

the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5157.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM AND COURAGE DISPLAYED BY AIRLINE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS EACH DAY

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 401) recognizing the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants each day, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 401

Whereas over 100,000 men and women serve as airline flight attendants in the United States;

Whereas flight attendants dedicate themselves to serving and protecting their passengers;

Whereas flight attendants are responsible for customer service aboard an aircraft;

Whereas flight attendants react to dangerous situations as the first line of defense of airline passengers;

Whereas safety and security are a flight attendant's primary concerns;

Whereas flight attendants evacuate aircraft in emergency situations;

Whereas flight attendants defend passengers against hijackers, terrorists, and abusive passengers;

Whereas flight attendants handle in-flight medical emergencies;

Whereas flight attendants perform routine safety and service duties on board an aircraft;

Whereas 25 flight attendants lost their lives aboard 4 hijacked flights on September 11, 2001;

Whereas 5 flight attendants helped prevent United Airlines Flight 93 from reaching its intended target on September 11, 2001;

Whereas flight attendants provided assistance to passengers across the United States who had their flights diverted on September 11, 2001;

Whereas on December 22, 2001, flight attendants helped subdue attempted shoe bomber, Richard Reid, who attempted to kill all 185 passengers and 12 crew members on board American Airlines Flight 63; and

Whereas on February 7, 2002, flight attendants helped prevent Pablov Moreira, a Uruguayan citizen, from breaking into the cockpit during United Airlines Flight 855 from Miami to Buenos Aires: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) expresses profound gratitude to airline flight attendants for their daily service to make air travel safe;

(2) honors the courage and dedication of flight attendants;

(3) expresses support for the flight attendants who displayed heroism on September 11, 2001, and to all flight attendants who continue to display heroism each day; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to send a copy of this resolution to a family member of each of the flight attendants killed on September 11, 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI).

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 401, honoring the over 100,000 men and women who serve as flight attendants. As we near the final anniversary of the September 11 attacks, I think it is appropriate that we stop to recognize these everyday heroes.

America's flight attendants dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety and the security of their passengers. There are over 20,000 commercial airline flights each day, and on these flights, flight attendants put the well-being of each of their passengers ahead of their own. They are the first responders to all emergencies in the cabin of an aircraft. They provide in-flight medical assistance to passengers in need. They may be the only line of defense should terrorists once again attempt to take control of an airplane.

It was the flight attendants who subdued attempted shoe-bomber Richard Reid aboard American Flight 63 last September. Last year, 23 flight attendants lost their lives aboard the four hijacked flights on September 11. In recognition of their important role, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation that would significantly increase self-defense and situational training to aid flight attendants in the case of another terrorist hijacking.

I would like to express my profound gratitude for all airline flight attendants for their daily service to make air travel safe and secure, and urge the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to commend the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI), for their action on House Concurrent Resolution 401 that recognizes the largely unsung heroism that airline flight attendants display on a daily basis.

On September 11 of last year, 25 flight attendants lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks. When they left their homes and loved ones that morning, I am sure that none of them knew what tragic events would unfold before the day's end, and what role they would play in it. Five flight attendants working on United Airlines Flight No. 93 helped prevent hijackers from reaching their intended target of Washington, D.C. I am sure that many of us have to give credit to them for perhaps saving our lives.

Everyday a workforce of 100,000 flight attendants make it their mission to ensure the safety of passengers that rely on them. In the war on terrorism, they can be compared to ground soldiers. They are our front line of defense. Not only did flight attendants display acts of heroism on September 11, but they also have repeatedly reacted courageously to thwart acts of terrorism on American aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to acknowledge the heroism and bravery of flight attendants. After September 11, when many were afraid to return to the air, these courageous workers devotedly returned to their jobs. I admire their sense of dedication and professional attitude. I urge my colleagues to support this very, very appropriate resolution.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of West Virginians and Americans as a whole, I want to express our deep appreciation for the flight attendants who provide outstanding service while ensuring public safety for thousands of Americans on a daily basis. In addition, I want to commend our Nation's flight attendants for their acts of heroism. A considerable number of them demonstrated their great courage during the September 11th attacks that occurred almost exactly one year ago today.

It should not be overlooked that in the days, weeks, and months following that terrible day, America's flight attendants bravely resumed their duties serving our flying public. This contribution aided the almost immediate restoration of air service, and it provides a profound demonstration of this country's refusal to let the terrorists win. Our flight attendants, and by extension, all of us would not allow a few evildoers to destroy our daily activities and our unique way of life.

As we approach the anniversary of September 11th, we must remember the contributions of this group of individuals who have so ably demonstrated their importance to this country and to its citizens. They stand as an example for the brave efforts of all hard-working Americans as we cope with the events and the aftermath of that infamous day.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, a great many things changed on September 11, 2001. Among them, Americans began thinking differently about air travel, and we all gained a greater respect for those who are pledged to guarantee our safety as we fly.

For its part, Congress has moved to make air travel safer, and I have not doubt we will do more. But one of the main lines of defense against events in the air rests with the pilots and flight crews.

The professionalism, courage and common sense exhibited by these individuals is clearly exemplified in the actions of Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney, who was a flight attend aboard American Airlines Flight 11 on September 11. That was the first aircraft to crash into the World Trade Center.

Showing courage under pressure, Amy was one of the first individuals to use a cell phone and notify the world of the hijackings that were underway. Her last acts of bravery were critically important in identifying and exposing those terrorists who threatened our lives, our country and our values.

Ms. Sweeney is a true American hero. She was many things to many wonderful people, a

faithful wife, a loving mother, and a devoted daughter. But she will be remembered by most Americans for her extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty on a fateful day.

Consider this—those who hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, had years of training and preparation for their terrible mission. They had plenty of time to consider what they were going to do. But for Amy, the decisions of a lifetime were compressed into a few terrible minutes. Yet she responded with tremendous courage, calmness and common sense. She did her duty in the face of death. And at the last moment, she called out to God for salvation.

I had the honor earlier this year to attend a ceremony in Massachusetts where she became the first individual to be awarded the “Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery.” It is in recognition of Amy Todd Sweeney’s heroism and courageous spirit that this award was created.

Future recipients—awarded annually on the anniversary of her death—must demonstrate exceptional bravery, without regard for personal safety, in an effort to save the life or lives of another or others in actual or imminent danger. It is a fitting tribute to her conduct that this award has been established. There can be little doubt that many people are alive today because of her quick thinking and her heroism. Her actions remind us that courage is rightly esteemed as the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all others.

And we should remember that courage does not mean an absence of fear, because without fear there can be no courage. Courage is doing the thing you think you cannot do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD a recent article from the New London Day entitled, “A Hero On Flight 11, She Put Her Job First: Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney.”

May God bless and keep you, Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney, and may God bless America.

A HERO ON FLIGHT 11, SHE PUT HER JOB FIRST: MADELINE AMY TODD SWEENEY

9-11: THE SHADOW OF A DAY

(By Bethe Defresne)

Once the extended family of Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney verified that she was aboard the flight, there was no waiting for a miracle. There was no use praying that the blond, blue-eyed young mother with the dazzling smile had been caught in some pocket of hope within the ashes of the World Trade Center, and that somehow she would rise up and come home to them.

Relatives and friends of victims who worked in the towers would spend days or even weeks holding off the inevitable. But for Sweeney’s loved ones, there was only the swift, burning onslaught of grief.

She was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 11, the plane that hit the north tower at 8:48 a.m. on Sept. 11, when the world still thought it must have been some terrible accident.

Sweeney’s colleagues in air control back at Logan International Airport in Boston, where the flight had taken off that morning bound for Los Angeles, were among the few who knew better—because she had told them.

Calmly, and with painstaking attention to detail, Sweeney had explained that the plane was being hijacked. What she said would later help federal investigators reconstruct how the plane was taken over.

Sweeney reported the seat numbers of the hijackers, including suspected ringleader Mohamed Atta, and the progress of their assault. She described the landscape below after the flight was diverted, right up until the shocking end.

Her last words were, “I see water and building. Oh my God! Oh my God!”

Sweeney’s father, William A. Todd of Norwich, expects that some day he’ll listen to a tape of conversations from the airplane. But he’s not ready.

This Sept. 11, Todd will be in Boston, the point of Sweeney’s departure, not New York, the site of her tragic end, to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks. There he will witness the presentation of the second annual Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery, posthumously presented to her in February with her family in attendance.

Sweeney lived in Acton, Mass., with her husband, Michael, and their two children, Anna, 6, and Jack, 5. The award, in the form of a medallion, is to be given each year to a Massachusetts resident who exemplifies the courage that Sweeney displayed.

Her reports from the doomed airplane have been credited with helping officials make the crucial decision to ground all airplanes on Sept. 11, perhaps saving many lives.

It’s good, Todd acknowledged, to have something to do and somewhere to go on this grim anniversary. And he really didn’t want to be in New York.

“It’s too much,” he says.

Mike Sweeney, who could not be reached, is reportedly coping as best he can, and also plans to be at the presentation in Boston on Wednesday.

Reflecting today on what enabled his 35-year-old daughter to show such remarkable strength under intense pressure, Todd draws upon an apt and familiar analogy, that of a soldier in battle. As an Army war veteran who saw combat in Korea, Todd, 65, says his daughter was doing what she was trained to do in a situation like that: focus not on yourself, but on your job.

Todd treasures an American flag carried in Sweeney’s honor aboard an F-16CG Falcon during a Jan. 26 combat mission over Afghanistan. The flag was sent to him along with a citation from the 332nd Air Expedition Group, called “The Tip of the Spear,” certifying that the flag was carried “In Memory of the Grace and Bravery of Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney, who lost her life to a terrorist attack on the WTC while serving on American Airlines Flight 11 on Sept. 11, 2001.”

Todd hasn’t decided yet where to display the flag, which he handles reverently, like a flag that has been draped over a soldier’s coffin. It was a nephew in the Air Force, Patrick Todd, who arranged through his commanding officer to have the flag carried and delivered.

Sweeney came from a large extended family, with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She reveled in those myriad relationships, said Todd, and will be especially missed at the Sept. 28 wedding of her brother, William Todd III, who lives in Massachusetts. He was her only sibling.

Sitting at the kitchen table in his home on Corning Road, Todd, who retired after 15 years as a welder at Electric Boat in Groton, appears to take some comfort in thinking about the lasting impression his daughter’s life has made on others. But he is not a man given to displaying an excess of emotion.

“What can you say?” he asks. “Not a day goes by that I don’t think of her.”

Tears well up in his tired eyes, but he won’t let them go. His wife of 23 years, Doris, is more talkative and openly emotional. Sweeney was like a daughter to her, she

says, although they only got together on visits, mostly during the summer. Todd and his first wife divorced when Sweeney was 10, and she continued to live with her mother in Nashua, N.H.

It’s not very difficult for family members to imagine what Sweeney, whom everyone called Amy, would have been doing this past year had she not been among the 3,008 victims of Sept. 11. She would have continued to love being a wife and mother, kept in close touch with her large circle of friends and family, and, of course, kept on flying.

The 12-year veteran of American Airlines was at a point in life where, it seems, she had everything she wanted. “She loved to fly, and she loved to travel,” says Todd. She especially relished trips to the Caribbean.

The flight to Los Angeles was also one of her favorites, Todd says, because she got a layover in California.

After Sweeney graduated from high school, before she married and went to flight attendant school, she took a year off to live and travel in California, says Todd. This was her one real fling with being totally carefree.

But shouldering responsibility was something Sweeney apparently did willingly, with a modest touch that endeared her to family, friends and colleagues, as well as passengers.

She was “a natural at being a flight attendant” wrote one of her peers in a tribute booklet put out by American Airlines and given to all the families of those who died on Flight 11. She was a genuine people person, it was said, always the first to volunteer when help was needed.

In her heroic death, Sweeney is forever linked with one colleague in particular, fellow flight attendant Betty Ong. The two women worked as a team to alert ground officials about what was happening.

The Todds have a tape of a Prime Time TV segment on the two women, hosted by Diane Sawyer. Sweeney’s husband, Mike, is featured along with several members of Ong’s family. So, too, are home videos of Sweeney playing and singing with her children.

But most of the program is devoted to what happened on Flight 11.

Doris Todd cries softly, and her husband sits stoically upright in his chair, as a Logan flight manager who got the first call recounts his conversations with Sweeney. “Amy, honey,” he began, “what’s going on?” Everything after that was dark—throats slashed, orders from hijackers—but Sweeney remained purposeful and calm through it all.

The Todds find this tape difficult to watch, but say they’ve looked at it several times. During the program, the Ong family reports that a bone and a flesh fragment from Betty Ong were recovered from the WTC site.

“Nothing was found of Amy,” says Todd, not even a bit of DNA. But this is not something to dwell on, he says. He’d rather hold the flag that was carried over a battlefield in her honor, or point out the sign in her memory attached to his truck, the one he drove in the June parade for A Reason to Ride, an organization that raises funds for disabled and homeless veterans.

There’s been talk, Todd says, that Sweeney and some other Sept. 11 heroes might be posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, and Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts are among those who have proposed Sweeney for the prestigious award.

The Todds haven’t gotten involved in the debate over what kind of memorial should be erected at Ground Zero, but they do have two thoughts on the subject. “It should be tall,” they say. “And it should have all the names, like the Vietnam War Memorial.”

Sweeney didn’t have enough information in that early hour of Sept. 11 to go on the offensive, like the crew and passengers of

United Flight 93, forced down in a field in Pennsylvania. But she died in service to her passengers and, it turned out, to her country.

It's almost impossible to find a source of gratitude in the horror of Sept. 11. But the Todds say they're at least glad to know that almost to the last moment Madeline Amy Todd Sweeney was not living in terror, but helping others.

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Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 401, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION FOR REACHING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 442) recognizing the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for reaching its 100th Anniversary and for the many vital contributions of its members in the transportation construction industry to the American economy and quality of life through the multi-modal transportation infrastructure network its members have designed, built, and managed over the past century.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 442

Whereas, founded in 1902 by Horatio Sawyer Earle, a visionary Michigan public official, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association is the Nation's oldest national association exclusively representing the transportation construction industry;

Whereas, for a century, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association has successfully advocated for strong Federal investment in transportation infrastructure, highlighted by the world's greatest road network, the Dwight David Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways;

Whereas the transportation construction industry that the American Road and Transportation Builders Association represents works to constantly improve America's transportation network, including our Nation's roads, bridges, airports, mass transit

systems, ports, and waterways that are the foundation on which the Nation's economy stands and grows;

Whereas the American Road and Transportation Builders Association incorporates educational, research, and charitable efforts to advance the transportation construction industry, improve transportation education, maintain the highest industry standards of excellence, and ensure the public health, safety, and welfare; and

Whereas the multi-modal transportation infrastructure network that American Road and Transportation Association members have designed, built, and managed over the past century, in partnership with government at all levels, has made America's economy the envy of the world and provided the American people with an unmatched quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) acknowledges the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for its 100th Anniversary;

(2) commends the many achievements of the transportation construction industry; and

(3) encourages the American Road and Transportation Builders Association to continue its tradition of excellence in service to the transportation construction industry and to the public.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI).

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association is the Nation's oldest national association exclusively representing the transportation construction industry. I have worked with ARTBA on many legislative issues, and they have played and will continue to play a large role in the development of our country's transportation infrastructure.

Founded by Horatio Earle, ARTBA has consistently advocated a strong Federal investment in our transportation network and has played an integral role in the development of the Dwight David Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways, known as our interstate system.

Under the leadership of ARTBA, the transportation construction industry maintains the highest standards of excellence to ensure the public safety and welfare of those traveling throughout these United States.

I look forward to working with ARTBA as Congress moves forward with reauthorization of TEA 21 next year. I urge the Congress to join me in commending ARTBA and its members for their 100 years of service to the construction industry and the important work they do every day in building America.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI)

and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BORSKI) for moving forward with H. Con. Res. 442, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, also known as ARTBA.

For more than a century, ARTBA has carried forth the visionary efforts of its founder, Horatio S. Earle. The legacy of this organization rests firmly on the guiding principles of its founder to improve the Nation's transportation system. Horatio Earle advocated an interstate system to link the Nation's capital with every State capital throughout the Nation. Mr. Earle's vision was realized with the creation of the Highway Trust Fund to provide funding for the construction of the Nation's highway interstate highway system.

From its inception, ARTBA has advocated strong Federal investment in the Nation's transportation infrastructure, to meet the public demand for safe and efficient travel and shipment of goods. ARTBA has led the efforts to increase the level of funding for transportation and infrastructure improvements. Through its leadership, perseverance, and skills of its organization, ARTBA has established a legacy that has helped to strengthen the American economy.

Today, ARTBA represents an industry that generates more than \$200 billion in United States economic activity annually and sustains the employment of 2.2 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is a high honor to recognize ARTBA for its 100 years of continuing support for the Nation's transportation. As the Congress moves forward with legislation to reauthorize the surface transportation programs, I look forward to working with ARTBA to assist in building a national transportation system that will continue to serve this great Nation.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 442, which recognizes the American Road and Transportation Builders 100th Anniversary, ARTBA, I want to publicly commend our Nation's oldest association exclusively representing the transportation construction industry. For a full century, ARTBA has been a strong and successful advocate for federal investment in transportation infrastructure. As the legislation notes, the construction and upkeep of our Nation's roads, bridges, airports, mass transit systems, ports and waterways are the foundation on which America's economy stands and grows. Our transportation network also allows Americans to pursue their constitutional Right to Travel. On behalf of West Virginia, I suggest that as many Americans as possible should exercise their Right to Travel by using available transportation opportunities in order to come to our fine state where they can visit its cities, towns, and scenic vistas.

Transportation construction has been vital to West Virginia's improving industrial and communications networks. This, in turn, creates greater job and education opportunities. Recent flood control and community restoration efforts were also made possible by the ability to utilize multiple transportation modes. In addition, transportation construction has greatly