

firsthand the devastation that had been wrought. The heroic determination of the firefighters, police officers and rescue workers will be etched into my mind for the rest of my life. When I returned to New York City, I was amazed of the progress that the people of this great city have made in the area where the Twin Towers once stood. It is truly a testament to the strength and heart of the citizens of New York and all Americans. It makes me proud to serve in the Congress.

Like so many other members of Congress, constituents from the first district of South Carolina and their families were among the victims on that tragic day. They will be sorely missed, but we will never forget them. As we commemorate the unity of this great nation on the first anniversary of these terrorist attacks, I pray for these families and all Americans. The foundation of this great land is strong, and we will never waiver from our cause. God Bless America.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, Westerners have an understanding about the importance of public lands to our region and its economy. We know there are forests for recreation and commodity production, ranch lands for grazing, wilderness for back country exploring, and national parks, monuments, rivers, and trails that welcome visitors by the millions each year. But a group of committed partners including federal agencies and organizations like the National Geographic Society organized a special trek to ensure that all Americans understand our common public lands legacy. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, began July 31 and will conclude September 28 in Salt Lake City. Of the two groups making the 3,200-mile journey entirely on the public lands and waters, one started at Glacier National Park in my home state of Montana. At Pipestone Pass in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, that group helped Montanans celebrate a newly constructed segment of the Continental divide National Scenic Trail at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. I congratulate the efforts of American Frontiers to foster a greater understanding of America's public lands legacy and am excited that they are bringing attention to the approximately 30 million acres of public lands in Montana. Special thanks to the Public Lands Interpretive Association that spearheaded this effort. I look forward to hearing accounts from this epic journey.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
FATHER JOHN M. GARRITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Father John M. Garrity, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Berea.

Father John M. Garrity led his flock at St. Mary's for twenty-five years, offering spiritual support to every member. In addition, Father Garrity was very active in the community, serving on many boards and assisting wherever he was needed.

From 1973 to 1988, Father Garrity served as Chaplain for the Cleveland Fire Department. Throughout his vocation, he remained consistently focused on helping those in need.

Father Garrity was an articulate and graceful liturgist. His sense of timing and wit, combined with his kindness and warmth, defined his ministry. Father Garrity leaves behind a rich legacy of a life dedicated to spiritual guidance and leadership, and healing and uplifting his congregation, and the entire community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Father M. Garrity, whose compassion, understanding and inspiration in his words and deeds kept hope aloft in everyone he knew. Please join me as I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends and congregation of Father John M. Garrity. Father Garrity's generous and vibrant spirit will live on in all of our hearts.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY PARKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the thousands of unsung heroes who help make our communities safe in the face of disaster. Kimberly Parker is such a person, contributing her time and efforts to preparing local agencies and organizations to handle potential, large-scale emergencies. It is with great respect I stand to honor a woman who has dedicated herself to mitigating the terrible affects of unexpected tragedy.

As emergency manager for Mesa County in Colorado, Kimberly spends her time concerned with problems that rarely cross the minds of others. In fact, it is because of her the people in Mesa County rest assured knowing their communities and local agencies continuously get the training and expertise they need to handle the expected problems like Y2K, or the unforeseeable like a flash flood. She constantly stands ready to assess, coordinate, and respond to emergencies in order to minimize their impact on the public.

In the face of 9/11, Kimberly was quick to pull together all the emergency and security agencies to help create an appropriate and coordinated response through the county's Incident Management Group. She maintained a steady and important stream of accurate information to calm nerves and dispel the many rumors that proliferated in the aftermath surrounding the tragedy. Kimberly continues to share the lessons she has learned in her efforts to prepare for the future by training her Incident Management Group to better react to the new dangers that threaten our country and communities since 9/11.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Kimberly Parker before this body of Congress and our Nation. Her efforts on behalf of the communities of Mesa County highlight her commitment to preserving life and security. Kimberly's vigilant and expert handling of recent crises has made her a beacon of assurance in these turbulent times and deserves our praise.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CUNG
PHAM AND HIS SERVICE TO ST.
ANSELM'S CROSS-CULTURAL
CENTER IN GARDEN GROVE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cung Pham of Garden Grove, California.

Cung Pham served as the director of educational legislation and planning prior to the fall of the Republic of Vietnam in 1975. After the country's collapse, he was detained in a concentration camp for seven years before escaping by boat in 1982 to spend time in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Mr. Pham eventually ended up in the Orange County community. Using his understanding of the refugee experience, Mr. Pham worked as the director of the refugee resettlement program at St. Anselm's Cross Cultural Center in Garden Grove. His great compassion and organizational skills helped make the program a model for the entire country, helping thousands of refugees become assimilated to American life. He helped them with paperwork, enrolled them in English classes, and trained them for job interviews.

Sadly, at the young age of 63, Mr. Pham lost his battle to cancer on September 14, 2002. He was known for his quiet and gentle ways and was greatly admired by those he helped and those with whom he worked.

IN HONOR OF DR. MICHAEL
SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT OF
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael Schwartz, who was named the fifth president of Cleveland State University.

With a life-long commitment to higher education, Dr. Schwartz continues to be a true advocate of the students he serves. A long-time proponent of open dialogue between students and faculty, Dr. Schwartz fosters a positive campus atmosphere where student learning, achievement, and services are the focus.

Dr. Schwartz brings extensive professional and educational experience to his role as President of Cleveland State University. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology, an M.A. in labor and industrial relations, and a B.S. in psychology, all from the University of Illinois. Dr. Schwartz served as professor and Chairman of Sociology, and Dean of the College of Social Science at Florida Atlantic University. While in Detroit, he taught sociology and psychology at Wayne State University, and served as research director for the Mayor's Committee for Community Action for Detroit Youth. Moreover, Dr. Schwartz served as President of Kent State University from 1982 to 1991, at which time he stepped down to resume teaching.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael

Schwartz, recently named the fifth President of Cleveland State University. Cleveland State University has evolved as a beacon of achievement, learning and hope for past, current and future generations within our Cleveland community. The leadership of Dr. Schwartz sets a tone of confidence, achievement and excellence for every student, faculty and staff member at Cleveland State University. The current and future leadership and direction from Dr. Michael Schwartz holds the promise of guiding, strengthening and enhancing our most treasured educational institution for many years to come.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, On this somber anniversary of the terrible attacks on our country last September, we pause in remembrance of all those who died, and we stand in solidarity with the many families here in our communities and elsewhere who continue to live every day with the grief and pain of their unspeakable loss. Their lives and ours will never be the same, but we come together today in communities large and small across our nation not only to comfort one another and remember but to proclaim anew our values as Americans—values that we as a nation have rediscovered in ourselves and each other since last September 11th; values that challenge us to live better, nurture our relationships, and serve our community; values that command us to respond to tragedy as all of these brave families have—with courage and resolve, undaunted by acts of cowardice and hatred.

This gathering today is yet another step that we as a community, indeed we as a nation, are taking together to win this battle against the assault on innocent civilians living in a free society. While we continue to experience competing emotions of sorrow, anger and frustration, we refuse to allow these acts to rob us of our values and our spirit.

My colleagues and I will continue to work together with the President to bring about the end of terrorism. We have the ability and the wherewithal to confront this challenge as we have met so many others in the past so that when future generations pause in remembrance of this day in our history, they will do so in the shelter of a just and free and united country.

IN HONOR OF THE CLUB AZTECA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognition of the Club Azteca of Cleveland, Ohio, on the momentous occasion and celebration of their 70th anniversary.

Club Azteca was formed in 1932 as a social club that offered individuals and families of Mexican heritage an opportunity for support, entertainment, and a continuation of the traditions and culture of Mexico—their beloved

homeland. Club Azteca was progressive from the beginning. Since its inception in 1932, the Club admitted women on an equal basis, with the right to hold office and participate in all decisions concerning the organization.

Many Mexicans emigrated to America in search of greater opportunity for themselves and their families. Like many immigrants, citizens of Mexican heritage brought with them their faith, strong sense of family, and rich culinary dance, and musical traditions and talents.

The Club Azteca has been a reflection of the Mexican American community in the Cleveland area for seven decades; its leaders continue their dedication to the celebration and promotion of their Mexican heritage and continue to provide cultural, educational and social services to its members.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of the founding and current members of the Club Azteca, as they celebrate their 70th anniversary. This wonderful organization has provided support for Mexican Americans, and has greatly enriched Cleveland with their contribution of Mexican culture and heritage—a significant aspect of the multi-cultural fabric of our whole community.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND ELI MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to two brothers who were recently honored by the Alamosa County Sheriff's Department and the San Luis Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for saving the life of a disabled Blanca, Colorado man at San Luis Lake. Frank Martinez and his brother Eli Martinez, both of Capulin, Colorado saw three men in danger of drowning in the San Luis Lake and with a heroic effort managed to rescue two of them. Their acts of bravery and valor most certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this Nation.

On May 10, the Martinez brothers were enjoying themselves with a day by the lake. Nearby, Kelly Richard McNeil, 36, of Blanca was out boating with his son James Janus Edward McNeil, 16, and his son's friend Adam Stark, 16. The Martinez brothers witnessed Richard McNeil being blown from his boat into waves that were as high as four feet. McNeil's son and his friend jumped in immediately to try and help only to become victims of the rough waters. The Martinez brothers dove as close as they could and leaped into action. Through their quick response the brothers saved McNeil and helped Stark safely return to the boat.

When presented with a certificate for their extraordinary action and Red Cross skills, the brothers simply expressed regret that they could not save James too. Such heroics reflect the American values second nature to the former Conejos law enforcement officer, Frank, and his brother, Eli. Their efforts show the mettle that keeps this country strong.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Frank and Eli Martinez for their courage and heroic actions. Their efforts saved the lives of

their fellow man and their heroism is a tribute to their fine character. It is my honor to bring forth these acts of bravery for the praise of this body of Congress.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, our Nation was attacked by terrorists who believed that by taking innocent life, they could destroy our spirit and tear down the principles, values, and freedoms that we hold dear. Despite our initial shock and horror on that fateful September morning, Americans from all walks of life proved the terrorists wrong by immediately joining hands to search for survivors, comfort those who lost loved ones, and bring about healing and renewal. There has never been a time when the world witnessed greater heroism, compassion, and unity.

Under the leadership of President Bush, our Nation has made great strides to bring justice to those who perpetrated this evil and improve our Nation's defenses against future terrorist attacks. Our men and women in uniform responded valiantly, toppling the Taliban regime and bringing freedom to a Nation that had served for many years as a haven for terrorism and oppression. The effort to protect our Nation from terrorism is ongoing, and patience will be necessary as we work to establish a permanent Department of Homeland Security and thwart the continued efforts of those who seek to kill innocent Americans in order to advance their political agenda.

Looking back over the past year, it is clear that the events of September 11th have strengthened our Nation and given us a greater appreciation for freedom. Americans have demonstrated that we are committed to working together to preserve our freedom so that we will continue to be a beacon of hope to freedom-loving people around the world.

HONORING CUYAHOGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, for their creation, organization, support and promotion of the annual Cuyahoga County Fair—now in its 106th year.

Although most of Cuyahoga County is no longer agricultural, the two hundred members of the Agricultural Society present the public with a glimpse of the agriculture and farming of days gone by, as well as current and future agricultural products and trends.

The Cuyahoga County Fair is an annual rite of summer for the entire Cleveland community. Reflecting the mission of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, the Fair is a yearly opportunity for education, exhibits, and demonstrations of agricultural products, past and present, that are unique to our community. Annual outings to the Fair, as families