

experts, and U.S. manufacturers together to support pro-trade legislation. For these reasons, I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of H.R. 5160, I rise in support of this bipartisan legislation and urge its immediate enactment to support the ongoing recovery efforts in Haiti.

In January, a massive earthquake struck the country of Haiti, killing hundreds of thousands of people and displacing millions more. The quake devastated the country's infrastructure which continues to make the delivery of humanitarian assistance difficult. It is well known that Haiti is the poorest, least developed country in the Western Hemisphere and that the vast majority of Haitians earn less than \$2 a day. Helping Haiti permanently recover from this crisis while also strengthening an already struggling Haitian economy will require more than humanitarian assistance—the Haitian people will need jobs. The bill we consider today is an effort to aid job promotion in the country's important textile industry.

This measure extends the trade benefits Haiti enjoys under the Caribbean Basin Trade Promotion Act and increases Haitian admission quotas on apparel destined for U.S. markets. This effort, when combined with the Haiti Debt Relief Act which passed in March, should help relieve some of the economic burden on the Haitian people and give them the freedom and the tools they need to begin rebuilding their nation.

Mr. LEVIN. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5160, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PROMPT RESPONSE TO ATTEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK IN TIMES SQUARE

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1320) expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens of New York City, the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, other first responders, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the at-

tempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1320

Whereas on Saturday, May 1, 2010, an individual drove a vehicle loaded with explosive materials to Times Square in New York City and attempted to detonate a car bomb;

Whereas on the same day, two alert citizens, Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson, notified the New York Police Department about a suspicious vehicle that was parked on 45th Street in Times Square;

Whereas on the same day, New York City Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan, while patrolling on horse, responded to the reports of a suspicious vehicle and acted swiftly with his colleagues in the New York Police Department and the Fire Department of New York to thwart the detonation of the car bomb;

Whereas New York City first responders safely evacuated hundreds of people from Times Square and responded in a prompt and effective manner, as the result of extensive terrorism preparedness efforts that are supported, in part, by the Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas in response to the Times Square incident, the Transportation Security Administration has enhanced ongoing efforts to increase security on various transportation modes; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the actions of Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson for promptly alerting appropriate authorities about the suspicious vehicle in Times Square on May 1, 2010;

(2) urges all Americans to remain vigilant about potential terrorist or suspicious activity within their own communities and report such activity to the appropriate authorities;

(3) recognizes the New York City Police Department, in particular Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan of Mounted Unit Troop B, the Fire Department of New York, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, led by Lieutenant Mark Torre and other first responders, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut for their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism;

(4) recognizes the exceptional professionalism and investigative work by the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut in apprehending a suspect only 53 hours following the attempted bombing; and

(5) urges all Federal agencies to continue to work with State, local, and tribal partners to bolster preparedness for and prevention of terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PASCRELL. I rise in support of this resolution, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution with my very good friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) honoring and expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens and the law enforcement agencies in New York and Connecticut as well as all the Federal authorities and agencies to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the attempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I have long said that real homeland security starts on our streets, not in the halls of Washington, D.C. That's never been a truer statement than today. This shows yet again why we need to support our local first responders—police, fire, EMTs. Another example. They were first to respond before any Federal agencies got involved. That's how it usually always is, be it a manmade catastrophe or a natural catastrophe. These are the individuals who are the first on the scene long before those Federal authorities show up. These are the people who are the eyes and ears of our national security.

Fifty-three hours and seventeen minutes. This is what it took, Mr. Speaker, for the Federal law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, to identify and find and apprehend Faisal Shahzad, the prime suspect for this attempted act of terror on American citizens. In these 53 hours and 17 minutes, the New York Police Department, working with Federal and State law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and others, unraveled the tangled web that eventually led to Shahzad's arrest. I thank them. We all thank them.

We acknowledge, however, a few people and groups. First, the alertness and awareness of Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson for "seeing something" on the streets of New York which were out of order; for "saying something" to law enforcement; and not hesitating to do so. If it were not for these men, many others could have been hurt and

Shahzad might not have been apprehended. Think about it. This is the kind of vigilance which is vital to homeland security efforts. We were seconds away from an ignition, a fireball. Who really knows the measure of death and destruction if that incendiary would have been ignited. Who really knows to this day.

I want to thank the citizens of New York for helping and cooperating with law enforcement during the precautionary evacuations in the vicinity of Times Square. I want to acknowledge New Yorkers and their resilient nature and ability to return to life as normal. Perhaps I cannot do justice to it as my brother Mr. KING would do, but you will have to accept me for now because he's not here.

I want to express my deep appreciation for the professionalism and collective response of the following law enforcement agencies: the New York City Police Department. Always there. Always on duty. Always knowing that their city is a target. Always looking to find out information to prevent anything from happening to their citizens.

□ 1115

How about Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan of the Mounted Unit Troop B, the Fire Department of New York, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad. Look, they put their lives on the line. They could have gone much slower, that's not their job. That—no one knew—could have been a deep bomb explosion. They put themselves on the line. We respect them. Rather than simply pat them on the back, we must commit ourselves—both sides of the aisle—to make sure that we are always there for our first responders and not simply be there to say thank you, but beforehand, give them the resources that they need to defend America and its neighborhoods.

The New York Police Department Bomb Squad, beyond the regular day of duty, led by Lieutenant Mark Torre, and other first responders; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; United States Customs and Border Protection—we know how this character was finally corralled, at the airport on a plane; the Transportation Security Administration, TSA; the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York; the Department of Homeland Security; the Department of Justice; the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, which has been a model for the rest of this country; the Bridgeport Police Department, who did so much work in cooperation with Federal authorities to go to the former home of the perpetrator, the alleged perpetrator, whichever you desire; the Detective Bureau; the Patrol Division up in Bridgeport; and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut.

Finally, I want to thank our private sector partners, too. If Emirates Airlines did not comply with Federal procedures, we might not have apprehended Mr. Shahzad as he was fleeing the country.

Mr. Speaker, while I know others may say that we just got lucky, I say that they're missing the point. Our post-9/11 efforts to foster greater vigilance among our citizens and a culture of preparedness and collaboration among our first responders and law enforcement paid off. We stayed true to our cherished constitutional principles as we initiated this wide-scale collective response to terrorism.

Simply put, Mr. Speaker, while the time line for identifying and apprehending the suspect—53 hours and 17 minutes—is impressive, it is the continued vigilance and demonstrated commitment to working together to keep our country secure which is really impressive, and in awe it leaves us.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume, and I would like to certainly associate myself with the comments of my good friend from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) on this occasion.

I rise today, as do many others in this Chamber, in support of House Resolution 1320, which commends the vigilance of the many individuals and organizations that helped prevent what could have been a catastrophic terrorist attack in Times Square this past weekend.

We should all be extraordinarily thankful that alert street vendors saw something out of place and promptly alerted authorities, who took immediate action to secure the scene and ensure the safety of the many people who are in and around Times Square, which has been called the "Crossroads of the World."

This incident is only the most recent in a string of attempted attacks on New York City. This attack and recent plots to blow up the New York City subway trains and pipelines at JFK Airport—which have also been disrupted—show that Islamic terrorists have their sights set squarely on New York City.

This whole notion of homegrown radicalization is something that we are all deeply concerned about. There is the radical cleric in Yemen, Anwar al-Awlaki, for example, who has been involved with many of the attacks or attempted attacks, including Major Hasan at Fort Hood, Texas, or Abdulmutallab, the so-called "underwear bomber," and his attempted Christmas Day attack. And we have others out there, too, who are homegrown radicals, and it is an increasing concern. Now the most recent radicalization that we've seen here is, of course, Mr. Shahzad. But these plots should have served to reinforce our efforts to secure New York City and every other city in America from devastating terrorist attacks.

The administration, unfortunately, had proposed cutting funding for or eliminating critical Homeland Security initiatives in New York and elsewhere. There are many initiatives that

need to be addressed immediately, such as the Securing the Cities program, which is a successful State and local partnership to help prevent nuclear and radiological terrorism in and around New York. The House has passed legislation to authorize funding for this important initiative, for which the administration has proposed eliminating.

The administration has also proposed dismantling the U.S. Coast Guard's New York City-based Maritime Safety and Security Team, which strengthens the maritime security in and around the city. These reductions are being proposed at the same time that the administration has pursued trying alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in civilian court just blocks away from where the World Trade Center once stood.

We should be more concerned about properly funding counterterrorism initiatives and finding every way possible to make sure that New York and our entire country is as secure as possible instead of bringing terrorists to America and granting them rights to which they are not entitled.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude, of course, to the New York Police Department, to the Fire Department of New York, the FBI, Customs and Border Protection, and alert citizens who saw something and said something to help us dodge a potentially very deadly bullet.

I hope that Congress and the administration get serious about properly funding important initiatives that will strengthen the security of New York City and our entire country because we may not be so lucky the next time New York or any other city comes under attack.

Again, I want to commend everybody involved with helping to derail this attempted attack, especially the Police Department of New York and the FBI, and everybody else who was involved. I commend Mr. MCMAHON for bringing this legislation to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PASCRELL. May I inquire as to how much time we have remaining on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey has 12 minutes. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 16 minutes.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to Mr. HALL from New York.

Mr. HALL of New York. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise today in support of H. Res. 1320, honoring the brave Americans who acted quickly and professionally to keep the attempted bombing in Times Square last Saturday from becoming a tragedy.

The people of New York City, the New York Police and Fire Departments, the New York Bomb Squad, and others worked together to identify the attack, evacuate civilians, and then defuse the device.

In particular, I would like to call attention to the actions of Duane Jackson and Lance Orton, both disabled Vietnam veterans who work as street vendors in Times Square. I have the honor of representing Mr. Jackson, who lives in the town of Buchanan in Westchester County. His and Mr. Orton's quick thinking turned what could have been a tragedy into an example of American heroism. All New Yorkers and Americans owe them a debt of gratitude that there were no grieving families on Saturday night. They served their country once again and showed the remarkable character of the men and women who wear the uniform of this country and continue to serve long after they take that uniform off.

Events like this are calculated to strike fear into our hearts, even when they fail. However, they also serve as a reminder that in this great Nation we are surrounded by everyday heroes like Lance Orton and Duane Jackson.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PASCRELL. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman for yielding and thank him for bringing this resolution to the floor so that we can all rise and sing the praises for the vigilance and sense of community of New Yorkers, the courage of our first responders, and the professionalism, commitment, and determination of our local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers. We salute them. They were prepared. They were ready to act. They calmly did what was necessary. And because of their swift action, the people of New York and the entire Nation remain safe.

I thank Congressmen MCMAHON, HIMES, HALL, and all of our colleagues who have sponsored this resolution, recognizing the bravery and, again, the vigilance of individuals and officers of New York and Connecticut as well as the leadership of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Obama administration.

In the wake of this foiled terrorist plot, we are inspired by the true character of the American people. We recall that our country's spirit can always be found in the hearts and deeds of its citizens, people like Lance Orton and Duane Jackson, "two alert citizens"—and aren't we fortunate for that—as this resolution calls them, who notified the NYPD of a suspicious vehicle in Times Square. The whole country learned of their vigilance and their sense of community.

Our country's resolve rests with police officers such as Wayne Rhatigan of the NYPD, who responded immediately to the scene and, with his fellow officers and with the men and women of the New York Fire Department, thwarted the detonation of the car bomb.

Our country's strength remains with first responders who run into danger when others run out, who safely and promptly evacuated Times Square, protecting those in harm's way. Our country's determination lies with law enforcement at the local, State, and Federal levels who worked together, pursued leads, and detained the bomber within 2 days of the attempted attack, never resting until the job was done.

At moments like this, Congress reaffirms our responsibility, as we do each day, Mr. Speaker, as we pledge to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies, foreign and domestic. That responsibility is to protect the American people as well. That is our first responsibility.

As this resolution states, we "urge all Americans to remain vigilant about potential terrorists or suspicious activity within their own communities." We must follow the example of the people of New York who, as President Obama has said, "have reminded us once again of how to live with their heads held high."

Mr. HALL, in his closing remarks, said that the attempt by this terrorist to instill fear was thwarted. The goal of terrorists is to instill fear. The damage is one thing to them, but the fear is really their goal. In that way, in both parts of the attempt, it was thwarted. The violent attack was thwarted, but also, as the President said, we will not be intimidated.

This past weekend, everyday Americans joined our police officers, firefighters, first responders, Homeland Security officials, FBI agents, and other law enforcement personnel as heroes. They are all heroes, and we salute them as such on the floor of the House. Their efforts represent the best in America. Their response serves as an inspiration to us all to stay prepared and do everything we can to keep our great country safe.

Again, I thank Mr. PASCRELL for bringing this resolution to the floor and join in a bipartisan way in saluting the heroes of New York.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey has 10 minutes remaining.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES), a member of the Homeland Security Committee.

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Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the vigilant citizens and law enforcement officials of New York City and Connecticut whose efforts resulted in bringing Faisal Shahzad into custody a mere 53 hours after his failed bomb attempt in Times Square this past weekend.

From the alertness of Lance Orton and Duane Jackson, noticing a suspicious vehicle in midtown Manhattan

on Saturday, to the response of the NYPD to the report, to the arrest of Mr. Shahzad late Monday evening, to the ongoing investigation into how the bombing happened, local, State, and Federal law enforcement officials have led a coordinated effort that will bring the facts forward, allow us to learn and improve, and bring the terrorist to justice.

Without this interagency communication, this incident could have escalated into a far more serious and dangerous incident. We must continue to work with State and local partners to bolster preparedness and terrorism prevention efforts.

To my constituents in Connecticut, I know that the discovery that the suspect in the Times Square bombing attempt has been living in Fairfield County is a jarring reminder that, due to our proximity to New York City, we face special and uncertain security concerns. Fairfield County was uniquely impacted by 9/11, and this incident is a timely reminder that we must remain sensitive and alert to our unique vulnerability.

I want to specifically recognize the Bridgeport Police Department, including Captain James Viadero and members of the detective bureau, as well as the Bridgeport Police Department's patrol division and members of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, supervised by Sergeant Juan Gonzalez, Jr., for their role in the events of the last few days. I thank all who helped avert a catastrophe.

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I wonder what would have happened if Officer Rhatigan was not on the scene to be alerted by the two citizens I mentioned before. This is exactly why we need to fund our first responders based on security needs. We need no other barometer. America's intelligence agencies, law enforcement agencies, are critical to the task of protecting our citizens and our neighborhoods. But also on duty every day are our first responders—that local responder is the first. On 9/11 they were the first to respond. And a few days ago they were the first to respond after being alerted by two citizens of New York. Keep this in mind every day when we see the EMTs and the firefighters of our local towns and our police officers on duty. They need more than a pat on the back. They need more than our encouragement. They need our votes to make sure that we sustain the resources necessary for them to protect all of America.

I know when these things happen, we rise up and then a few days later we might just forget, but we cannot forget.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have presented this resolution today along with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT).

Mr. NADLER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1320.

H. Res. 1320 describes what happened on Saturday, May 1, 2010, concerning the car bomb discovered in Times Square. As the Member of Congress who represents Times Square, I am particularly concerned about these events. We came perilously close to a terrible tragedy, with widespread injuries and loss of life.

As described by this resolution, it was thanks to the alertness of two fellow New Yorkers, Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson, that we first became aware of the car bomb. They brought it to the attention of the New York Police Department, NYPD. The heroes of the NYPD and FDNY then secured the area, took care of the bomb, and safely evacuated those nearby.

Subsequently, agents and officials with the NYPD, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, DHS, and other law enforcement agencies worked quickly and diligently to apprehend the alleged perpetrator, Faisal Shahzad. Due to their speed, they apprehended him before he could flee the country. I want to salute all of those involved in addressing this situation and acting to protect the public. I sincerely thank them for their service.

The events of this past weekend should be a loud wake-up call to all Americans. It is a stark reminder that there are sick people in this world who think it is right to murder innocent men, women, and children to make political points. It is a stark reminder that these sick people will stop at nothing to bring this war of terror to America. And, it is a stark reminder that New York City is a prime target.

To protect New York City, and the millions of people who live, work, and visit each day, we need more antiterrorism funding directed there. The formulas used to distribute such funds, while improved, still ignore the reality that New York City is the number one target. Increased funds could be used, for example, to support more and better surveillance cameras for public places, as well as for a larger police presence.

More money also could be used to fund the Securing the Cities Initiative. This effort is designed to prevent a radiological or nuclear device from coming into a major city like New York. The horror of what could have happened if the car bomb in Times Square had contained radiological or nuclear material is unimaginable. I have supported efforts to properly fund this program, and I will continue to do so.

Further, it is important to remember that our ports, including New York City, remain vulnerable. I fought for, and we enacted into law, a requirement that 100 percent of shipping containers coming into the United States be scanned electronically before they arrive in this country. If we wait until a container with a radiological or nuclear device gets to our shores, it is already too late. We need to stop such shipments before they are here. The 100 percent scanning requirement takes effect in 2012, but DHS has indicated they likely will miss the deadline. I call on fellow Members of Congress concerned about terrorism to help me see that it is implemented fully, and as soon as possible.

These are just a few ways we could make our country safer. The attempted attack on Times Square tells us we have no time to waste. To protect ourselves and our country, we must act now.

I want to thank Representative MICHAEL MCMAHON for introducing H. Res. 1320. I also want to again thank the heroes who acted so quickly to take care of what otherwise could have been a deadly situation. I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. MCMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to urge my colleagues to pass H. Res. 1320, a resolution honoring the citizens of New York City, the brave men and women of the NYPD, the FDNY, and all our federal and state partners in law enforcement and homeland security for their vigilance and prompt response to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square this past Saturday, May 1, 2010.

I heard the news of the Times Square incident while traveling in Afghanistan and Pakistan, examining the connections between extremism across the world and terrorist attacks on our own soil.

And given the events of this past week, and the arrest of Faisal Shahzad the link is far too clear.

This resolution, which I introduced with my colleagues Congressman JIM HIMES, and Congressman JOHN HALL, along with the entire New York delegation, is in honor of New York City's local law enforcement teams, federal agencies and vigilant citizens for keeping our city, people and country safe. We commend their excellent, professional police and investigative work that led to the quick arrest of this terrorist.

Unfortunately, the fear of terrorism is never far from the mind of any New Yorker.

On Saturday, we were all reminded of the heart-felt loss that we endured nine years ago on September 11, 2001 and how much our world has changed since that tragic day.

New York City remains our nation's number one terrorist target—our greatest symbol of freedom, diversity, and entrepreneurial spirit. It is our nation's financial and cultural capital and as New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said yesterday, the terrorists are going to keep trying to attack us in New York City again and again.

That is why the federal government must increase homeland security funding and protection for New York City. Anti-terror funding must be distributed in a way that prioritizes those areas that are most at risk for future attacks.

I urge this body to increase funding and security programs in high priority areas like New York because protecting the homeland is just too important for politics as usual. Found immediately after the botched attack was a map on the Metro North Railroad to Connecticut identifying my own beloved Staten Island Ferry as a target and the subway stops that serve the Manhattan terminal as potential targets.

Walt Whitman once said that "The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges, or churches, or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors, but always most in the common people."

On Saturday, two Times Square vendors—Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson—saw smoke billowing out of a SUV parked on West 45th Street in Times Square and took action.

They immediately contacted New York City Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan who started evacuating the area and called for additional NYPD and FDNY support, including the bomb squad.

These people saw something wrong and said something—and their actions saved lives and led to the arrest of a man who was seeking to kill countless numbers of innocent people.

Although, the actions of everyone involved in preventing Saturday's potential tragedy are remarkable, all Americans need to remain alert—and we in the Congress need to support the brave men and women of the NYPD, and law enforcement officers across the Nation with the resources necessary to keep our Nation safe.

As Americans we learn not only from our mistakes but from our successes. The capture of Faisal Shahzad is commendable, but we have to examine why he was allowed to board an aircraft after being added to a no-fly list and why it took until literally the last minute before departure for him to be apprehended. We have got to get to a system for our security and our protection where we track every single person both entering and exiting our country.

In addition we must also continue to support our military and intelligence operations abroad to dismantle these terrorist networks. I just came back from Afghanistan and Pakistan and I can tell you the front line of our security right here at home is in those two countries. Our troops are the front line of defense in protecting the homeland from terrorism and they deserve our support and appreciation.

I urge all my colleagues to support H. Res. 1320.

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1320, a resolution which commends the vigilance of the many individuals, first responders, law enforcement, and homeland security personnel for helping prevent what could have been a very deadly terrorist attack in Times Square last weekend and bring into custody the person who has admitted responsibility for this failed attack. I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of this resolution.

When Faisal Shahzad drove his bomb-laden SUV into Times Square on the evening of Saturday, May 1, 2010, New York City and all America were once again reminded of the thin line between security and tragedy.

This attack was just the most recent of 11 attempts since September 11, 2001, to visit terror on New York City. I cannot say enough about the efforts of the New York Police Department, its local partners, and the Federal agencies, particularly the FBI, that have worked to prevent these incidents and keep the City safe.

The resolution highlights how two vigilant citizens, Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson, saw something and said something to an alert NYPD officer, Wayne Rhatigan, who secured the scene and the safety of those who were at what has been called the "Crossroads of the World."

We are also indebted to the New York Police Department and its Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and other homeland security and law enforcement personnel for helping to foil this attack and capture the guilty terrorist.

Unfortunately, even after these 11 wake-up calls, not everyone recognizes that New York City is the nation's top terror target and that we must do everything possible to ensure the safety and security of New Yorkers and those

visiting this great City. New York simply cannot be expected to prevent terrorist attacks alone. Protecting New York City is not a local issue. It is a national issue; a national security issue.

What if the bomb that Faisal Shahzad parked in Times Square had detonated, and included radiological or nuclear material? How many lives would have been lost? How long would it have taken for New York's economy—and the nation's economy—to recover?

One of the best ways to stop that nightmare scenario would be to properly fund the Securing the Cities Program, which is the only Federal program of its kind to establish a ring of radiological detectors on bridges, tunnels, and mobile platforms in the region to prevent a radiological or nuclear attack. Unfortunately, the Administration has eliminated funding for this key program, even though in January 2010 the House of Representatives passed my legislation to authorize and fund the program.

New York City Mayor Bloomberg testified in the Senate this morning and stated: "Since 1990, there have been more than 20 terrorist plots—or actual attacks—against our City. That's why it's so critical for Congress to fully fund homeland security programs like the Securing the Cities—and to take other steps that will help us fight terrorists and make it harder for them to attack us."

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly stated on Sunday that the Lower Manhattan Security Initiative has yet to be extended to Midtown Manhattan because of the lack of Federal funding. With just \$50 million, this "Ring of Steel" would give the NYPD a force multiplier throughout Midtown and allow it to expand its reach across the entire city.

The Administration has also proposed eliminating the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team in New York City, weakening the City's defenses against a waterborne attack. The Administration has also proposed cutting funding for New York City-area mass transit and port security.

The stark reality is that New York City is the number one target for terrorists. New Yorkers live under constant threat of attack. But the Federal government can minimize those threats by properly funding counterterrorism initiatives based on risk and fund programs in the places they are most needed, like New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support this resolution to show our gratitude to the brave and selfless efforts of the first responders and everyone involved who helped turn into a triumph what could have been a tragedy.

Mr. PASCRELL. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1320, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PASCRELL. 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.

COMMEMORATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SHOOTINGS

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1272) commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1272

Whereas the year 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the Kent State University shootings that occurred on May 4, 1970;

Whereas, on such date, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on Kent State students who were protesting the United States invasion of Cambodia and the ongoing Vietnam War;

Whereas four unarmed students (Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder) were killed and nine others (Alan Canfora, John Cleary, Thomas Grace, Dean Kahler, Joseph Lewis, Donald MacKenzie, James Russell, Robert Stamps, and Douglas Wrentmore) were injured;

Whereas the site of the May 4 shootings was entered in the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, in February 2010;

Whereas, to preserve the memory of the May 4 shootings and encourage inquiry, learning, and reflection, Kent State has established a number of resources, including the May 4 Memorial, individual student memorial markers and scholarships in memory of the four students mentioned above who were killed, an experimental college course entitled "May 4, 1970 and its Aftermath", and an annual commemoration sponsored by the May 4 Task Force; and

Whereas Kent State has engaged the internationally renowned design services firm, Gallagher & Associates, to assist in the development of the May 4 visitors center as a central place where individuals can explore and better understand the May 4 shootings: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, in commemoration of the 40th year anniversary of the Kent State University shootings that occurred on May 4, 1970—

(1) recognizes the tragedy of the May 4 shootings and the implications that the shootings have had not only on Kent State and the local community, but also on the Nation and the world; and

(2) applauds the development of the May 4 visitors center as an additional primary resource to preserve and communicate the history of the May 4 shootings, its larger ethical and societal context and impact, and its enduring meaning for our democratic Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days in which Members may revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Kent State University shootings. On May 4, 1970, members of the Ohio National Guard fired into a crowd of unarmed student demonstrators, killing four and wounding nine students.

Antiwar protests broke out on college campuses nationwide on Friday, May 1, following the announcement of the U.S. invasion of Cambodia as part of the Vietnam War. At Kent State University, students assembled in protest throughout the weekend. On May 4, the number of protesters grew in size until approximately 3,000 demonstrators and spectators were gathered on the commons area of the university. Ohio National Guardsmen, who were brought in as the protest grew, began firing in their direction.

Those who were lost that day were Allison Krause, a 19-year-old freshman honors student; Jeffrey Miller, a 20-year-old student who had recently transferred to the school; Sandra Scheuer, also 20, was simply walking to class with a friend when she came in the line of a bullet fired; and William Schroeder, who was not part of the protest and also on his way to class, died with schoolwork in his hands. In addition to those who perished, nine students were injured: Alan Canfora, John Cleary, Thomas Grace, Dean Kahler, Joseph Lewis, Donald MacKenzie, James Russell, Robert Stamps, and Douglas Wrentmore. All survived, but their lives were forever changed.

The site of the tragic campus shootings that occurred 40 years ago was just recently entered into the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. In order to preserve the memory of the May 4 shootings and encourage inquiry, learning and reflection, Kent State has established a May 4 memorial, as well as individual student memorial markers and scholarships in memory of the four students who lost their lives that day.

The university has also begun steps in the development of a May 4 visitors center which will serve as a central place where individuals can explore and better understand the shootings that took place on that terrible day.

Mr. Speaker, once again I express my support for House Resolution 1272 and the development of the May 4 visitors center as an additional primary resource to preserve and communicate the history of the May 4 shootings, its larger ethical and societal context and impact, and its enduring meaning for our democratic Nation.

I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for bringing this bill forward, and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.