

to move impoverished Americans to self-sufficiency, the Clinton Administration greatly expanded the number and scope of these waivers and many states took advantage. Many provisions of the innovative state waiver programs were later incorporated into the legislation that created the TANF program.

My state of Oregon took advantage of a welfare waiver and over the past six years has created a highly successful program that has seen welfare caseload reduction above the national average. Oregon's waiver and the waivers of eight other states have expired, or will expire, between September 2002 and September 2003. Once they expire, the states will have to spend scarce resources reconfiguring their programs to meet the federal TANF standards.

This comes at a particularly inopportune time. With the fall off in the American economy, states around the nation are experiencing some of the largest budget deficits in history. Furthermore, rising unemployment rates have forced many out of work and back on to the welfare rolls. Scarce resources should not be spent on programmatic changes to effective programs, particularly when it comes at the expense of our most needy constituents.

With work on TANF reauthorization uncompleted, states with expiring welfare waivers will not be able to adequately plan their welfare programs for the future. It makes little sense for them to begin transitioning to the current program with the knowledge that Congress intends to make substantive changes to TANF during the 108th Congress. But, under current law, this is exactly what they will have to do.

Mr. Speaker, it is irresponsible for Congress to force states to transition their programs twice and waste scarce resources on unnecessary programmatic changes, particularly in hard economic times.

Congress should correct this unintended consequence of its inaction by extending existing state waivers.

DAWSON FAMILY TRAGEDY

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay homage to our fallen "Front Line Soldiers". The soldiers that I speak of did not die thousands of miles away from our shores in a foreign land; they were executed in their own home as they slept. These soldiers were not trained in military combat or armed with the latest weapons technology can devise; they fought a life and death battle armed only with a strong voice and a determination that they would not surrender. If the City of Baltimore were to erect a monument to all the innocent lives lost because of the proliferation of drug violence in our community, tragically the most recent names to be added would be Carnell and Angela Dawson, along with their children; Keith and Kevin Dawson (9 year old twins); Carnell Dawson Jr., 10; Juan Ortiz, 12 and LaWanda Ortiz, 14.

On October 16th, while this family slept, a cold-blooded killer entered their home, spread gasoline throughout, and ignited a blaze that swept through the house in a few short min-

utes. Reportedly, this was done in retribution for the repeated efforts of Mrs. Dawson to stop these dealers from selling drugs in front of her home, in plain view of her young children. That night, Mrs. Dawson and five of her six children lost their lives. Mr. Dawson battled hard but perished a week later from the burns covering 80 percent of his body. We can not, and we will not walk away from the horrific acts of such cold-blooded killers.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress must take action to give the people of Baltimore and people around this country the tools they need to combat the proliferation of drug related violence in our communities.

As the Ranking Member on the House Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee I am especially wounded that such a barbaric act could occur within a city in my own district. I will do everything in my power to ensure that the effort to fight terrorism does not drain the fight against drug terror at home. Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley and Police Chief Ed Norris have used their limited resources to make a positive effect on reducing drug-related crimes in the city of Baltimore. With the help of citizens, the mayor and the police chief have achieved a 23 percent reduction in violent crime in just a few short years. Federal agencies also report that Baltimore City has achieved the largest reduction in drug-related emergency room admissions of any major city in America. However, the plague of drug abuse is not a local problem or a problem limited to people of color; it is a national problem that demands a federal response.

National statistics shows that this problem is not limited to Baltimore City. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that in 1998 an estimated 61,000 convicted jail inmates said they had committed their offenses to get money for drugs. The cost-effects of these statistics on Baltimore City and other communities throughout this nation are incalculable. That is why I am encouraged by the swift and decisive actions taken by Director John P. Walters of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to arm our domestic front line soldiers with the tools they need to combat the bane of our communities.

I joined Director Walters on Oct. 23 of this year, as he announced the federal government response to this tragedy. Effective immediately, ONDCP will redirect existing funding resources within the Washington-Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA) to better protect specified high-crime neighborhoods in Baltimore City. The federal funds will help to pay the cost of additional foot patrols, police overtime pay, surveillance cameras and improved street lighting. This is only a down payment on the debt owed to the Dawson family and the many other families around this nation who are the domestic front line soldiers in what some residents of Baltimore call "a killing ground."

More will be done; more must be done to protect families living in communities of fear. Drug gangs cannot be allowed to rule our court system through intimidation. Children should not fear stray bullets as they sit in front of their homes. Families await a day when they can sleep soundly knowing that the drug gangs are no longer lurking within their community. Baltimore City's fight against these drug gangs is not a war America can afford to ignore; and retreat is not an option.

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I rise to introduce the remarks that I delivered in connection with the Special Joint Session of Congress convened in New York City on September 6, 2002. Along with my remarks, I would like to introduce the remarks of Mrs. Susan Magazine, Assistant Commissioner of the Family Assistance Unit of the Fire Department of New York City, Senate Majority Leader TOM DASCHLE, and Speaker of the House DENNIS HASTERT.

I believe that the nature and occasion of the event necessitates that these remarks be entered into the RECORD, so that along with the events at the Special Joint Session, they can be recorded for posterity.

RANGEL. You people look beautiful. (Laughter.)

Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Governor.

On behalf of our New York delegation, and especially Ben Gilman, who has been my friend for over 30 years, who leave us—where are you, Ben? (Applause.)

... and our entire delegation, which I hope would rise at this time, the supporters of our resolution... (Laughter.)

... I want to thank the leadership in the House and the Senate for supporting this resolution, our mayor and governor for giving it its political support, Ms. Annenberg for giving us our financial support, and most importantly all of you who took time from your busy schedules, and indeed our legislative schedules, to come to our great city to give us an opportunity to say thank you. History is a strange thing when you're making it. You're just not aware of the courage you may have or the shortcomings that you may have. And as the mayor, in telling you about the attributes of New York, it could be perceived that most of us from New York City have a little more self-esteem than we really need to get by. (Laughter.)

RANGEL. But when we were hit, we were afraid, we were scared. We didn't know whether we were going to be hit again. And Jerry Nadler, who's district was hit, was one of the first to get there.

And as the mayor said and the governor said, people came from all over. Not just our heroic policemen and firemen and emergency workers, but kids came, flags were there, foods were there, doctors were there. Everyone wanted to help.

Most of the New York congressional delegation in the city, we were there because it was a primary day. And so when we got back to Washington, we didn't know what to expect. We went by car. We went by bus. We went by train. And when we saw our colleagues there, singing "God Bless America," we recognized that we were not just New Yorkers; that we were Americans. It wasn't just... (Applause.)

It wasn't just our great city that was hit, it was our great country that was attacked. And we did come together, not as Republicans and Democrats and liberals and conservatives, but we came together in support of our president and our legislative leaders to let all of our foes know that we were united in our resolve to make certain that we would do all that we could to see that this does not happen again.

And even now as we gather to praise those that fought so hard for our country, that became our heroes, we send a message to our

enemies that it is our resolve to say once again: "Don't tread on the United States of America; that we are prepared to do whatever is necessary to seek out and to destroy those who seek to destroy our way of life."

RANGEL. And we come back to where the Congress has met over 200 years ago, and I cannot but be emotionally involved in believing how proud our forefathers should be of us, to come back after 200 years, and to see what we have done with their Constitution, how much we treasured it, how much we expanded it, and how much today as we meet are we prepared to protect it. How little did they know that those who picked cotton during those days, those that would come into our country to build our roads and our railroads, those that would come from foreign countries seeking religious and economic freedom, would be coming here as a part of the United States Congress 200 years later. (Applause.)

U.S. history is strange because not only are we living it, but to give New Yorkers an opportunity to say thank you to our colleagues in the House means that we're saying thank you to America. We are basically saying, as New Yorkers, "God bless this great country, that gives us an opportunity to have our diversity, and to continue to believe that a part of the legacy that we are going to leave to those to follow us, is that we're not going to allow terrorism to instill terror in our heart; that our basic commitment has to be that while we would not allow an enemy to intimidate us, we're not going to allow terror to take away our basic freedoms; that we're not going to strike any unknown country without knowing where the enemy actually is; and that the opportunities that we have been given as a people, of education, of Social Security, of health care, of opportunity that we're going to make certain that, as we protect this country, we protect those civil liberties that have been passed on to us so that when the next Congress meets, no matter where they meet, they will be saying that we protected the Constitution that was given to us over 200 years ago." (Applause.)

RANGEL. My mother, your mother, everyone always said that during times of pain, that you'd have to seek and you can find some good in it. But the truth of the matter is that when we were struck, it was hard to believe that we could find some good.

But there was good that we found out; that America gave us an opportunity to say thank you to each other. America gave us an opportunity to see how blessed we were; that we could look at each other without seeing color, without seeing party label, without seeing where we came from, and recognize that we had an obligation to protect what we have.

Mr. Governor, Mr. Mayor, thank you for giving us the support of bringing us together. And now we can say that we really owe a lot to each other, because we need each other. We hope this never happens again, but thank you, Congress, for helping us when you needed us, and not withstanding our attitude, we deeply appreciate the opportunity. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. More than 2,800 people lost their lives at the World Trade Center, but the toll could have been far, far worse if it were not for the valor and professionalism of our local and regional firefighters, police officers and emergency service personnel. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. Showing tremendous courage, they effected the rescue of more than 25,000 people from the World Trade Center, the largest and most successful emergency evacuation in modern history. Their heroism inspired the nation.

Three hundred and forty-three members of the Fire Department of New York City gave

their lives for freedom on 9/11. We will never forget their bravery and their sacrifice.

It is now my privilege to introduce Susan Magazine. She is the assistant commissioner in charge of the fire department's Family Assistance Unit. She is also a woman who lost her husband Jay, who worked at the World Trade Center.

Susan? (Applause.)

MAGAZINE. Thank you, Mayor Bloomberg. Mayor, Governor Pataki, distinguished members of Congress, honored guests, I am honored to have been asked to come here this afternoon to speak with you. I came here because I think it's very important that you, our nation's leaders, hear directly from someone who lost a loved one, a family member last September 11.

As the mayor said, my husband Jay was one of the more than 2,800 people who perished at the World Trade Center on that day. Jay and I spent our entire adult lives together. On October 17th of next month, we would have celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary.

We have two children. Melissa is 14 and Andrew is 11. Melissa starts high school next week, and Andrew starts middle school.

Jay was the catering sales manager at Windows on the World, the spectacular restaurant at the top of the north tower. One of our favorite shared family memories was all of us—Jay, me, Melissa and Andrew—going up to the restaurant all wearing hard hats during the construction work to reopen Windows on the World.

MAGAZINE. What a beautiful restaurant it was. When you were up there you felt like you were on top of the world.

And Jay loved it. He loved working at Windows. He loved working in the Trade Center. He loved the vibrancy of downtown Manhattan.

I recently attended a dinner for a hunger relief organization that Jay was involved with to present the first annual Jay Magazine Award of Excellence. The recipient of the award was Jay's friend, Michael Lomonaco, who was the chef at Windows.

When Michael accepted the award he told a story about how he and Jay would meet almost every morning in the Windows cafeteria for coffee. And every morning as they were leaving, Jay would turn to Michael and say, "You know, we're the luckiest guys in the world to be working here."

When our kids went to visit Jay, which was often, they would look out of his office window. You felt like you could see all of New York City from there. And he would tell them that if they looked really, really hard uptown that they could see our apartment. It was so magical up there. Now, like thousands of other families, Melissa, Andrew and I are trying to figure out how to move on and how to live our lives. That doesn't mean that we will ever forget. It doesn't mean that we're trying to get back to normal. Normal does not exist anymore for any one of the families that lost someone that they loved on that day.

It means that each one of us has to find a new normal. We have no choice. And my family is doing that. We're surrounded by incredible family, wonderful friends and support of communities. And we're doing it with the assistance of our neighbors, of our communities and you, our policy-makers. And we are extremely thankful for all of the support that we have received from people everywhere.

Let me illustrate with a personal story. Our family held a memorial service for Jay at the end of September. Jay had always been in the catering and restaurant businesses and had many friends, colleagues and clients all over the country.

At that service blank cards were distributed with envelopes addressed to our chil-

dren. People were asked to write down their memories of Jay, to tell us stories about the Jay that they knew. The response was unbelievable. Hundreds and hundreds of cards have come back from people who knew Jay. And then, we got cards and letters from people who didn't know Jay, but had heard about him and had heard about our family, and wanted to somehow try to connect and try and give some comfort to an individual family.

Experiences like that continue to be repeated every day for the families who have been affected by September 11th. As our nation's leaders, you should know that at the Family Assistance Unit of the fire department, we spent hours each day responding to letters and gifts from all over the country: from your states, and your districts. And we respond to each one of them. We received cartons of letters from schools, camps, houses of worship, individual people from all over the country, teddy bears, quilts, pictures, books, offers of weekends away for family members, paintings, scholarships for children, songs, poems, prayers. Whatever it is that people have to give, they want to reach out to individual family members and somehow try and make a difference to each family.

And these are the people that you represent. Please tell the men and the women and the families in your home districts and your states how much it means to us that so many Americans have offered us their generosity and their kindness.

The events of September 11th were an attack on our nation and they were attacks on individuals and individual families. Every one of the people who perished on that day was a husband, a father, a son, a wife, a mother, a daughter, a brother, a sister, a neighbor, a friend. Over 2,800 individual people were lost on that day.

And it's been remarkable to me how many Americans truly understand that each of us were real people, were real families who have experienced this enormous tragedy in very individual, very personal and very immediate ways.

Every day the people who work for the city of New York go to enormous lengths to do whatever they can for us, for the families. The city, the state and the entire nation have given us their support. Thank you.

And when you go home, thank your constituents for their kindness, for their generosity and for never, ever letting anyone forget. Thank you. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. Susan, thank you.

And to you and to all the families, all we can really say is, "Those we lost are in our prayers and God bless."

For the terrorists, the attack on the World Trade Center, as devastating as it was, was a failure. It did not accomplish what they hoped it would. It did not weaken us. Instead, it united us. It brought us together as a nation determined to defend our freedoms and to punish those responsible for this despicable act.

Ordinary Americans showed the goodness in their hearts. They responded to 9/11 as if their own home communities had been attacked. An unprecedented outpouring of support flooded into New York from across the nation.

The following video you're about to see is our way of saying, "Thank you, America." (Videotape presentation).

BLOOMBERG. I want to thank the Interpublic Sports and Entertainment Group chairman, Mark Dowley, for producing that video and donating their services. (Applause.)

The power, majesty and proud heritage of the United States are expressed in our national symbol, the American bald eagle. On

behalf of the people of New York City, I am pleased to memorialize this historic joint session of Congress in our city by presenting a commemorative Steuben glass eagle to the House of Representatives.

Minority Leader Gephardt? (Applause.)

Thank you on behalf of all New Yorkers.

GEPHARDT. Thank you so much. I accept this on behalf of all of our members. And, Charlie, I don't think you have an attitude at all. (Laughter.)

Thank you. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. The city is also proud to present a commemorative eagle to the Senate. Minority Leader Lott, would you come up to the podium, please? (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you, sir.

LOTT. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. On behalf of the United States Senate, we express to you our appreciation for all you've done, and for this. Senator Daschle and I will find a special place for this great eagle. Thank you. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. Thank you.

Speaker? (Applause.)

And Tom Daschle. (Applause.)

HASTERT. On behalf of the U.S. Congress, we have a unique gift: a token of that day, and a token of the strength of this nation.

Over the Capitol of the United States flew the flag of the United States of America. And on September 11th, we took that flag down. We kept it. We weren't sure exactly how we were going to use that flag. But we think it's very appropriate today to give it to the city of New York as a memento of what this Congress believes in: the ability and strength of the people of New York, the spirit of the people of New York is truly the spirit of America. Thank you. (Applause.)

DASCHLE. On September 11th, when the people of South Dakota saw what happened, they dropped everything. One ranch couple, themselves struggling right now, sold 100 head of cattle, and donated the proceeds to the victims and their families. A class of second graders collected pennies, thinking that they might be able to collect or raise a couple of hundred dollars. They raised \$1,776.05.

I'm sure you could find similar stories from Speaker Hastert's constituents in Illinois, Senator Lott's in Mississippi, Congressman Gephardt's in Missouri.

But in reaching out to help the people of New York, we realized it was the people of New York who were helping us. Your courage helped steady a wounded nation.

So today, I join Speaker Hastert, on behalf of all of those you inspired, to present you this flag. We hope it'll find a home in the memorial you build to the victims of September 11th, to let all New Yorkers know that they didn't just inspire a city, they inspired a nation. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. Dick, would you come up? And, Trent, and if you could come up here as well. (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. Thank you.

Earlier, I proudly, perhaps boastfully but accurately, referred to New York City as the nation's cultural capital. I will now demonstrate that this was not an idol boast.

It is my great pleasure to introduce a great composer, arranger, conductor, musician, and in my book most importantly an educator. The winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music, and the artistic director of jazz, at Lincoln Center, Winton Marsalis. (Applause) (Musical presentation.) (Applause.)

BLOOMBERG. As to my boast about culture, I will rest my case. (Laughter.)

Thank you.

Well, thank you for joining us for this historic event. The members of Congress will now exit, en masse to visit ground zero and to pay their personal respects to the more than 2,800 people who died for freedom. Governor Pataki and I will go with them.

But to facilitate their orderly departure, I would ask that all other guests please remain seated until the members have left for the ballroom.

Thank you for your cooperation. And thank you for showing your support for the greatest city on Earth.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL D. WELLSTONE, SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution honoring Senator Paul Wellstone and to express my deep sadness at his unexpected death, and that of his wife Sheila, their daughter Marcia, members of his campaign staff, and the two pilots of the plane.

Senator Paul Wellstone was a man of conviction and passion who worked tirelessly on behalf of America's families. He was dedicated to making the American dream a reality for all—including the most marginalized among us. Senator Wellstone always stood firmly by his principles, consistently representing the people of Minnesota with honor and courage.

I had the privilege of knowing Senator Wellstone and working with him and his wife Sheila on the issue of domestic abuse. Senator Wellstone was a vigorous champion for reform. He was a driving force behind enactment of the Violence Against Women Act—the most important domestic violence law in our nation's history. He also authored and helped pass legislation that provides services and support to children who grow up in violent homes and fought for legislation that helps health care providers do more to stop domestic violence.

During the past three Congresses, I was honored to partner with Senator Wellstone in introducing legislation that helps provide employment stability and security to victims of domestic violence. And most recently, to have partnered with him to secure \$5 million dollars for the Department of Defense to fund confidential victim advocates to address the problem of domestic violence among our military personnel.

Senator Wellstone will be remembered as one of this nation's most dedicated and nationally recognized advocates on domestic abuse. All of us who partnered with him to put an end to this horrific crime know that this movement has lost an irreplaceable leader. His lifelong efforts to make our communities safer and more just will serve as a model for all of us who will continue to fight against the cycle of violence that plagues so many American families.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Wellstone will be sorely missed by all of us here in Congress, and fondly remembered as the Senator from Minnesota who brought a message of social justice and equality to the people of this great Nation. My sincere condolences go out to the Wellstone family, families of all those aboard the plane and to all the residents of Minnesota.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I support the recently enacted steel tariffs and urge support for the domestic steel industry, however, I ask that my name be removed from H. Con. Res. 507, a bill urging the President to request the United States International Trade Commission to conduct an expedited review of the temporary safeguards on imports of certain steel products.

CONGRATULATING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS 2002 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Anaheim Angels on their tremendous achievement. I am pleased to join my fellow colleagues from Orange County as we congratulate the Anaheim Angels on their miraculous World Series win.

For those of us who grew-up in Orange County, this is a tremendous moment. Gene Autry formed the team in 1961. Now, after more than 40 years, the Angels have won their first World Series Championship.

The Angels' victory was far from predicted. They were the underdog all the way. After all, the previous season, the Angels finished 41 games out of first place.

Anaheim was the wild card team—most gave them little chance of knocking off the perennial favorite New York Yankees for the American League Division Series. The Angels then went on to defeat the Minnesota Twins to win the American League pennant. And then finally, defeated the San Francisco Giants in the World Series in seven hard-fought games.

The atmosphere in the stadium was electrifying. Fans across Orange County came equipped with their rally monkeys and thunder sticks to cheer our team to victory.

The Angels' victory over the Giants was truly amazing. The Angels had never won a playoff series before beating the Yankees. Anaheim is the first team since 1912 to win the World Series without having any player who had ever played for a World Series winner previously.

The victory is a testament to the teamwork and abilities of the Anaheim players.

They were led by manager Mike Scioscia; Tim "the Kingfish" Salmon, who has played his entire career for the Angels; Pitcher John Lackey—who was the first rookie to win a Game 7 in 93 years; and I think it is fitting that third baseman Troy Glaus—a native of Orange County—was named most valuable player of the World Series.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Angels' players, coaches, staff, and the fans, who were instrumental in bringing the World Series Championship to Anaheim.