

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

Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GIBBONS. 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. 252.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of Senate 252, the Dandini Research Park Conveyance Act, which was introduced in the Senate by Senator HARRY REID and co-sponsored by Senator JOHN ENSIGN.

I was proud to introduce the companion legislation in the House, and I am pleased to be here today to champion passage of this important bill.

This legislation will direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 467 acres of land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

The land is patented under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, which now prevents the Board of Regents from expanding a university-sponsored research park that provides for technology transfer, science-based economic development, and partnering among academic, governmental, and industrial sectors in Nevada.

Known as the Dandini Research Park, the land is currently used by leading research and education institutions in Nevada, including the Truckee Meadows Community College and the Desert Research Institute.

The research being done by TMCC and DRI at the Dandini Research Park benefits not only Nevada but communities across the western United States. The science park stands as a great example of a successful public/private partnership that brings the highest quality researchers to this educational facility.

For example, DRI is a world-class nonprofit research campus of the Nevada Higher Education System, and their research is driven by a special emphasis in atmospheric, Earth and ecosystem, and hydrologic sciences.

Additionally, DRI has three state-of-the-art interdisciplinary centers for arid lands, watershed and environmental sustainability, and environmental remediation and monitoring.

DRI's research has helped provide innovative and important advancements in their field and has increased demand for their expertise. The state-of-the-art research being conducted at the Dandini site has resulted in the need to expand these facilities. However, since

the University and Community College System of Nevada does not own the land of the Dandini Research Park, they are unable to obtain financing to expand the science center.

Today's bill allows for the transfer of this land to allow the Board of Regents to develop and expand the Northern Nevada Science Center. Additionally, the bill mandates that net proceeds of any future sale of this property would be returned to the Secretary of the Interior for use by the Bureau of Land Management.

The goal of much of the work being done at the Dandini Research Project is to provide innovative solutions to maintaining the vital balance between environmental protection and the development of our natural resources.

This work helps us to better understand how we can live in harmony with our environment.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to pass this noncontroversial bill that is supported by the entire Nevada delegation and which passed the Senate in July. This bill will allow Nevada's leading education and research institutes to continue to expand upon their great work on behalf of Nevada and this great country, as well as our environment.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, before I speak to S. 252, I would just like to voice my support also for S. Con. Res. 26, honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 that was just before this body.

The legislation which we are discussing now, S. 252, is technical in nature and once approved will allow the University and Community College System in Nevada to expand ongoing research activities at the Dandini facility. This is a noncontroversial measure which passed the Senate by unanimous consent in July.

The distinguished Senate minority leader is to be commended for his tireless efforts on behalf of this legislation and for his commitment to supporting important research in our Nation's academic institutions.

On the House side, the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY), a co-sponsor of the House companion legislation, has also taken a leadership role in making certain this legislation is approved. And we also commend the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for his work and leadership on this bill.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker would like to voice my strong support for S. 252.

As a cosponsor of the House-introduced version of this bill, H.R. 542, I am well aware of the positive impact the transfer of this land will have on the University and Community College System of Nevada. Located in Reno,

Nevada, this tract of land, known as the Dandini Research Park, is currently restricted under the provisions and authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

If this bill were to be signed into law, the Board of Regents for the University and Community College System of Nevada would like to turn this land into a University-sponsored research park that would provide science-based economic development, technology transfer, and the furthering of intergovernmental, academic and industrial partnerships in Nevada.

Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to speak on this important bill.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 252.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CARIBBEAN NATIONAL FOREST ACT OF 2005

Mr. FORTUÑO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 539) to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 539

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 "Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **MAP.**—The term "map" means the map dated April 13, 2004, and entitled "El Toro Proposed Wilderness Area".

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

SEC. 3. WILDERNESS DESIGNATION, CARIBBEAN NATIONAL FOREST, PUERTO RICO.

(a) **EL TORO WILDERNESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the approximately 10,000 acres of land in the Caribbean National Forest/Luquillo Experimental Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as generally depicted on the map are designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

(2) **DESIGNATION.**—The land designated in paragraph (1) shall be known as the El Toro Wilderness.

(3) **WILDERNESS BOUNDARIES.**—The El Toro Wilderness shall consist of the land generally depicted on the map.

(b) **MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

(A) prepare a boundary description of the El Toro Wilderness; and