say and do.'' These basic, timeless values prepare our girls to take on the mantle of leadership as they enter adulthood. And for that, I congratulate the Girl Scouts of America for their invaluable contribution to the success of our girls and the good of America.

THE FALLEN HEROES FLAG ACT OF 2002, H.R. 3968

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I introduce H.R. 3968, the Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2002. This Act provides for a flag flown over our Capitol to the immediate family of our nation's brave firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians (EMT's), and to other relief workers whose lives are lost in the line of duty. This Act ensures that our future generations of public servants who may pay the ultimate price for their service to our communities and our nation are accorded the honor, the dignity and respect that they deserve.

As we pass the six-month anniversary of the barbaric terrorist acts perpetrated against the people of our great nation, we are reminded, once again, of the heroic acts of bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice that our firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians and other relief workers rendered to us. Their great heroism was not just exhibited by those who following their rescue efforts, re-entered the crumbling buildings with the certain knowledge that they would pay the ultimate price; but for those who labored at Ground Zero, day after day, searching not only for survivors, but for their brave colleagues and our fellow citizens who perished on that day.

All too often we take our firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMT's, and relief and rescue workers for granted. The events of September 11th provided us with a glimpse into their lives, hard work, excellence, devotion to public service and to our communities that our brave public servants give each and every day. We must never forget the great service that they provide to our nation!

Mr. Speaker, as is customary with our fallen military heroes, this act will provide the immediate family member of our fallen public servants with the symbol of our great nation—our flag, as a tribute for the respect, admiration and appreciation that must be accorded to our brave firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians and our relief and rescue workers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Accordingly, I urge all of our colleagues to join as co-sponsors of the Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2002, as our way of honoring the work and lives of our brave, devoted and dedicated fallen heroes.

H.R. 3968

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2002''.

SEC. 2. PROVIDING CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESCUE WORKERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the immediate family of a fire fighter, law enforcement officer, emergency technician, or other rescue worker who died in the line of duty, the Representative of the family may provide the family with a Capitol-flown flag, together with the certificate described in subsection (c).

(b) NO COST TO FAMILY.—A flag provided under this section shall be provided at no cost to the family.

(c) CERTIFICATE.—The certificate described in this subsection is a certificate which is signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Representative providing the flag, and which contains an expression of sympathy from the House of Representatives for the family involved, as prepared and developed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term ''Capitol-flown flag'' means a United States flag flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the deceased individual for whom such flag is requested; and

(2) the term ''Representative'' includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Clerk shall issue regulations for carrying out this Act, including regulations to establish procedures (including any appropriate forms, guidelines, and accompanying certificates) for requesting a Capitol-flown flag.

(b) APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—The regulations issued by the Clerk under subsection (a) shall take effect upon approval by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect October 1, 2002, except that no flags may be provided under section 2 until the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives approves the regulations issued by the Clerk of the House of Representatives under section 3.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EDITH BRISKER VILLASTRIGO

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and deep respect in paying tribute to a woman with the courage to envision a peaceful world. Mrs. Edith Brisker Villastrigo passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2001, in Silver Spring, MD.

Mrs. Villastrigo's commitment and dedication to peace in the world, as well as to other issues affecting women spanned for more than four decades.

Mrs. Villastrigo immigrated to the United States from Gomel, Russia, in the 1920s. Her long record of activism began with union organizing in Chicago, Illinois, and Pittsburgh, PA.

A visionary and advocate for peace, Mrs. Villastrigo helped lead the Women Strike for Peace organization, opposed the Vietnam War and challenged the Nixon administration and its policies by protesting at the Washington Monument.

In the 1980s, she fought for peace on an even broader scale, helping to lead protests against Star Wars and nuclear proliferation. Her passion inspired us all.

Mrs. Villastrigo's death represents a tremendous loss to the peace community as well to her family, friends, admirers, and supporters. But as we mourn her death, we also remember the legacy of hope and inspiration Edith left behind as a true leader and voice for peace.

Her passion and mission for peace show us how one person's vision, dreams and actions can inspire and make a difference for all who seek peace in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the late Mrs. Villastrigo's children, her sister, her grandchildren, her friends and supporters throughout the world.

To Mrs. Villastrigo—may the world receive the love, peace, and compassion you gave it. God Bless.

IN HONOR OF UCI UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCE STUDENTS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor eight undergraduate science students from the University of California, Irvine for their award-winning work at the student poster competition at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) Annual Meeting.

Biological sciences majors Rafael Gonzalez, Matilde Gonzalez, Sylvia Jaramillo, and psychology major Bonnie Sue Poytress won first place recognition for their posters. Biological science majors Cheryse Furman, Kathi Lynn Hamor, David Hernandez, and Sarah Lopez earned honorable mentions for their entries.

The AAAS is the world's largest organization of scientists. The AAAS Annual Meeting offered an interdisciplinary blend of more than 130 symposia, plenary and topical lectures, poster presentations and exhibits. The poster session included about 300 posters presented by national and international undergraduate and graduate students.

Scientific posters provide a visual snapshot of a research project, using a brief amount of text and extensive visuals to explain the work. These posters are usually presented with others of a similar topic and are judged for the quality and originality of the data.

I am extremely proud to represent such talented minds! Please join me in honoring these eight UCI undergraduate students for their hard work and achievements.