

TRIBUTE TO GANTT'S
EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Gantt's Excavation and Construction of Martinsburg, West Virginia; a recent recipient of the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Defense Employer Support Freedom Award honors businesses and organizations for their support of their employees who are enlisted in the National Guard and Reserves. Gantt's Excavation and Construction was among 15 honorees from across the Nation to receive the prestigious award. These employers have gone far above the required laws to accommodate their employees who must fulfill their military duties that arise throughout times of national need. They must often fulfill weekend and summer training, possible deployments and contingency operations.

I am proud to highlight the accomplishments of Gantt's Excavation and Construction, who represents the best of America's small businesses for its patriotism and dedication to our Nation's Armed Services. The business was established 35 years ago by Frederick Gantt and is currently operated by his three children, Daniel Gantt, Eric Gantt, and Janesa Smith. Janesa's husband, Tim Smith of the West Virginia Army National Guard of Wheeling recently returned home from a deployment to Iraq on July 27, 2007, and is employed by Gantt's Excavation and Construction. The business is located in Inwood, West Virginia, where they employ a staff of 65.

Madam Speaker, in this time of national sacrifice when the men and women of our Nation's armed services are being called to duty, it is an honor to recognize the Gantt family and Gantt's Excavation and Construction who have helped our enlisted men and women succeed both on the job and in the military.

CONGRATULATING MS. MAGGIE
HECKENDORF

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Maggie Heckendorf of Cherry Hills Village, CO, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Heckendorf to gain a greater

understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Heckendorf and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO COL. RAIMUND
WINZER, RETIRED, USAR

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Lt. Col. Raimund Winzer for his long and faithful military service to the United States of America. Lt. Col. Winzer honorably retired from service in the United States Army Reserve. After federal military retirement, Lt. Col. Winzer volunteered for the Governor of Michigan's National Security Task Force where his continuing contributions to national security and military administration earned him promotion to the rank of colonel. Col. Winzer retired from the Midland Public Schools where he was a teacher of the German language. He won the accolades of his students and their progeny for his unique, self-developed, German-language teaching methodology. Col. Winzer is the epitome of the citizen-soldier that has made major contributions to the defense of the United States of America.

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL
SERVICE IN FAIRVIEW, NJ

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the members of the Fairview, New Jersey community who perished at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Roko Camaj, Danny A. Correa, Christian DeSimone, Jeremy Glick, James Ladley, and Diane Lipari will always have a special place in the hearts and prayers of Fairview Borough residents. These individuals will be missed, along with the other sons and daughters of New Jersey who died on that fateful day.

However, September 11th is not only a day for mourning. It is also a day on which we remember the heroism of so many Americans who responded to the call for help. Fifty-five of Fairview's police, fire, and emergency response personnel assisted at Ground Zero in the rescue and recovery efforts and in the treatment and triage of the injured. These individuals were an important part of the effort to save as many lives as possible after the terrorist attacks. Our entire Nation acknowledges and honors their selflessness.

This evening's 9/11 Memorial Service at the American Legion, Post 365 located at 110 Anderson Avenue in Fairview rightfully commemorates Fairview's loved ones who were lost and commends our first responders for their heroism.

Our Nation must always remember those who were killed on September 11th, those who survived the attacks, those who saved

others' lives, and those who gave their lives for others. In keeping their memory alive, we remind ourselves of the terrible price we pay if we fail to remain vigilant against those who wish us harm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, on Friday, September 7, 2007, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 860, 861, 862, 863, and 864 because I was leading a congressional delegation trip to conduct oversight in Iraq and to meet with U.S. military leadership and American men and women in uniform who are currently serving in theater.

Had I been present for rollcall 860, H. Res. 636 which provided for the consideration of H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 861, H. Res. 637 which provided for the consideration of conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction and Access Act, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 862, the Congress Amendment to H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall 863, final passage of H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 864, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, had I been present on Monday, September 10, 2007, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 643.

CONGRATULATING MR. ANDREW
HOOD

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Andrew Hood of Castle Rock, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

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than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Hood to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Hood and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIDS WISH
ACT OF 2007

HON. CORRINE BROWN
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would begin to address a gaping hole in our disaster management system. Since Hurricane Katrina, many improvements to our emergency management system have been made, but there is still much work to be done. Hurricane Katrina demonstrated that the current disaster management system in the United States is inadequately prepared to meet the needs of children. And there is still no national agency in the United States with a clear mandate to safeguard children before, during, and after disasters.

Children see, hear, and understand more than adults may expect. But children do not experience disasters the same way that adults do. In normal times, family, other caregivers, and community institutions like schools work together to keep children safe and help them learn and develop. During disasters, family members can be separated, schools and child care centers closed or destroyed, and children's routines disrupted. These sudden changes can frighten children. The physical differences between children and adults are clear: children are smaller and have different sleep, nutrition, and other needs. In shelters, hospitals and emergency service centers, these differences matter.

Congress must invest in creating effective local, state, and federal disaster response systems involving a healthy, adequately-funded, well-coordinated, and functional emergency medical services system. My bill, the KIDS WISH Act, focuses on making sure the needs of children are addressed and met in emergency preparedness planning, and in response to and recovery from future domestic disasters.

The KIDS WISH Act establishes a National Commission on Children and Disasters that is modeled after the 9/11 Commission. The Commission will examine, assess and report on the facts and causes relating to the needs of children during and after all hazards, disasters and emergencies, and Federal emergencies. It will also build upon investigations of other entities on children's needs during and after hazards, disasters, and emergencies. This would include reviewing findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other executive branch, Congressional or independent commissions, or non-governmental entities. The bill will also establish The National Resource Center on Children and Disas-

ters that would provide information to Federal, State, local and tribal governments, and non-governmental entities on issues in relation to the needs of children during and after all hazards, disasters, and emergencies.

The time to address children's needs in disasters is now . . . our Nation's children shouldn't have to wait any longer.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I join every American in remembering September 11 and the victims who so tragically lost their lives in an unspeakable act of violence. We all grieve with the families they left behind and are deeply grateful for the rescue workers and ordinary citizens that displayed extraordinary humanity and bravery.

We owe it to them to make our Nation and the world safer.

The new Democratic majority in Congress is bringing about effective change in the way our Nation confronts the threat of terror. The recent passage into law of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations was an important, though overdue, step to making our homeland more secure.

But those who lost their lives or put themselves in harm's way on 9/11 deserve more. The administration's ill-advised war in Iraq undermines a significant opportunity to bring Osama bin Laden and the real perpetrators to justice. It is my hope that we as a Congress will work together to reverse this course and refocus our efforts. We still have much work to do to recover from this tragedy, to protect our liberty, and to regain our credibility and stature in the eyes of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was not present during rollcall votes Nos. 865–866 on September 10, 2007. I would like the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted: On rollcall vote No. 865 I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall vote No. 866 I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNITION OF CONSTITUTION
WEEK

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Constitution Week, September 17–23, 2007. The Congress, by joint resolution on February 29, 1952 designated September 17 as Citizenship Day, and on August 2, 1956, requested that the President

proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week. During Constitution Week, we honor our Nation's Constitution and encourage everyone to take the time to read and reflect on what the Constitution means to American citizens. It is a time when we can promote the ideals of freedom and opportunity throughout our Nation.

Today, I would like to particularly recognize the Augustin Clayton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Jonesboro, GA, for observing Constitution Week this year. Their nationalism and dedication are exemplary, and a model for all Americans. I hope that many other Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, will follow the lead of the Augustin Clayton Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution and conduct ceremonies and other programs to celebrate our Constitution this coming Constitution Week.

TAIWAN

HON. LUIS G. FORTUÑO

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. FORTUÑO. Madam Speaker, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian submitted an application for Taiwan's U.N. membership to the United Nations on July 19, and it was immediately rejected by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the basis of United Nations Resolution 2758, which affirmed U.N. support for the "one China" policy.

U.N.'s action regarding Taiwan's application was unprecedented and contrary to U.N. procedures. U.N. rules empower only the Security Council and the General Assembly with the authority to discuss and decide on U.N. membership applications. As such the U.N. Secretariat does not have the discretion or authority to summarily reject Taiwan's application.

Madam Speaker, I believe firmly that the issue of Taiwan's application should be raised and debated by U.N. members. And I wish to add my voice to call for U.N. to go through the necessary process for reviewing Taiwan's application for membership.

CONGRATULATING MR. MATTHEW
HORNBECKER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Matthew Hornbecker of Evergreen, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

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