembrance on September 11. Yesterday, all across the country, our racetracks, owners, trainers and jockeys all stood together to remember what happened a year ago and to honor those who were lost and those who showed such great courage in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association requested that all racetracks operating on September 11 cease normal business operations to share in a 10-minute, nationally simulcast observance at 4:10 p.m. Eastern Time. All across the country, there was no racing or related activity at any NTRA-member facilities during the brief, dignified and patriotic service which included a flag ceremony, a moment of silence, the singing of the National Anthem and a video tribute.

The nationwide ceremony allowed racing and its fans to remember September 11 together, even though they were at many different locations, because the observance was broadcast via simulcast to many different facilities from Del Mar Thoroughbred Track in California. It was hosted by Emmy Award-winning broadcaster Dick Enberg.

This observance was the culmination of a year-long effort by the racing industry to raise funds for individuals and families devastated by the attacks. Over the past year, members of the international Thoroughbred horseracing community, including tracks, horse owners, trainers, grooms, jockeys and veterinarians, have contributed more than \$12 million to assist the families of those lost on September 11.

I am proud that the American racing and breeding industry has responded so patriotically to our nation's ordeal and assisted so many Americans hurt by those tragic attacks.

RECOGNIZING FOURTEEN YEARS OF TYRANNY IN BURMA

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fourteen year anniversary of the mislabeled State Peace and Development Council's brutal takeover of power in Burma. In addition, I commend Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for her continued strength and leadership during this period of repression and illegitimacy in Burma.

After legitimately winning Burma's 1990 election, Suu Kyi was placed under house arrest in Rangoon. Recently, she was released from house arrest, however, nearly 1,500 political prisoners remain in Burmese prisons for their peaceable opposition to the SPDC's illegitimate rule. Meanwhile, as many as one million Burmese citizens, many of whom are children, are forced to build roads, military installations, and railroads for the junta.

Over thirty percent of Burma's children are malnourished, yet the illegitimate SPDC regime continues to spend billions of dollars on military equipment purchased from China and Russia. The SPDC regime fails to provide any substantial assistance for critical health care

and educational programs in Burma, yet it continues to amass a dangerous military arsenal.

Burma is a country of peaceful, intelligent and freedom-loving citizens, yet the brutal ruling junta has spent the last fourteen years crushing the will of the people. I join my colleagues in recognizing the fourteen year anniversary of the SPDC's hostile military takeover, and I commend Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's continued efforts to fight for freedom, democracy, and human rights.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES B. WIGLE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize James B. Wigle, who died Monday September 9, 2002.

His family, friends, community and industry have suffered a significant loss. Jim Wigle was an extraordinary man in many ways and has permanently left his mark. Today, I would like to honor James B. Wigle's career as a pioneer in the insurance industry, a philanthropic community leader, and his extraordinary efforts with the Morgan Horse Association and Institute.

Jim Wigle graduated from the University of Toronto in 1936 with a degree in Business Administration and later received his degree as a Chartered Life Underwriter from American University. He spent his entire career in the insurance industry, except for five years when he served as an officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery during World War II.

In 1946 Mr. Wigle came to California while working for the Occidental Life Company and later at The Travelers Insurance Company where he recognized the opportunities in the insurance distribution sector. After becoming an insurance representative, he wrote his first association group case in 1951 and began to specialize in this segment of the market, thus becoming one of the country's pioneers in insurance mass marketing through associations such as the American Legion Insurance Trust. To this end, in 1956 he formed Association Group Insurance Administrators. Today, AGIA has offices in California, Arizona, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C. AGIA ranks at the forefront of the independently-owned association group insurance broker-administrators in the United States. Mr. Wigle served as President and Chief Executive Officer until January 1, 1986, and then continued to be actively involved in the business as Chairman of the Board and Chief Financial Officer.

AGIA is a significant employer in the Santa Barbara and Carpinteria communities and participated in the funding of several community events over the years. Jim Wigle was always known as a loving, generous, and thoughtful person.

Jim participated in numerous local association programs over the years and served nationally as the President of both the American Morgan Horse Association and the American Morgan Horse Institute. He was responsible for raising the funds necessary to establish the Morgan Horse Museum and new permanent home for the AMHA in Shelburne, Vermont. His efforts were recognized, when he was

named the 1978 Morgan Horse Man of the year honoree and 1990 Morgan Horse Hall of Fame honoree.

His determination, vitality, boundless energy and dedication will be missed, but despite his absence, Jim Wigle will continue to serve as an inspiration and as a role model to the many people who knew his indomitable spirit.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARTIN ORTIZ

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Ms. HILDA SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, we are extremely proud to rise today to honor a very special man—Mr. Martin Ortiz, founding Director of Whittier College's Center of Mexican American Affairs in Whittier, California.

Mr. Ortiz served our community for more than 40 years and retired leaving a foundation upon which the next generation of Latino students will strive to embrace their diversity as leaders, professionals, and contributors to their community. In recognition of Mr. Ortiz's devotion to the college and the community at large, he was named Director Emeritus and was given the opportunity to serve as a consultant to Whittier College.

Mr. Ortiz has a long litany of accomplishments, which speak to his sense of duty and responsibility to the community. As the founding director of Whittier College's Center of Mexican American Affairs, Mr. Ortiz served as a mentor to thousands of students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. His work contributed significantly to making Whittier College one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the country. Furthermore, Dr. Ortiz's leadership in diversity issues shaped the ethos of Whittier College in significant ways.

Mr. Ortiz has received many honors for his work, including recognition from the California Legislature for his dedication to the students and the community served by Whittier College. He also received the Recognition Award from the Personnel Management Association of Aztlan, National Board, for his promotion of employment opportunities for minority youth, and a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The college's organization Alianza de Los Amigos elected him to its Hall of Fame, and a \$1.5 million endowed scholarship has been established at Whittier in his honor.

Throughout his career, Mr. Ortiz has served as a consultant and advisor to many organizations. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and has served on many community and professional associations including the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, the Task Force on Improving Community Relations, the California Council of Criminal Justice, and the National Hispanic Task Force, Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in saluting Mr. Martin Ortiz for his selfless and untiring efforts on behalf of Latino students. His devotion to his work and his commitment to others has earned him the love