

decades, including those in Cambodia, Rwanda, Kosovo, attest to this fact. We must continue teaching our children tolerance so the next generation is armed with the knowledge and the power to defeat racial and religious persecution wherever it arises.

We refuse to acknowledge and understand racial and religious intolerance. We are doomed to repeat the same tragedies again and again if we do not constantly use our voices and our prayers for a much better situation in the 21st century of this country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Chair for this opportunity to commemorate the Armenian genocide. I also want to thank the many Armenian American organizations throughout the Nation that make celebration of terror and hopeful that it is never done again, not only for Armenians, but for every group of people, particularly those in California for their tremendous work on behalf of the Armenian Army community which is an absolutely wonderful group of people throughout the State.

I must say to the Turkish Government, you were not there when this was done, why cannot you say it was wrong, we did the wrong thing of our ancestors and get it on the book and get up to bat, just to use a baseball analogy? It just makes us sick when the people do not go back in history and say that should not have been done and it will not be done again.

#### REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we recently observed the 7th-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks that devastated our Nation on September 11, 2001. Today, I would like to continue to remember, recognize and honor our fellow citizens who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on our Nation.

This list of over 3,000 names is comprised of many of the victims of the horrific attacks, including the firefighters and policemen who willingly gave their lives in an attempt to rescue others. This effort will continue until each name on this list has been read on the House floor and entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this important undertaking to show that this House and our Nation honors our fallen brothers and sisters.

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Raja; Valsa Raju; Edward Rall; Luke Rambousek; Maria Isabel Ramirez; Harry Ramos; Deborah Ramsaur; Lorenzo Ramzey; Alfred Todd Rancke; Adam David Rand; Jonathan C. Randall; Shreyas Ranganath; Faina Rapoport; Rhonda Rasmussen; Robert Arthur Rasmussen; Ameenia Rasool; Roger Mark Rasweiler; Marsha Dianah Ratchford; David Alan James Rathkey; William R. Raub; Gerard Rauzi; Alexey Razuvaev; Gregory Reda; Sarah Redheffer; Michele Marie Reed; Judith A. Reese; Donald J. Regan; Robert Regan; Thomas M. Regan; Christian Regenhard; Howard Reich; Gregory Reidy; James B. Reilly; Kevin Reilly; Timothy E. Reilly; Joseph Reina; Thomas Barnes Reinig; Frank B. Reisman; Joshua Scott Reiss; Karen C. Renda; John Armand Reo; Richard C. Rescorla; John Resta; Sylvia San Pio Resta; Martha Reszke; David Retik; Todd Reuben; Eduvigis "Eddie" Reyes; Bruce Reynolds; John Frederick Rhodes, Jr.; Francis S. Riccardelli; Rudolph N. Riccio; David Rice; Kenneth F. Rice, III; Eileen M. Rice; Vernon Richard; Cecelia E. Richard; Michael Richards; Claude "Dan" Richards; Venesha O. Richards; Gregory Richards; James Riches; Alan Jay Richman; John M. Rigo; James Riley; Frederick Rimmele; Theresa "Ginger" Risco; Rose Mary Riso; Moises N. Rivas; Joseph Rivelli, Jr.; Isaias Rivera; Linda I. Rivera; Carmen A. Rivera; Juan Rivera; David Rivers; Joseph R. Rivero; Paul Rizza; Stephen Louis Roach; Joseph Roberto; Michael Roberts; Michael Edward Roberts; Leo Roberts; Donald W. Robertson, Jr.; Catherina Robinson; Jeffrey Robinson; Michell Robotham; Donald Arthur Robson; Antonio Augusto Tome Rocha; Raymond J. Rocha; Laura Rockefeller; John M. Rodak; Roseann Rodgers-Lang; Antonio Jose Carrusca Rodrigues; Anthony Rodriguez; Richard Rodriguez; Carmen Rodriguez; Carlos Cortez Rodriguez; Gregory Rodriguez; Marsha A. Rodriguez; David B. Rodriguez-Vargas; Jose Rodriguez; Matthew Rogan; Jean Roger; Karlle Rogers; Scott Rohner; Keith Roma; Joseph M. Romagnolo; Elvin Santiago Romero; Efrain Franco Romero, Sr.; James A. Romito; Sean Rooney; Eric Thomas Ropiteau; Angela Rosario; Aida Rosario; Mark Harlan Rosen; Sheryl Lynn Rosenbaum; Brooke David Rosenbaum; Linda Rosenbaum; Lloyd D. Rosenberg; Mark Louis Rosenberg; Joshua Rosenblum; Andrew I. Rosenblum; Joshua Rosenthal; Richard David Rosenthal; Philip Rosenzweig; Richard Barry Ross; Daniel Rossetti; Norman Rossinow; Nicholas Rossomando; Michael Craig Rothberg; Mark Rothenberg; Donna Marie Rothenberg; James M. Roux; Nicholas Rowe; Edward Rowenhorst; Judy Rowlett; Timothy Roy; Behzad Roya; Paul Ruback; Ronald J. Ruben; Joanne Rubino; David M. Ruddle; James Ruffin; Bart J. Ruggiere; Susan Ann Ruggiero; Adam K. Ruhalter; Gilbert Ruiz; Obdulio Ruiz-Diaz; Stephen P. Russell; Robert E. Russell; Steven

Harris Russin; Michael Thomas Russo, Sr.; Wayne Alan Russo; William R. Ruth; John Joseph Ryan; Matthew L. Ryan; Edward Ryan; Jonathan Stephan Ryan; Tatiana Ryjova; Christina Sunga Ryook; Jason E. Sabbag; Thomas E. Sabella; Scott Saber; Charles E. Sabin; Joseph F. Sacerdote; Jessica Sachs; Francis John Sadocha; Joud Elie Safi; Brock Safronoff; Art Saiya; Edward Saiya; Kalyan K. Sakar; Marjorie C. Salamone; John Patrick Salamone; Juan Salas; Hernando R. Salas; Esmerlin Salcedo; John Salvatore Salerno; Rahma Salie; Richard L. Salinardi; Anne Marie Ferreira Sallerin; Wayne Saloman; Nolbert Salomon; Catherin Salter; Frank G. Salvaterra; Paul Salvio; Samuel R. Salvo; Rena Sam-Dinnoo; Carlos Samaniego; John Sammartino; Maryann Samone; James Kenneth Samuel, Jr.; Rena San Dinoo; Michael San Phillip; Hugo Sanay-Perafiel; Jesus Sanchez; Alva Jeffries Sanchez; Jacquelyn Sanchez; Eric Sand; Stacey Sanders; Herman S. Sandler; James Sands, Jr.; Angela M. Santana; Ayleen J. Santiago; Kirsten Santiago; Maria Theresa Santillan; Susan G. Santo; Christopher Santora; John Santore; Mario Santoro; Rafael Humberto Santos; Rufino Condrado F. Santos; Dominick Santos; Victor J. Saracini; Kalyan K. Sarkar; Chappelle Sarker; Paul F. Sarle; Deepika K. Sattaluri.

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Shea; Kathleen Shearer; Michael Shearer; Linda Sheehan; Hagay Shefi; Terrance H. Sheffield; Antoinette "Toni" Sherman; John A. Sherry; Sean Shielke; Atsushi Shiratoro; Thomas Joseph Shubert; Mark Shulman; See-Wong Shum; Allan Schwartzstein; Carmen Sierra; Johanna Sigmund; Dianne T. Signer; Gregory Sikorsky; Stephen Siller; David Silver; Craig Silverstein; Nasima Simjee; Diane M. Simmons; George Simmons; Don Simmons; Bruce Edward Simmons; Michael John Simon; Weiser Simon; Kenneth Alan Simon; Arthur Simon; Paul Joseph Simon; Ken Simon; Marianne Simone; Barry Simonwitz; Jane Simpkin; Jeff Simpson; George Sims; Cherlye D. Sincok; Khamladi K. "Khami" Singh; Roshan R. "Sean" Singh; Thomas Edison Sinton, III; Mike Sinzi; Peter A. Siracuse; Muriel F. Siskopoulos; Joseph M. Sisolak; John P. Skala; Francis J. Skidmore, Jr.; Toyena C. Skinner; Paul Skrzypek; Christopher Paul Slattery; Vincent R. Slavin; Robert Sliwak; Paul K. Sloan; Stanley S. Smagala, Jr.; Wendy L. Small; Gregg Harold Smallwood; Kevin Smith; Leon Smith, Jr.; Moria Smith; Heather Lee Smith; Sandra Fajardo Smith; Gary F. Smith; Daniel Laurence Smith; James G. Smith; Jeffrey Randall Smith; Karl Trumbull Smith; Catherine T. Smith; Rosemary Smith; Joyce Smith; George Eric Smith; Bonnie Smithwick; Rochelle M. Snell; Laura Marie Snik; Christine Snyder; Dianne Snyder; Leonard J. Snyder; Astrid Elizabeth Sohan; Sushil Solanki; Ruben Solares; Naomi Solomon; Daniel W. Song; Mari-Rae Sopper; Michael C. Sorresse; Fabian Soto; Timothy Patrick Soulas; Gregory T. Spagnoletti; Donald Spampinato; Thomas Sparacio; Georgia Sparks; John Anthony Spataro; Robert W. Spear, Jr.; Robert Speisman; Maynard S. Spence; George E. Spencer, III; Robert Andrew Spencer; Mary Rubina Sperando; Frank J. Spinelli; William E. Spitz; Joseph P. Spor; Klaus Sprockamp; Saranya Srinuan; Fitzroy St. Rose; Michael F. Stabile; Lawrence T. Stack; Timothy Stackpole; Richard James Stadelberger; Eric A. Stahlman; Matthew Stairs, Jr.; Gregory Stajk; Corina Stan; Mary D. Stanley; Joyce Stanton; Patricia Stanton; Anthony M. Starita; Jeffrey Stark; Derek James Statkevics; Patricia J. Statz; Craig William Staub; William Steckman; Eric Thomas Steen; William R. Steiner; Alexander Robbins Steinman; Edna L. Stephens; Andrew Stergiopoulos; Andrew Stern; Norma Lang Steuerle; Malsin Steven; Martha Stevens; Richard H. Stewart, Jr.; Michael J. Stewart; Sanford "Sandy" M. Stoller; Douglas Stone; Lonny J. Stone; Jimmy Nevill Storey; Timothy C. Stout; Thomas S. Strada; James J. Straine, Jr.; Edward W. Straub; George J. Strauch, Jr.; Steven R. Strauss; Edward T. Strauss; Larry Strickland; Steven Strobert; Walwyn W. Stuart; Benjamin Suarez; Ramon Suarez; Xavier Suarez; David Scott Suarez; Yoichi Sugiyama; William C. Sugra; Daniel

Suhr; David Marc Sullins; Christopher P. Sullivan; Patrick Sullivan; Thomas Sullivan; Patty Sulva; Larry Sumaya; Yoichi Sumiyama; James Joseph Suozzo; Colleen Supinski; Robert Sutcliff, Jr.; Selina Sutter; Claudia Suzette Sutton; John F. Swaine; Valerie Swanson; Kristine Swearson; Brian Edward Sweeney; Brian D. Sweeney; Madeline Sweeney; Kenneth J. Swensen; Thomas F. Swift; Derek O. Sword; Kevin T. Szocik; Gina Szejnberg; Harry Taback; Joann Tabeek; Norma C. Taddei; Michael Taddonio; Keiichiro Takahashi; Keiji Takahashi; Phyllis Talbot; Robert R. Talhami; John Talignani; Sean Patrick Tallon; Paul Talty; Maurita Tam; Rachel Tamares; Hector Tamayo; Michael Andrew Tamuccio; Kenichiro Tanaka; Rhondelle Cherie Tankard; Michael Anthony Tanner; Dennis Taormina; Kenneth Joseph Tarantino; Allan Tarasiewicz; Michael C. Tarrou; Ronald Tartaro; Leonard Taylor; Kip P. Taylor; Sandra C. Taylor; Hilda E. Taylor; Loris Ceylon Taylor; Donnie Brooks Taylor; Darryl A. Taylor; Michael M. Taylor; Sandra Teague; Karl W. Teepe; Paul Tegtmeier; Yesh Tembe; Anthony Tempesta; Dorothy Temple; Peter Tengelin; David Tengelin; Jody Tepedino Nichilo; Brian J. Terrenzi; Lisa Marie Terry; Goumatie Thackurdeen; Harshad Thatte; Michael Theodoridis; Thomas F. Theurkauf, Jr.; Saada Thierry; Rod Thomas; Lesley Thomas; Lesley Thomas-O'Keefe; William Harry Thompson; Glenn Thompson; Clive Thompson; Brian Thompson; Nigel Bruce Thompson; Vanavah Thompson; Perry Anthony Thompson; Eric R. Thorpe; Nichola A. Thorpe; Tamara C. Thurman; Sal E. Tieri, Jr.; John Patrick Tierney; William Randolph Tieste; Kenneth F. Tietjen; Stephen Edward Tighe; Scott C. Timmes; Michael Tinley; Jennifer Marie Tino; Robert Frank Tipaldi; John J. Tipping, II; Hector Tirado, Jr.; David Lawrence Tirado; Michelle Titolo; Alicia N. Titus; John J. Tobin; Richard J. Todisco; Otis Vincent Tolbert; Vladimir Tomasevic; Stephen K. Tompsett; Thomas Tong; Doris Torres; Luis Eduardo Torres; Amy E. Toyen; Esidro Tranfuro; Daniel Patrick Trant; Abdoul Karim Traore; Wallter "Wally" P. Travers; Glenn J. Travers; Felicia Traylor-Bass; Dorothy P. Tremble; Mary Trentini; James Trentini; Lisa L. Trerotola; Karamo Trerra; Michael Trinidad; Francis Joseph Trombino; Gregory J. Trost; Willie Q. Troy; William Tselepis; Zhanetta Tsoy; Michael Patrick Tucker; Pauline Tull-Francis; Lance Richard Tumulty; Ching Ping Tung; Simon Turner; Donald Joseph Tuzio; Robert T. Twomey; Jennifer Tzemis; John G. Ueltzhoeffer; Tyler Ugolyn; Michael A. Uliano; Jonathan J. Uman; Anil S. Umarkar; Allen Upton; Diane Maria Urban; John Damien Vaccacio; Bradley H. Vadas; William Valcarcel; Mayra Valdes-Rodriguez; Felix Antonio Vale; Ivan Vale; Benito Valentin; Santos Vanentin, Jr.; Carlton F. Valvo;

Pendyala Vamsikrishna; Erica Van Acker; Kenneth W. Van Auken; Daniel M. Van Laere; Edward Raymond Vanacore; Jon C. Vandevander; Richard Vanhine; Frederick T. Varacchi; Gopalakrishnan Varadhan; David Vargas; Scott C. Vasel; Santos Vasquez; Azael Vasquez; Ronald James Vauk; Arcangel Vazquez; Peter Vega; Sankara Velamuri; Jorge Velazquez; Lawrence Veling; Anthony M. Ventura; David Vera; Loretta A. Vero; Christopher Vialonga; Matthew Gilbert Vianna; Robert Vicario; Celeste Torres Victoria; Joanna Vidal; Joseph Vigiano; John T. Vigiano, II; Frank J. Vignola, Jr.; Joseph B. Vilardo; Sergio Villanueva; Chantal Vincelli; Melissa Renee Vincent; Lawrence Virgilio; Francine Virgilio; Joseph G. Visciano; Ramsaroop Vishnu; Joshua Vitale; Goro Vosgarinon; Lynette Vosges; Garo H. Voskerjian; Alfred Vukuosa; Gregory Kamal Bruno Wachtler; Karen Wagner; Mary Wahlstrom; Honor Elizabeth Wainio; Courtney Wainsworth Walcott; Gabriela Waisman; Wendy Wakeford; Kenneth Waldie; Benjamin Walker; Glen James Wall; Robert F. Wallace; Mitchel Scott Wallace; Roy M. Wallace; Peter Guyder Wallace; Jean Marie Wallendorf; Matthew Blake Wallens; Meta Waller; John Wallace, Jr.; Barbara Walsh; James Walsh; Jeffrey Patrick Walz; Weibin Wang; Ching-Huei Wang; Michael Warchola; Stephen G. Ward; Timothy Ward; James A. Waring; Brian Gerald Warner; Derrick Christopher Washington; James T. Waters, Jr.

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Wiswall; Sigrid Charlotte Wiswe; Michael Robert Wittenstein; Christopher W. Wodenshek; Martin P. Wohlforth; Katherine S. Wolf; Yin Ping "Steven" Wong; Jennifer Y. Wong; Winnie Yuk Ping Wong; Siu Cheung Wong; Jenny Seu Kueng Low Wong; Brent J. Woodall; Marvin Woods; Patrick Woods; James J. Woods; Richard H. Woodwell; David Wooley; John B. Works; Martin M. Wortley; Rodney J. Wotton; William Wren; John Wright;

Neil Robbin Wright; Sandra Wright; Naomi Yajima; Jupiter Yambem; John Yamnicky; Suresh Yanamadala; Vicki C. Yancey; Shuyin Yang; Matthew D. Yarnell; Myrna Yaskulka; Shakila Yasmin; Olabisi Layeni Yee; Keven Wayne Yokum; Paul Yoon; Raymond R. York; Kevin Patrick York; Edward Phillip York; Suzanne Youmans; Edmond Young; Lisa Young; Donald McArthur Young; Barrington L. Young; Jacqueline Young; Elkin Yuen; Sheng Yuguang; Joseph Zaccoli; Adel A. Zakhary; Arkady Zaltsman; Robert Alan "Robbie" Zampieri; Mark Zangrilli; Christopher Zudoph Zarba; Ira Zaslow; Aurelio Zedillo; Kenneth Zelman; Abraham J. Zelmanowitz; Zhe "Zach" Zeng; March Scott Zeplin; Yuguang Zheng; Ivelin Ziminski; Michael Joseph Zinzi; Charles A. Zion; Julie Lynne Zipper; Salvatore J. Zisa; Prokopios "Paul" Zois; Joseph J. Zuccala; Andrew Steven Zucker.

Mr. Speaker, this completes the list of more than 3,000 names that have been read since September 11 on the House floor and entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Again, I ask the families of those that are deceased to excuse me for any mispronunciations of their names.

Americans will forever remember September 11, 2001. It was the day that our parents, our children, our friends, and our neighbors were taken from us. It was the day that our heroes died.

I thank my colleagues who joined me in this important effort for the last 7 months, and I thank the families and friends of those who perished for their courage.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts will forever be with the families and the loved ones that we lost.

#### HONORING HOLLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AND SAMUEL ADAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORBES). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, this evening I rise to pay special tribute to a very special school, Holland Christian Schools, as they prepare to recognize and celebrate their centennial.

For a century, Holland Christian Schools, located in Holland, Michigan, has provided a quality, Christ-centered education for students from preschool to grade 12.

More than 11,000 students have graduated since its founding, and with a

current enrollment of approximately 2,400 students in grades K-12 representing more than 110 different churches, including more than 20 different church denominations, Holland Christian Schools is one of the largest, parent-governed Christian schools in our country.

Holland Christian Schools has a wonderful history of accomplishment and teaching. Holland Christian Schools' educational philosophy finds its basis in the words of Deuteronomy 6:6,7: "And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud graduate of Holland Christian High School, as is my wife, Diane, and my daughter, Erin. My other two children, Allison and Bryan, are students there currently.

On the special occasion of their 100th-year anniversary, I am pleased to stand and recognize Holland Christian Schools and their fine tradition of academic excellence and commitment to Christian values.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to address another topic this evening. This is taken from "Samuel Adams: The Character of Conviction."

Mr. Speaker, it was said by the American preacher, Dwight Moody, "If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself."

America's founders were men and women who cared not so much for their reputations as they did for their character and the character of the Nation. Such was the case for an American who came to be known as the Father of the American Revolution, Samuel Adams of Boston.

He was respected because of his great character and strong Christian faith. Samuel Adams' passion and presence commanded not only the respect of his fellow citizens, but of the British authorities as well. It was his Christian faith that was the foundation of his character; and this character was the foundation of a reputation that enabled Samuel Adams to stand firm in the face of British opposition, as well as prepare a young Nation to secure the blessings of liberty. His quest began some 6 years before the Declaration of Independence when the seeds of revolution were being planted across the colonies.

Adams was the clerk of the Massachusetts court, but that did not stop him from leading an uprising against the Governor of Massachusetts, demanding the removal of British troops of Boston. The showdown left five colonists dead and quickly earned recognition as the Boston Massacre.

The other patriots had died for freedom, but the Boston Massacre became a rallying cry echoing through city streets and rural farms.

The citizens of Boston were enraged by the massacre and the stationing of

troops within the city limits. The morning after the massacre, the citizens of Boston met and appointed a committee, which included Samuel Adams. Their charge was clear: present to the acting Governor of Massachusetts their demand that the troops be removed from the city.

Governor Hutchinson equivocated, telling Samuel Adams that the troops were not subject to his command. Samuel Adams replied that unless the troops were removed from Boston, the blood of revolution would be on the Governor's hands.

The following morning preparations began for the troops' removal.

What led the Governor to bow to the demands of Samuel Adams and the citizens of Boston? Governor Hutchinson was in a difficult position: either face the angry mob outside of his gates or the angry British authorities across the sea.

But more than mobs and massacres, the Governor was influenced by the words and reputation of Samuel Adams. He was well aware of Adams' character and his wisdom as a loyal and upstanding citizen.

Years earlier, the British authorities had attempted to bribe a poor Adams with political power and wealth, if only he would join their cause. Governor Hutchinson had said of Adams, "Such is the obstinacy and inflexible disposition of the man that he can never be conciliated by any office or gift whatever."

Governor Hutchinson was wisely unwilling to test Adams in his demand for the removal of troops. This small, but important victory, inspired the colonists and began the erosion of British domination in the New World.

#### EDUCATION TAX CREDITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFFER) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) to complete his statement.

SAMUEL ADAMS: THE CHARACTER OF CONVICTION

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, the story of Samuel Adams begs the question: Where did Adams find the strength of his character and the source of his conviction? Adams gave the answer a few years later when Hutchinson's successor, Governor Thomas Gage, not having learned from previous attempts, offered Adams anything that he desired so long as he ended his opposition to the British Crown.

Samuel Adams responded: "Go tell Governor Gage that my peace has long since been made with the King of kings, and that it is the advice of Samuel Adams to him, no longer to insult the feelings of an already exasperated people."

Adams' vigilance for the cause of freedom and his fellow Americans rested firmly on the peace he found not