

We are living in historic times, and I have been so proud of the American people. New York City has been the personification of American strength and resiliency.

I have also been proud of our work here in Congress to put aside politics to provide our armed forces and law enforcement officers with the resources and tools they need to fight the war on terrorism, and to make this nation safer than it was on September 10, 2001. This war is not an issue of politics, it is an issue of patriotism.

Those responsible for last year's horrific events seriously miscalculated the strength and resolve of Americans. Our sense of security may have been temporarily unsteady, but our unity is unwavering. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument. No act of violence, no sharpened razor, can sever them.

America has been committed through this last year to the difficult realities of living in the shadows of war. We have gone on living our lives because to do otherwise would be giving in to the evil behind September 11. But there should be no doubt that we will remain committed until those responsible learn the steep cost of taking innocent lives—innocent American lives—on American soil. We will never stop working to make America safe and secure.

The flame of liberty remains bright and will continue to shine upon the world, casting deep into the dark shadows of violence, intolerance, and extremism. This is a time of remembrance. But it is also a time to renew our dedication to fighting until America is free from the threat of terrorism.

ABORTION NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the Floor this morning to express my strong support of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA). I believe the rights of religious hospitals and other health care entities who may be opposed, in conscience to abortion, from ever having to perform, provide medical training or fund induced abortions should be protected.

Lynn Wardle, Professor of Law at Brigham Young University, in his testimony before the Energy and Commerce Committee this summer noted, ANDA, "The basic issue in the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act is forced abortion. A forced abortion occurs not only when a woman is forced to have an abortion she does not want, but also when a health-care provider is forced to provide or participate in an abortion against her will. The right of individuals and organizations of individuals to choose in accordance with their conscience to not have and to not participate in abortion must be protected against extremists who are trying to coerce others to provide abortion services that these extremists want but which others find morally repugnant. That is what ANDA is about." The rights of individuals to

choose according to their conscience must be protected; it is the principle of freedom that we have the duty to defend.

As we face an ever-increasing rise in the cost of managed care many smaller, private, sometimes religious hospitals are forced to merge with larger hospitals in order to survive. Conscience protection would ensure that these smaller, often denominational, hospitals would not have to choose between providing services that violate their conscience and closing their doors. These hospitals were often first organized to serve the poor and needy, it is these very people that will suffer should these hospitals be forced to close. The heart of the matter is this: Health care entities, as well as individuals, deserve the right to choose.

Currently, 49 states have some kind of conscience protection for health care providers. It is time we clarify in law once and for all every doctor, hospital, and individual's right to act according to his or her conscience.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 25th I missed rollcall votes 411, 412, 413, 414 and 415 due to a family emergency. If I had been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 411, "yea" on rollcall 412, "yea" on rollcall 413, "yea" on rollcall 414 and "yea" on rollcall 415.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACK—SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS IN NEW YORK CITY

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, like every American, I will always remember September 11th. Today we gather to mourn our nation's losses and to demonstrate our resolve that America will not be slowed or diminished by terrorist attacks.

September 11th was an unsettling day for each of us, wherever we were. Nearly 3000 Americans lost their lives that day. All of us lost the sense of security that we as Americans had long taken for granted.

The victims came from all across the country and every walk of life. They had one thing in common—they were simply going about their business. It was a crisp, clear, sunny morning. I will never forget the contrast between the beautiful weather and the acrid smoke, dust and rubble at each of the impact sites.

Each of us shares the grief of families who lost loved ones. Each of us mourns the loss of innocence that resulted from the attacks.

Even in those darkest hours, however, America's light shined through. Millions of us joined together to donate blood and money to help the victims and their families. I visited the

Pentagon to encourage rescue workers, and worked with the FAA to ensure that medical supplies would continue to arrive at Maine hospitals during the shutdown of airline service. Maine businesses and individuals donated food and supplies for workers and displaced families.

The great irony of September 11th is that the terrorists sought to drive America apart, but instead brought us together as a nation. Our people have once again shown an incredible resilience and an ability to come together in times of need. America is, indeed, one nation, under God, indivisible.

The acts of terrorism perpetrated against our country have reminded us of the precarious nature of life and of the lives of those around us. We will always carry in our hearts the memories of those who were lost on September 11th. May we also always remember the patriotism and unity that we have experienced in its aftermath.

We stand together today as Americans, united in mourning and also in our resolve to triumph over factions that would tear us apart. Together, we will ensure that hope, freedom and justice will prevail.

BARBARA ANN "BOBBIE" HOUSEHOLDER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Householder, one of my constituents, passed away last week after losing a battle with cancer.

Barbara Ann was a longtime community volunteer and was well-known in my District for her extensive community service, as well as her years of association with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce. Barbara Ann helped organize events for the Adopt-A-School program, she volunteered for Leadership Blount and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival and also was a great volunteer in her church.

She retired with the title of vice president of community development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce. Although retired, she continued to work hard on her volunteer work. Up until a week before her death, she was recruiting volunteers for the United Way from her hospital bed.

Bobbie Householder was one of the finest people I have ever known and will be greatly missed by the whole community. Her efforts and achievements are an inspiration to us all, and I would like to call a newspaper article that was printed in the Maryville Daily Times about her life to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Daily Times, Aug. 22, 2002]

VOLUNTEER, FORMER CHAMBER OFFICIAL
HOUSEHOLDER DIES OF CANCER AT 74

(From Staff Reports)

Longtime community volunteer Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Householder of Alcoa died Wednesday morning at Blount Memorial Hospital after a battle with cancer.

Although she was never elected to public office, Householder was one of Blount County's best-known people through her volunteer work and her years of association with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

"To many people in Blount County and throughout the area, Bobbie was the chamber of commerce," chamber President and CEO Fred Forster said Wednesday. "She was the core of enthusiasm in this community for many years. Many of the things we enjoy here now are the fruits of her work over the years."

"All of us in the chamber family will miss her," Forster said.

Householder, 74, was a native of Knoxville. She and Glen, her husband of 56 years, moved to Blount County in 1952 and became the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Not long after the Householders' move to Blount County, she went to the Chamber of Commerce-United Way office, then located at the Maryville Municipal Building, to help out for a few days. Her volunteer work with the chamber led to a full-time job there, and she retired in 1994 after 33 years with the organization.

Early in her career with the chamber, the staff consisted of the executive director, a bookkeeper and Householder. She handled office responsibilities and coordinated chamber projects, including coordination of Blount County's United Way campaigns for 25 years.

By the end of her tenure with the chamber, Householder was vice president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Foundation and the Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau, three of the four organizations under the Blount Partnership's administrative umbrella.

In addition to her other duties, Householder helped organize and coordinate Homecoming '86 for Blount County, the Adopt-A-School program, Leadership Blount and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival. She also was extremely active in the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycettes, an organization involved in initial promotion of tourism efforts.

She retired with the title of vice president of community development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

Retirement did little to slow Householder, and her efforts to better her community were recognized when she received the 2001 Pride of Tennessee Award. The award is given to one person each year who has a history of community involvement.

Since 1994 she has served as president of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Keep Blount Beautiful Board of Directors, a member of the Blount County Bicentennial Committee, an officer with the Blount County Education Foundation, and co-chairman of the Blount County Millennium Committee.

Householder also served several years as chairman for the United Way of Blount County's Day of Caring and in other volunteer roles for United Way.

"She was a great lady with great ideas, but the best thing about Bobbie was that you could count on her," United Way Executive Director Sandra Davis said Wednesday.

"She was still recruiting United Way volunteers from her hospital bed as recently as last week," Davis said. "She was one of the best volunteers any nonprofit organization could ask for—always willing to go the extra mile."

Davis said she and Householder also shared an interest in activities through the Methodist church, not only at the local level but at the conference level as well. Her work in the church included service as communications coordinator for the Holston Conference United Methodist Women.

Householder was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church. Her pastor, the Rev. James Dougherty, will officiate at a celebration of her life at 8 p.m. Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Janet Householder of Louisville, KY, her son Alan Householder of Cosby, and her daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Darrell Eastridge of Alcoa, grandchildren Cindy and Brian Householder of Louisville, Ky., and Jeff and Amy Eastridge of Alcoa. She is also survived by her sister, Grace Goode of Maryville, her brother, Richard Hubbs of Johnson City, and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests no flowers. Memorials may be made to Broadway United Methodist Church, to the Blount County Education Foundation, to Friends of the Library or to the United Way of Blount County.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLLEEN GEREK

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Colleen Gerek has been awarded the Rodney D. Hanson Memorial Scholarship for the 2002–03 academic year; and

Whereas, Colleen Gerek is a senior at Ohio University Eastern majoring in education; and Whereas, Colleen Gerek should be commended for her dedication and hard work; and Whereas, Colleen Gerek has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to meeting challenges in juggling work and classes with enthusiasm and confidence;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Colleen Gerek for her outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING FRANCES "BITSIE" CLARK ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to an outstanding member of our community and a dear friend, Frances "Bitsie" Clark, as she celebrates her retirement.

As the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven for the last twenty years, Bitsie has been the driving force behind the rejuvenation of New Haven's Arts community. Under her leadership, the Arts Council worked diligently, partnering with many local organizations to bring the magic of the arts to our community. During her tenure, I have had the opportunity to work with Bitsie on a variety of projects. Her commitment and dedication is unparalleled and I am in awe of her seemingly endless energy. The City of New Haven has been truly fortunate to have such an advocate.

The Arts Council has taken the lead in supporting cultural development throughout Southern Connecticut. Much of their success can be credited to Bitsie's vision of making New Haven the creative capitol of Connecticut. In the last two decades, we have wit-

nessed the completion of the Audubon Development project, which included the building of 55 Whitney Avenue, the Audubon Court condominium and retail complex and the Audubon Parking Garage; the construction of 70 Audubon Street which houses the offices of the Arts Council, the Community Foundation, and Artspace. We have seen the creation of programs and services like Women in the Arts Month, the African Caribbean Festival Commission, the Hearts for Life Aids benefit and the New Haven Inner City Cultural Development Program and many others—all of which were possible because of the support they received from the Arts Council.

The arts in any medium, play a vital role in all of our lives. They are not only a vehicle of expression, but a means by which our culture and traditions are passed from one generation to another. Bitsie embraced this idea and through her efforts many talented artists and creative individuals were able to realize their dreams—there is no greater gift.

Bitsie's tremendous work and many contributions have left an indelible mark on our community. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation that I stand today to join the many friends, family, and community members who have gathered today to extend my very best wishes to Frances "Bitsie" Clark as she celebrates her retirement. We will not forget the difference her generosity and commitment have made.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATES FOR H.R. 5099

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimates for H.R. 5099 be submitted for the record under General Leave.

As you know, H.R. 5099 passed the House under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. At the time of passage, the Committee on Resources had not yet received a cost estimate for the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2002.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman, Committee on Resources,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5099, a bill to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton.

Sincerely,
BARRY B. ANDERSON,
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H.R. 5099: A bill to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the