

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE TRAGIC EVENTS 9/11/01

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the eve of the anniversary of one of the darkest hours in our great nation's history, to honor the memory of twenty-two Prince William County residents who were victims of the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001.

The horrible and senseless acts of random violence that took place two years ago in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania have left an indelible mark on our nation and have forever changed the course of history. As we take this opportunity to reflect upon the catastrophic loss incurred by our country on that day, it is our duty to ensure that the memory of those who suffered the greatest loss of all not be forgotten.

I would like to take a moment to honor each citizen individually by name. Sergeant First Class John J. Chada, USA (Ret.) of Manassas; Storekeeper 3 Jamie L. Fallon, USN of Lake Ridge; Ms. Amelia V. Fields of Dumfries; Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Hymel, USAF (Ret.) of Lake Ridge; Sergeant Major Lacey B. Ivory, USA of Woodbridge; Ms. Judith L. Jones of Dale City; Mr. David W. Laychak of Manassas; Mr. James T. Lynch, Jr. of Manassas; Mr. Robert J. Maxwell of Manassas; Ms. Molly L. McKenzie of Dale City; Ms. Diana B. Padro of Woodbridge; Ms. Rhonda S. Rasmussen of Lake Ridge; Mr. Edward V. Rowenhorst of Lake Ridge; Ms. Judy Rowlett of Woodbridge; Mr. Donald D. Simmons of Dumfries; Ms. Cheryle D. Sincok of Dumfries; Interior Communications Electrician Gregg H. Smallwood, USN of Woodbridge; Sergeant Major Larry L. Strickland, USA of Woodbridge; Ms. Sandra L. White of Dumfries; Mr. Jeff Simpson of Woodbridge; Mr. Gene Edward Malloy of Manassas; and Mr. Craig Miller.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in saluting these Prince William County residents who were lost in the events of September 11, 2001. Through this tribute may our respect and remembrance, never fade.

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP BRIDENBAUGH, M.D.

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. Phillip Bridenbaugh, a friend and distinguished constituent. He is stepping down as Chair of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center after 26 years of outstanding service.

For more than a quarter century, Dr. Bridenbaugh has dedicated himself to the medical community in Cincinnati. He has built strong relationships with key volunteers, gov-

ernment officials, and his staff. He also has been a close and valuable adviser to me and the Administration on important health care issues affecting our nation.

He has also been active nationally on anesthesiology issues. He is a member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists, a diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists. He also has invested a great deal of his time with the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and has served as ASA president (1996 to 1997), president-elect (1995 to 1996), first vice president (1994 to 1995), and vice president for scientific affairs (1992 to 1994). In addition, he is past president of the Washington State and Ohio Societies of Anesthesiologists, the American Society of Regional Anesthesia, and the Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs.

Dr. Bridenbaugh received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska School of Medicine. He served his anesthesiology residency at Virginia Mason Hospital, and was a National Institutes of Health trainee in anesthesiology for two years at Stanford University and at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dr. Bridenbaugh also has been very active with several professional journals, serving as associate editor of ASA's journal Anesthesiology since 1984, associate editor of the journal Anesthesia and Analgesia from 1989 to 1994, and editor-in-chief of the journal Regional Anesthesia from 1986 to 1989. He is co-editor of the textbook "Neural Blockade, Pain Management."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Dr. Bridenbaugh's many accomplishments as he steps down as Chair of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Cincinnati. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank him for his outstanding dedication to our community, and we wish Dr. Bridenbaugh and his wife, Dr. Diann Bridenbaugh all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAKS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of Saks, of Anniston, Alabama, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

First Baptist Church of Saks began as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on September 10, 1927, with 13 charter members. Those early meetings were held in the home of the members. On November 7, 1927, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Harkins donated one-half acre of land to be used as a building site for a sanctuary. That first building was constructed of wood and seated approximately 200 people.

On October 7, 1945, the first full-time pastor, Reverend Grover Shaddix, was called to serve the church. In May of 1955, the first Pastor's home was dedicated. Then, approximately one year later, on May 4, 1960, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church became First Baptist Church of Saks. In June of 1960, the first service was held in the church's second

sanctuary, a brick building able to accommodate 500 people.

In 1967, the kindergarten program began at the church; and in 1974, a 23,000 square foot educational building was completed. By 1977, the church had begun its current Day Care program known as Weekday Early Education. That was the same year that the state-of-the-art pipe organ was purchased.

In 1990, First Baptist Church of Saks dedicated its third sanctuary seating 1200 people. In 1995, the church began their TV ministry, which currently reaches homes in greater Calhoun County, Alabama; Gadsden, Alabama; and the northeast and east central Alabama area.

I am proud to salute First Baptist Church of Saks on its 75th anniversary.

EXPRESSING SORROW FOR FAMILIES OF SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the two-year anniversary of the worst attack on American soil in our history. Once again I would like to express my sorrow for the families of the September 11 victims and all those who have lost their lives in the war on terrorism.

The power of the American spirit shall never again be underestimated. On September 11 and the days since, America has shown everyone that a strong, vibrant nation faced with adversity can come together unlike any nation on earth. America has distinguished itself as the shining beacon of democracy throughout the world. When attacked, and freedom is in danger, we have proven that freedom will prevail. I am proud to see American citizens reflect on this day, whether by displaying flags or sharing a moment of silence.

The memories of that tragic day will always be remembered and reflected upon by the First District of Florida. May God bless our military men and women, and these United States.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Sanders amendment, which would protect the pensions of older workers who have seen their retirement benefits slashed by as much as 50 percent as a result of age discriminatory cash balance pension conversions.

On July 31, a federal court ruled that IBM's cash balance pension plan violates federal

anti-age discrimination law. The court found that IBM knew that older workers would lose up to 47 percent of their pensions under the cash balance conversion. This ruling was a welcome outcome for the 130,000 IBM employees who were represented in the case—and for the millions of other Americans whose employers have already converted to one of these age discriminatory plans or might in the future.

The Treasury Department is moving ahead with proposed regulations that permit the same cash balance pension plans that the court ruled are illegal. The Sanders amendment would specifically prohibit the IRS from issuing regulations that would conflict with this federal court ruling.

It has now been nearly two years since the collapse of Enron, more than a year since the collapse of WorldCom, and what has this body done to protect the pensions of American workers? Not a thing. We have passed legislation—legislation that fails to allow employees the right to fully diversify their stock, legislation that fails to hold executives who are fiduciaries of the pension plan accountable if they violate the law—executives like Ken Lay. We have passed legislation that allows employers to give the same conflicted financial advice the Republicans tried to push on the American workers last fall before the Enron scandal broke.

And today, if the Administration's rule is allowed to go forward, we head back down the same road. With companies like Xerox, Georgia Pacific and the Bank of Boston already having switched from traditional defined benefit plans to cash balance pension plans that leave older employees with their pensions slashed by up to 50 percent, this rule would actually make it easier for more companies to adopt such practices. It would make it easier for companies like Motorola to put another \$38 million into the retirement funds of their executives while they contribute not a cent to their workers' already underfunded pension fund. Quite frankly, this rule does absolutely nothing to limit runaway executive compensation or protect employees from these unfair benefit cuts.

It seems obvious to everyone but this Republican majority and Administration that our pension rules do not do enough to protect helpless employees. It does not protect them from being locked out of their pension plans while their life savings go down the drain or protect them from venal executives who would take their money and run. The majority seems to think that is somehow acceptable behavior.

Today, with the Sanders amendment, we have an opportunity to protect the working men and women in this country. We can tell them today that, yes, we want to protect your pensions because the fruits of your life's work have to be there for you and your family when you retire. That is what this country is built on. That is what our values are. That is the direction we should go in.

I urge my colleagues to support the Sanders amendment.

SEPTEMBER 11

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, the world watched in horror as nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93, that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

September 11 is one of the defining events of an entire generation. Each of us vividly remembers where we were and how we heard the news of the attacks. Like so many others, I watched as the second plane slammed into the World Trade Center, and then as the two towers came crashing down. I heard the reports of the attack on the Pentagon, then the news that the last plane had crashed in Pennsylvania. And like all Americans, I sat in shock and horror worrying about the safety of my loved ones.

I was lucky enough to find out that everyone I knew was safe. Many were not so lucky. The events of September 11 helped me to take stock in my life and to appreciate the enormous sacrifice of ordinary Americans.

This tragic moment in our history produced a new definition of the word "hero." You could see this exemplified on Halloween in 2001 when children across America traded in their Superman and Spiderman costumes for those of fireman, policeman and paramedics. On September 11th children witnessed real heroes—the firemen who rushed into the burning Twin Towers, the police who did everything possible to rescue those in need, and the medical personnel who tirelessly worked to save lives. It has been said before, but should be remembered everyday—these ordinary people did extraordinary things without hesitation and with enormous sacrifice.

There were also heroes in the sky that day. The brave passengers of Flight 93 saved the lives of others by forcing their plane to the ground. What an incredible act of self-sacrifice! And let's not forget the workers who came to ground zero day after day to sift through the rubble, looking for survivors, and eventually looking for the remains of the victims. They are heroes.

On the 2nd Anniversary of September 11th, I think again of my loved ones and I want to say to all the families and friends who lost someone on this heartbreaking day—you are heroes. You have endured an unthinkable loss and yet everyday find the strength to go on. I admire your courage and resilience. You are a great inspiration to all Americans.

Let us honor the valor and sacrifice of these heroes by living life to the fullest. Let us reflect on their actions and lives and be inspired to build a better America.

**FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT
TRANSACTIONS ACT OF 2003**

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2622) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chairman, quick, effective, and accurate exchange of information is critical to our current financial system. Technology has improved this information exchange, which benefits both businesses and consumers.

However, technological reliance has also led to credit report inaccuracies and instances of identity theft that have hurt consumers in Oregon and across the nation. According to a recent Federal Trade Commission report, 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year at a cost of \$5 billion to them and \$48 billion to businesses.

Oregon is one of most states that do not have laws that protect consumers from identity theft and this bill will greatly benefit my constituents. It is essential that we protect consumers from identity theft and other abuses and ensure credit reports are accurate and accessible. I support the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act which will do just that.

However, I am concerned about the ability and commitment to strengthening consumer protections as time goes on. This bill preempts state laws, which in some instances may be stronger than this legislation, and will prevent states from passing stronger consumer protections in the areas of privacy and identity theft. I worry that by passing good legislation that raises the bar for privacy standards, we may actually be creating a ceiling for future improvements. I supported an amendment to sunset this legislation so that Congress will be forced to revisit its effectiveness and fairness for consumers.

TRIBUTE TO RITA RICCARDO

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Riccardo of South Plainfield, New Jersey.

On September 1, 2003, Mrs. Rita F. Riccardo passed away at the age of 77. I had the privilege of knowing this loving, compassionate and remarkable woman. As a mother of three children she had an unyielding dedication to the sanctity of life. She was loving and compassionate to anyone who knew her.

Mrs. Riccardo was a member of the New Jersey Right to Life for 30 years. She worked diligently for her cause by organizing local groups for marches and parades. She was a selfless woman who put her community first. She was a member of several community organizations and the president of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church.

I believe that her family and community will always remember her service and most importantly, her great spirit. It is in her honor today that I stand before you.