

safety and educational programs. These programs save lives. It is our responsibility to see to it that there is no interruption of this program, and we are fulfilling this responsibility today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 3649 to ensure that our States receive the necessary matching funds for their recreational boating safety programs between August 15, 2005, and October 1, 2005.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I include for the RECORD an exchange of letters between the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG) and the gentleman from California (Chairman THOMAS) regarding H.R. 3649.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, September 6, 2005.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YOUNG: I am writing concerning H.R. 3649, the "Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act of 2005," which is scheduled for floor consideration under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, September 7, 2005.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over the Internal Revenue Code. Title III of this bill amends the Internal Revenue Code by making technical and conforming corrections, and thus falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means. However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this bill. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 3649, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, September 6, 2005.

Hon. WILLIAM M. THOMAS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Longworth Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter of September 6, 2005 regarding H.R. 3649, the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act of 2005. Your assistance in expediting House consideration of the bill is very much appreciated.

I agree that there are certain provisions in the bill that are of jurisdictional interest to the Committee on Ways and Means and I agree that by foregoing action on the bill, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdiction. Be assured that I will support your request to be represented in a conference on those provisions in the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee in this bill or similar legislation.

As you have requested, I will include this exchange of letters in the Record when the bill is on the Floor. Thank you for your cooperation and your continued leadership and

support in sportfishing and boating safety matters.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation, H.R. 3649, the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3649.

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. SHUSTER. 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.

HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas on September 11, 2001, acts of war involving the hijacking of commercial airplanes were committed against the United States, killing and injuring thousands of innocent people;

Whereas 1 of the hijacked planes, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed in a field in Pennsylvania;

Whereas while Flight 93 was still in the air, the passengers and crew, through cellular phone conversations with loved ones on the ground, learned that other hijacked airplanes had been used to attack the United States;

Whereas during those phone conversations, several of the passengers indicated that there was an agreement among the passengers and crew to try to overpower the hijackers who had taken over Flight 93;

Whereas Congress established the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly referred to as "the 9-11 Commission") to study the September 11, 2001, attacks and how they occurred;

Whereas the 9-11 Commission concluded that "the nation owes a debt to the passengers of Flight 93. Their actions saved the lives of countless others, and may have saved either the U.S. Capitol or the White House from destruction."; and

Whereas the crash of Flight 93 resulted in the death of everyone on board: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the United States owes the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 deep respect and gratitude for their decisive actions and efforts of bravery;

(2) the United States extends its condolences to the families and friends of the passengers and crew of Flight 93;

(3) not later than October 1, 2006, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives shall select an appropriate memorial that shall be located in the United States Capitol and that shall honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who saved the United States Capitol from destruction; and

(4) the memorial shall state the purpose of the honor and the names of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 on whom the honor is bestowed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. Con. Res. 26.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

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

On Sunday, we remembered one of the most tragic days in our Nation's history, a day in which we lost 3,000 of our relatives, neighbors, friends and countrymen. These people were lost because of the actions of 19 terrorists who sought to inflict pain on our country and bring us to our knees. They did not.

Four of these terrorist found out firsthand that America and Americans are not to be taken lightly and that we are people of action.

Though the story of Flight 93 is well known by all, it is a story that bears repeating.

On that fateful day, the 40 passengers and crew of a hijacked airplane, made aware through phone calls of the fate of the three other hijacked airplanes, took action to protect lives on the ground.

They acted in a way that I am confident the passengers and crew of the three other planes hijacked that day would surely have acted had they been aware of what was happening. The passengers and crew of Flight 93 acted in a way that should make us all proud. They knew the risks they were facing, yet acted anyway.

It is a significant feat what these 40 patriots did, equal to the shot heard around the world in Lexington and Concord or the Alamo in Texas. The very place that Flight 93 went down, I

believe, is providence, because it is in proximity to another major event in our history.

It is a reminder to all Americans that freedom is not easy, and the event of which I speak of is the Whiskey Rebellion, which occurred in 1794, just the first year of George Washington's second term, when there was a rebellion in Pennsylvania. George Washington rode to Pennsylvania, to a town just 10 miles south of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, to put down that rebellion and establish or continue to establish our democracy.

It is important for us in America to remember that it was hard 210 years ago to establish democracy, and it is hard today. So we all need to remember that story of Berlin, Pennsylvania, the Whiskey Rebellion, just 10 miles south of Shanksville, where the first counterattack on the war on terrorism occurred in the skies over Somerset, Pennsylvania. And those passengers of Flight 93 are an example for all Americans to live up to today and into the future.

This resolution authorizes the permanent memorial here in the Capitol to the passengers and crew of Flight 93, whose actions certainly saved lives on 9/11. Many, including the 9/11 Commission, believe they may have saved this very building and many of us who work here.

It is my expectation that whatever memorial is established will complement, not compete with the memorial that will be constructed in Shanksville, where Flight 93 eventually crashed.

I look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to bring this appropriate recognition of heroism and bravery to this hallowed building. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I join other Members in strong support of this resolution and acknowledge the special bond that exists between the passengers from Flight 93 and not only the personnel who work in the Capitol but also the citizens of the District, those who were harmed and who died at the Pentagon and, of course, those who were victims in New York at the Twin Towers.

Although we will never know the final destination for Flight 93, we are all profoundly grateful to those heroic passengers for their collective acts of courage that may have saved the Capitol or the White House from severe damage.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 memorializes them and their valiant efforts as well. A site will be selected here in the Capitol. The purpose of the memorial as well as the names of the crew and passengers will, of course, be inscribed on the memorial.

We strongly support the resolution and urge its passage.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewomen from Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of this concurrent resolution to honor the brave men and women of Flight 93.

As all Americans learned from the transcripts of the 9/11 Commission, a brave group of individuals took their own futures and potentially the lives of thousands who work in D.C. and charged the cockpit door of Flight 93.

While their heroic deeds thwarted the plans of the 9/11 hijackers to crash the airplane into the Capitol or the White House, it cost them their lives when the plane crashed into that remote Pennsylvania field.

While the resolution that we will pass this afternoon authorizes a memorial to Flight 93 victims here in the United States Capitol, it is the memories of individual victims that drive us and that we will keep in our memories.

I would like to specifically recognize the contribution of one outstanding individual on Flight 93, Mr. Mark Bingham. Described as a charming and outgoing man by all who knew him, Mark used his experience as a rugby player to help break down that cockpit door. His efforts were truly heroic and will not be forgotten.

Just last week I met with Mark's father, Gerald Bingham, who is my constituent from the Fifth Congressional District in Florida.

Gerald and his family have spent the last 4 years fighting and advocating for an appropriate memorial to recognize the sacrifices of their son, Mark, as well as the other men and women who gave their lives that fateful day.

I am very proud to stand on the floor of the U.S. House to let Gerald and his family know that the sacrifices of his son will forever be consecrated in an appropriate manner here in the United States Capitol.

In closing, I certainly would like to thank Senator CONRAD for sponsoring this resolution as well as the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) for bringing this tribute to the floor today.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on the resolution.

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), for yielding me time, and I thank the sponsor of this bill for introducing it.

We all rise today to honor the passengers and the crew of United Airlines Flight 93. They gave their lives so that others might live, and I strongly sup-

port S. Con. Res. 26, which commemorates the courageous actions of these 40 passengers and crew. The passengers thwarted a potentially dangerous attack on a target here in Washington. Without their sacrifice, it is possible that many of us would not be here today. This building in which we stand perhaps would not be here, and almost certainly many innocent civilians would have died.

Eighteen of those brave men and women on board Flight 93 were from New Jersey. One of those brave souls lived in Cranberry, New Jersey. He is one of the people on board we recognize. He has become something of a symbol.

Todd Beamer was a respected businessman who stood out in a national company. He was a man of deep religious faith. He was involved with his family, a loving father who looked forward to the upcoming birth of his third child. He was a caring and devoted husband to his wife, Lisa, whom I would also like to recognize and honor here today. It was his famous phrase, "Let's roll," that helped inspire our Nation to meet his high standard of shared sacrifice and to remind Americans in those dark days following September 11 that America would not just survive but America would thrive.

This body authorized the naming of the United States Post Office in Cranberry after Todd Beamer. And each time I see the Todd Beamer Post Office, I am reminded that individual Americans can and do extraordinary things.

Americans are willing to sacrifice in the name of accomplishing something greater than one person. This country has always depended on this unique character, and it was always my hope that people would use this post office with an understanding of this American characteristic and that they would pause to reflect on the sacrifice of the individual but also on their roles, what they can do in small and large acts of bravery.

Todd Beamer was not alone. With him were other New Jerseyans and Americans who shared his values and commitment to save others. Richard Guadagno was another outstanding passenger of Flight 93. Raised in Trenton, Richard was the manager of the Humbolt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in California, and was on his way back to Eureka, California, after visiting his family in New Jersey and attending his grandmother's 100th birthday party. He too made the sacrifice. I had an opportunity to talk with his parents, and I was struck by how remarkable and compassionate Richard Guadagno was. Today we honor him and all the other passengers and crew members.

Recalling the legacy of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 reminds Americans that we need heroes every day. Lisa and Todd Beamer's children can grow up knowing that their father acted bravely at a time when others

were in need; and he will always be remembered as a hero, along with his fellow passengers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to support this resolution, and I thank the sponsors for introducing it. As it is said in Jewish tradition, whoever saves a single life is honored as though he saved an entire world.

I honor those on Flight 93 whose brave acts saved the lives of so many Americans.

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, on September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of this flight saved the Capitol from attack. The Members and staff who work in this building owe our very lives to these American heroes.

In September of 2004, I authored the American Heroes Act, co-sponsored by 16 Republicans and Democrats, which called on a commissioning of a statue here in the Capitol for the Flight 93 heroes. In my view, the statue should be located at the entrance of the new \$500 million Capitol Visitor Center to be opened next year.

If placed there, it would be the first thing American school kids and other visitors would see when they enter this temple of democracy. They would see modern American heroes who saved this Capitol, who gave their lives and whose heroism is encompassed in the personal and recent memory of all living Americans.

As a former member of the legislative branch appropriations subcommittee, I worked on many aspects of the visitors center; and as a member now of the full committee where legislative branch issues are considered, I am working with the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) to make sure we find the funds for this statue for these heroes.

Working closely with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) of the Committee on House Administration, it is my hope by next September 11 we are on our way to make sure that the first thing visitors see is a reminder of the brave Americans who saved this Capitol 4 years ago.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join today to pass this legislation that will establish a permanent memorial here in the Capitol to honor those 40 American patriots who undoubtedly saved lives on 9/11 by sacrificing their own lives. As we vote today, let us remember the final words of Todd Beamer and that is: "Let's roll."

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, which pays tribute to the heroic efforts of the passengers and crew of United Airlines

Flight 93. Their decisive and brave decision to overtake the September 11 terrorists likely saved the lives of countless Congressional Members and staffers, as well as the U.S. Capitol or White House from almost certain destruction.

The San Jose community I represent was especially saddened by the loss of Captain Jason Matthew Dahl, the pilot of Flight 93 and a true American hero. Jason grew up in San Jose, and his parents, who were the proprietors of Dahl's Dairy Delivery, used to deliver milk to Hillsdale Elementary School, where I served as principal.

From his childhood years, Jason had a strong desire to fly. He first manifested his affinity for flight during his years at Sylvandale, where he started building radio-controlled airplanes. He then joined the Civil Air Patrol, and was soon taking flying lessons from Amelia Reid at Reid Hillview Airport. He was a quick study, and was flying solo by the youthful age of 16. During this early period, Jason gave his father a photograph, depicting the two of them standing in front of a Cessna, on which Jason had written: "Maybe someday this will be a 747."

Jason attended my alma mater, San Jose State University, from 1975 to 1980, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Operations. Jason was soon hired by Ron Nelson Construction as a corporate pilot. A few years later, he applied to the commercial airlines, and he realized his dream when he got the call from United Airlines in June 1985, where he steadily moved up the ranks.

His passionate devotion to this endeavor was only matched during his lifetime by his devotion to his family. Balancing the demands of career and family is a daunting challenge, especially for a pilot, but family was greatly important to Jason. No matter how busy his flight schedule, he always made the time for his wife, Sandy, and his children, Matt and Jennifer.

Captain Dahl was an emblem of the American dream. He was doing what he loved to do when he lost his life along with thousands of others in the horrible assault on our Nation that occurred on September 11. His courage and the courage of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 was reflective of the spirit displayed in abundance by so many Americans that day.

It is fitting that we honor those who gave their lives on Flight 93 through passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, which acknowledges the great debt we owe them and extends condolences to their family and friends. The resolution also establishes a bipartisan, bicameral congressional panel to select an appropriate memorial honoring the passengers and crew of Flight 93. The memorial—to be placed in the Capitol—will be a permanent tribute to the forty selfless individuals who overcame fear and mobilized into action to defend their fellow Americans.

I join my colleagues in their strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 26.

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 26.

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. SHUSTER. Madam 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.

DANDINI RESEARCH PARK CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 252) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 252

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 "Dandini Research Park Conveyance Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) BOARD OF REGENTS.—The term "Board of Regents" means the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey to the Board of Regents, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 467 acres of land located in Washoe County, Nevada, patented to the University of Nevada under the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the "Recreation and Public Purposes Act") (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), and described in paragraph (2).

(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in paragraph (1) is—

(A) the parcel of land consisting of approximately 309.11 acres and more particularly described as T. 20 N., R. 19 E., Sec. 25, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada; and

(B) the parcel of land consisting of approximately 158.22 acres and more particularly described as T. 20 N., R. 19 E., Sec. 25, lots 6 and 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada.

(b) COSTS.—The Board of Regents shall pay to the United States an amount equal to the costs of the Secretary associated with the conveyance under subsection (a)(1).

(c) CONDITIONS.—If the Board of Regents sells any portion of the land conveyed to the Board of Regents under subsection (a)(1)—

(1) the amount of consideration for the sale shall reflect fair market value, as determined by an appraisal; and

(2) the Board of Regents shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale, for use by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Nevada, without further appropriation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from