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Thank you for consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

MARK UDALL,
Member of Congress.
BOB SCHAFFER,
Member of Congress.
WAYNE ALLARD,
U.S. Senate.
DIANNA DEGETTE,
Member of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO WORLD SABBATH DAY OF RELIGIOUS RECONCILIATION

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize World Sabbath Day and the hope for religious peace and justice that I believe it will bring. I strongly believe that religious prejudice and violence have no place in our world, and I feel that only through education and tolerance can we make a difference.

This is why World Sabbath Day and the work of Reverend Rodney Reinhart and Reverend Ed Mullins are so important to expanding compassion and freedom in our world. Through the communication and honesty that is brought forth from people of different faiths, we learn about each other, and how to respect our differences.

What World Sabbath Day represents, and what Reverend Reinhart and Reverend Mullins know so well, is that religious persecution of any type should not be tolerated or condoned anywhere. One of the fundamental tenets upon which our country was founded was the freedom to choose one's religion. I believe that we as a nation have a moral obligation to uphold that principle at home as well as abroad. The United States needs to be more aggressive in promoting tolerance of religious minorities throughout the world.

Reverend Reinhart and Reverend Mullins know this, and they have been to Africa, the United Nations, and several other places in North America to promote World Sabbath Day. And although there is much work to be done to end religious bigotry and hatred, World Sabbath Day is a good start.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HENRY SALAZAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the passing of a great man from the state of Colo-

rado. Henry Salazar passed away on December 22, 2001 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Henry was 85 years old, and as his family and friends mourn his passing, I would like to draw attention to his good deeds and accomplishments throughout his life.

Henry was known as a hardworking and compassionate man who valued education over wealth during his entire life. His eight children were raised with high religious morals, encouraged to receive an education, maintained their integrity, and served the citizens of their community. Seven children, fourteen grandchildren, and his dedicated and loving wife, Emma, survive Henry.

Henry carried on in the family tradition as a rancher on his family's homestead in Los Rincones, Colorado. The homestead has been a part of the Salazar family since the 1850s also a pillar of the San Luis Valley community for over a century. Throughout his life, Henry was dedicated to his community and nation. He served in the army during World War II, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. After the war, he worked as a rancher and farmer and served in the Colorado Port of Entry. His community efforts included preservation of local landmarks, most notably the preservation of the Los Cerritos Cemetery where he will be buried. I personally met and spoke to Henry on a number of occasions, including a little over a year ago when Henry spoke at the kick-off ceremony to make the Great Sand Dunes a national park, an undertaking which was greatly appreciated by everyone in the community and in the state. Every time I met with him or his family I felt fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, Henry Salazar was a great and noble man who deserves the recognition and praise by this body of Congress. It is always a sad moment when a loved one passes away from our lives. Henry Salazar was a loved and compassionate man who went out of his way to improve the lives of all those he touched. Those who remember him for his kind words and the good deeds will certainly mourn his passing. My heart goes out to his family and friends during this time of remembrance and bereavement. We'll miss you Henry.

REMEMBERING DEAN L. ANTHONY SUTIN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Dean Anthony Sutin who was taken from us in a senseless act of violence at Appalachian Law School on January 16, 2002. Dean Sutin was a renowned legal scholar and public servant who was an invaluable partner to me on judiciary issues while he worked at the Department of Justice. I first met him while he was working on community policing in the Attorney General's office in 1994. I admired his dedication to his tireless work on a program that has impacted the lives of so many Americans.

While I could not do justice to Anthony Sutin's memory by simply reciting all of his many accomplishments, a few highlights deserve notice. Dean Sutin graduated summa

cum laude in 1981 from Brandeis University. He received his law degree in 1984 from Harvard, where he served as assistant editor for the Harvard Environmental Law Review and the Harvard Journal on Legislation.

Before joining the Justice Department, he worked as a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P. At the Department, he served as Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) from 1994 to 1997. As a testament to his outstanding leadership in this area, in its first year alone, COPS resulted in a three percent national decrease in violent crime.

From January 1997 to April 1998 Dean Sutin served as Deputy Associate Attorney General and Chief of Staff to the Associate Attorney General. He was then appointed by Attorney General Reno to serve as Acting Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs where he worked until November 1998. It was during this historic period in which my staff and I interacted with Dean Sutin on a regular basis.

During his tenure as the head of legislative affairs, Anthony Sutin provided invaluable legal insight to the Judiciary Committee on the historic impeachment debate. During this uncomfortable period in our Nation's history, he was a stabilizing force in communication between the Clinton Administration and Congress. It was also during this period in which he worked with Congress on a number of crime-related issues such as gun control, community policing and hate crimes legislation.

Dean Sutin was lured away from Washington at the height of his career to pursue his dream of teaching law in a small community where he could closely interact with his students and other faculty. As dean of the growing Appalachian Law School, he cultivated ambition and hope in southwest Virginia's struggling coal-mining region.

Even more noteworthy than his academic and professional accomplishments was Dean Sutin's reputation as a kind and compassionate man who dedicated his life to raising his family, teaching his students and serving the country. Shortly before his death, he and his wife Margaret Lawton visited China and adopted a 14-month-old girl. I would like Clara and her brother Henry to know that I was proud to know and work with a man that dedicated his career in public service to making America a safer place for them to grow up and live.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT K. KRICK

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Robert K. Krick of Fredericksburg, VA.

Bob was raised in central California. He attended college there, and later earned a graduate degree at San Jose State University. Fascinated with military history—in particular the American Civil War in Virginia—he joined the National Park Service in 1966, hoping it would become a gateway to the sites he admired. After working at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Fort Necessity National

Battlefield, he moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1972. Bob has been the Chief Historian at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park ever since.

After nearly 30 years of work, his reputation is largely based on two things: his prolific career as a writer and his work as a battlefield preservationist. Bob's first published article appeared in 1973. Since then he has produced almost a dozen books, most of them devoted to the history of individuals and sites associated with the Civil War battles in the East. His published articles, book reviews, and related material number in the hundreds.

He also has considerable experience and success as a Civil War battlefield preservationist. In the 1980's he was a co-founder and vice-president of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites—a group that has evolved from an earnest local organization that met in its members' living rooms into a powerful national presence that saves thousands of battlefield acres annually. Bob has been especially active in protecting historic acreage around Fredericksburg, where the size of the national park increased significantly during his tenure, helping maintain the integrity of these hallowed battlefields and preserving our history for future generations.

I recently had the distinct privilege of viewing the battlefield site in Fredericksburg with Bob. His insight and passion for his work left me captivated. His riveting stories of the small events that turned the tide and determined the final outcome of this battle left me feeling as if these events were actually unfolding before my eyes. It is this zest that Bob has brought to the Park Service for the last thirty years that will have an impact for generations to come. His legacy will be to have passed this knowledge and appreciation to scores of other Americans, who, in turn, will pass it along to their loved ones. Nearly one half of the country's Civil War battlefield parks presently have historians who learned their trade at Fredericksburg while Bob was the chief historian. In retirement his influence will carry on. The Park Service, and indeed our nation, will miss his service.

I would like to wish my friend the very best upon his retirement from the National Park Service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND FAIRNESS ACT

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Fairness Act, which makes an essential change to the provisions of the September 11th Victim Compensation fund in order to justly compensate the thousands of families whose loved ones died in the attack on our nation. Specifically, this legislation will repeal the collateral compensation provision of the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund. The current provision requires the Special Master to reduce the amount of federal compensation by the amount of other compensation the family has received, including life insurance and pension benefits. This provi-

sion resulted in unintended consequences that will negatively affect many of the victims' families.

Our Nation is faced with a difficult challenge. Thousands of American families are trying to recover from the horrible loss of their loved ones on September 11th. As a Congress, we have pledged our support to these families, including providing compensation to them for the tremendous sacrifice made by their loved ones. We did this because we recognized that our assistance was essential in helping families recover.

However, the tragic events of this day left us in uncharted territory and we moved forward quickly as a Congress to enact laws to help these families. We must be sure that what we enacted in the days immediately following September 11th provides the best assistance possible to these families who have suffered so much.

The September 11th Victims Compensation Fund was created in the Air Transportation Safety and Stabilization Act, which was enacted on September 22, 2001. This was a mere 11 days after our country suffered the deadliest attack in its history. The Victim Compensation Fund was designed to aid these families fairly and justly. Unfortunately, the full implications of the collateral compensation provision in this fund have only recently become clear. As the regulations of the fund are developed and families receive compensation estimates, many are realizing that they will receive little if any federal support.

I do not believe that this is what Congress intended. Congress created this Fund to compensate families for their losses on September 11th. But because of a provision that reduces the total compensation by the amount of pension benefits and life insurance received, the very families we set out to help have the potential to receive nothing from the Nation's fund. That is not only unfair but also unacceptable. The Victim Compensation Fund inadvertently created a loophole and it is our responsibility to correct it.

The men and women who purchased life insurance or accrued pension funds did so to provide for the future of their families. We must properly and justly compensate families for the sacrifice that their loved ones made for our country. We cannot turn our back on our fellow Americans.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUDY RUDIBAUGH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Rudy Rudibaugh and recognize his contributions to this nation. Now a resident of Parlin, Colorado, Rudy began his service as a sailor during World War II when he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre. During his tour, Rudy was involved in five allied invasions, including the invasion and subsequent liberation of the Philippines.

Rudy was assigned to Underwater Demolition Team 10, serving as a "frogman" or com-

bat swimmer. As a member of the team, Rudy was a demolition expert assigned to demolish obstacles that would prevent the landing of allied forces on Japanese controlled islands. Rudy's exploits as a frogman were recently brought to light by the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. A recent surprise ceremony highlighted a mission on the island of Peleliu in the Palau Island Nation chain. It was here that Rudy, along with several UDT demolition experts, cleared underwater obstacles and traps opening a path for occupation of the island by United States Marine forces.

Although Rudy will not brag, he was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his service as a frogman, as well as the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. The surprise ceremony took place at the Colorado Outfitters Convention in Gunnison, Colorado. Rudy and his wife Deb, currently reside in the town of Parlin, where he serves as a local outfitter.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Rudy before this body of Congress and thank him for his dedicated service during the war. If it were not for servicemen such as Rudy, America would not enjoy the many freedoms that we have today. He served selflessly in a time of great need, bringing credit to himself and to this great nation. Thanks Rudy for your service.

READY, WILLING, AND NO LESS ABLE: VETERANS WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES WINNING IN THE COMPETITION FOR LIFE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, despite the tragedy of September 11th, last year's Veterans Braintrust, an event that has become one of the traditional highlights of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference was a somber occasion. As we commenced the event at a time when our country had experienced one of the more tragic events in its history. We paused for a moment to remember those who lives were lost as we convened for this family affair. While we didn't know what kind of turn out we would get after the terrible disaster we call "911." We want to thank veterans for coming and always giving such tremendous support and participation for veteran's issues and concerns nationally. But last year especially we really appreciated veteran advocates coming that morning.

This Braintrust brought veterans and their families together from throughout the country and gave us an opportunity to discuss critical issues affecting veterans with physical disabilities such as voting rights; wheelchair accessibility; community based care; family support; reasonable employment and expanding entrepreneurial opportunities. Minister Clyde E. Sims of the True Light Baptist Church gave the invocation and I had the very special honor to bring up Ms. Melba Moore, Recording Artist and Tony Award winner who sang