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Chief Tumilson is survived by his loving family, friends, and teammates.

His nation owes Chief Tumilson an enormous debt of gratitude. We are honored to have had such an exemplary American fighting for his country.

I wish to extend my condolences to Chief Tumilson's family, friends, and teammates and hope they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on his grateful nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

IN HONOR OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, this anniversary is first, last and always a day of remembrance. The shock and horror of that day has receded. But all of us remember where we were on that morning when passenger jets became missiles, striking the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The mountains of debris left when they collapsed are gone. The Pentagon has long since been restored. The field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania is a burial ground still, where contemplation by those who return is reverent and sorrowful. Two Utahns were aboard one of the hijacked planes that struck the first tower; another Utahn died at his job in the Pentagon when a third jet crashed into it.

The passing days brought much heartache. Not all Americans lost family members during the terrorist attacks, yet it felt as though we did. In the aftermath, many of us lit candles, mailed donations, flew our flag, and hugged our children more tightly at night as we tucked them into bed. The heroes of 9/11—members of the New York and Port Authority police departments and the New York City firefighters—quickly replaced the frightening images of the hijackers. From across this country, ordinary people put comfortable lives on hold in order to join the rescue and recovery effort. Later on, thousands of men and women from all walks of life stepped forward, donned our country's uniform and took the fight to those who plotted against America. Terrorists tried to break America apart; instead, their actions brought Americans together.

The September 11th attacks triggered American resilience. We worked hard to return to normal—a new kind of normal. As a Nation, we have made ourselves safer and more vigilant—at airports, on trains, on subways, at ports and in cyberspace. We strengthened intelligence and information sharing, we traced the money and shut down terrorist bank accounts, and we foiled al Qaeda. The U.S. and its allies have hunted down, captured or killed over 600 U.S. targets, including the master-

minds of 9/11—Khalid Sheikh Muhammad and Osama bin Laden.

Ultimately, it is America's courage and America's values that defeated the terrorists. As British Prime Minister Tony Blair said in an address to Congress, "We are so much more powerful in all conventional ways than the terrorists. In the end, it is not our power alone that will defeat this evil. Our ultimate weapon is not our guns, but our beliefs." This anniversary is but one marker along the way to building on the dream that is our democratic Nation—the land of the free and the home of the brave.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MODESTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S HARVEST LUNCHEON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Mr. CARDOZA, to acknowledge and honor the 50th Anniversary of Modesto Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Luncheon.

The first luncheon dates back to 1956 when a Modesto Junior College Scholarship was generated from a lunch honoring the richness of Stanislaus County's agriculture.

In 1961, the Modesto Chamber of Commerce officially became the sponsor of the Harvest Luncheon;

In 1961, Stanislaus County's agricultural production was \$142,031,000;

The luncheon was originally established to showcase local growers and producers and to demonstrate the impact of agriculture in Stanislaus County;

In 1980, Bill Lyons, Sr. offered to donate the beef and "charge" for the luncheon to increase the scholarship dollars for Modesto Jr. College students with agricultural related majors;

In 1996, the Harvest Luncheon Scholarship was renamed to honor two giants in Stanislaus County agriculture, Henry Voss, former Secretary and Claire Berryhill, past Director, of the California Department of Food and Agriculture;

In 2002, Del Monte Foods became a private partnership leader and has since generously donated \$10,000 annually to the Modesto Chamber of Commerce Voss/Berryhill Modesto Junior College Ag Scholarship Program, significantly increasing the amount of scholarship dollars awarded;

With the exception of 1961 and 1963 through 1965, 456 students have been awarded in excess of \$300,000 in scholarships in the past 50 years;

In 2011, Stanislaus County's agricultural production was \$2,572,434,000;

The luncheon is made possible through the generous donations of agribusiness and agricultural producers and processors from throughout Stanislaus County.

The Harvest Lunch/Ag Aware Committee consists of 33 dedicated individuals plus innumerable volunteers who plan for six months and serve in excess of 800 attendees in fifteen minutes.

The tradition of giving thanks for Stanislaus County's bountiful harvest of over 350 agricultural commodities continues to this day.

Mr. Speaker, please join Mr. CARDOZA and me in honoring Modesto Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of sponsoring the Harvest Luncheon so scholarships for agriculture related majors can continue to be awarded. The luncheon is a valuable asset to the community and should be celebrated.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR AARON CARSON VAUGHN

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Petty Officer Special Warfare Operator Aaron Carson Vaughn who died August 6th in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Chief Petty Officer Vaughn was a patriot and a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice ensuring the security of our nation. He will be greatly missed.

Chief Vaughn was a highly decorated combat veteran with numerous awards, including the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Purple Heart Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Valor, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and numerous other personal and unit decorations.

Chief Vaughn is survived by his loving family, friends, and teammates.

His nation owes Chief Vaughn an enormous debt of gratitude. We are honored to have had such an exemplary American fighting for his country.

I wish to extend my condolences to Chief Vaughn's family, friends, and teammates and hope they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on his grateful nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

9/11 COMMEMORATION CEREMONY
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HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001, is a day forever etched into the memory of the American people. On that day 10 years ago, over 3,000 innocent people, including nine Texans, died during the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93. We gather now at the Carrollton Remembrance Service to honor both their memory and the sacrifices of their families. We also renew our commitment to honoring the sacrifice and service of the citizens who risked their lives to help all those impacted on that terrible day. Firefighters, police officers, and first responders saved thousands of victims, and nearly 350 rescue personnel gave their lives in the service of others. It is because of their bravery that many of us

knew 9/11 would not be the downfall of our great nation, despite what those who attacked us intended.

While 9/11 is a day of great solemnity, it is also a moment of pride. Our reaction as a country to those events—both during the events and afterward—reveals much about us as a people. Our enemies thought they could break our spirit and crush our will, but they failed to realize our resolve and resilience. As President George Bush said only days later, “America today is on bended knee, in prayer for the people whose lives were lost here, for the workers who work here, for the families that mourn.” They sought to divide us, but they mistook the strength of our convictions for the inability to act and the wisdom of liberty for frailty of arms. And they certainly failed to understand the breadth of our unity and the depth of our commitment to freedom both here and around the world.

As we look back on the 10 years since the attacks, we are reminded that the United States still faces enemies who spread fear and hate through terrorism and brutality. Congress, the Presidency, and the federal government have an obligation and duty to protect our nation. With the Grace of God we have made great strides since that day, but with much left to be done we ask Him to continue to guide us on the path to national recovery.

H. RES. 391, RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution.

This Sunday our nation will commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. It was a day that changed the way we live and view the world.

It was a difficult time for all of us, but most difficult for the families, friends, relatives and communities who lost loved ones on that day.

In the Boston Public Garden is a memorial to those in Massachusetts and New England who were lost on that day. At the entrance to the memorial is a simple plaque that reads: “September 11, 2001: The people of Massachusetts will always remember our families, our husbands, wives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, grandchildren, companions, friends and neighbors.”

Among the 207 names enshrined in the Public Garden 9/11 Memorial are six from my district in Massachusetts: Lynn Goodchild from Attleboro; Christopher Zarba, Jr., from Hopkinton; Linda George and Robin Kaplan from Westborough; Dianne Snyder from Westport; and Tara Creamer from Worcester.

Today my thoughts and sympathies remain with their families, friends and loved ones. Many had children, some who are scarcely more than a decade old, others who are now teenagers or entering college. Each had vibrant lives and futures. We carry their memory in our hearts and our thoughts.

I would like to insert the names of all the Massachusetts residents who perished on 9/11.

I think about the future we are called upon to create and build in the next decade, before we reach the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. In the days following the attacks, then British Prime Minister Tony Blair called upon the world to use the sense of unity and human sympathy engendered by the attacks to create a “community for good.” While referencing the need

to help the African nations reach their full potential, he focused on creating a common purpose to help the world’s most vulnerable—the hungry, the poor, women and children; those without education, food, water or dignified work.

I often reflect on how well we as Americans and the international community have responded to that challenge. I look at the famine in the Horn of Africa, and I can see where we have reached out to Ethiopians and Kenyans and helped them become stronger and more resilient to the shocks brought on by natural disasters and long-term droughts. These investments have kept millions from falling into famine, but there’s still more to do.

Right next door, in Somalia, a nation torn by decades of war and instability, tens of millions are facing famine, hardest hit are the children. We need to do more.

I look next door in my own cities and towns, and I find families struggling to put food on the table, as we look at a period of extended unemployment and attacks against state and federal safety-net programs. We need to do more—and we need to do better.

On the first Sunday following the 9/11 attacks, I was at an ecumenical service in Worcester, Massachusetts. I said then that “as our faith teaches us: Love is stronger than hate.”

I still believe that.

I still believe that peace-making—an end to poverty and oppression—is a vital part of any global effort to end terrorism once and for all.

I still believe that respecting the basic rights and dignity of all people is the best expression of who we are as America.

And I still believe that this is the future we must recommit ourselves to creating and becoming a reality.

MASSACHUSETTS VICTIMS OF 9/11

RESIDENTS Victim Name	City/Town	State	Location on 9/11/01
Jeffrey W. Coombs	Abington	MA	AA Flight 11
Philip M. Rosenzweig	Acton	MA	AA Flight 11
Madeline Sweeney	Acton	MA	AA Flight 11
Robert Jay Hayes	Amesbury	MA	AA Flight 11
Mildred Naiman	Andover	MA	AA Flight 11
Betty Ann Ong	Andover	MA	AA Flight 11
Joseph Mathai	Arlington	MA	World Trade Center
Lynn Catherine Goodchild	Attleboro	MA	UA Flight 175
Brian D. Sweeney	Barnstable	MA	UA Flight 175
Charles E. Jones	Bedford	MA	AA Flight 11
Carlos Alberto Montoya	Bellmont	MA	AA Flight 11
Paul Friedman	Belmont	MA	AA Flight 11
Edward (Ted) R. Hennessy Jr.	Belmont	MA	AA Flight 11
Jessica Leigh Sachs	Billerica	MA	AA Flight 11
Graham Andrew Berkeley	Boston	MA	UA Flight 175
Eric Samadikhan Hartono	Boston	MA	UA Flight 175
Todd Russell Hill	Boston	MA	World Trade Center
Christopher D. Mello	Boston	MA	AA Flight 11
Rahma Sallie	Boston	MA	AA Flight 11
Heather Lee Smith	Boston	MA	AA Flight 11
Michael Theodoridis	Boston	MA	AA Flight 11
Christine Barbuto	Brookline	MA	AA Flight 11
Kelly Ann Booms	Brookline	MA	AA Flight 11
Karleton D.B. Fyfe	Brookline	MA	AA Flight 11
Daniel C. Lewin	Brookline	MA	AA Flight 11
Maile Rachel Hale	Cambridge	MA	World Trade Center
John Charles Jenkins	Cambridge	MA	AA Flight 11
Myra Joy Aronson	Charlestown	MA	AA Flight 11
Christopher M. Morrison	Charlestown	MA	World Trade Center
Dave Bernard	Chelmsford	MA	World Trade Center
Alexander Milan Filipov	Concord	MA	AA Flight 11
Karen A. Martin	Danvers	MA	AA Flight 11
Deborah Medwig	Dedham	MA	World Trade Center
Sonia Morales Puopolo	Dover	MA	AA Flight 11
John Ogonowski	Dracut	MA	AA Flight 11
Antonio Jesus Montoya Valdes	East Boston	MA	AA Flight 11
James Anthony Trentini	Everett	MA	AA Flight 11
Mary Barbara Trentini	Everett	MA	AA Flight 11
Michael Gregory McGinty	Foxboro	MA	World Trade Center
Judy Larocque	Framingham	MA	AA Flight 11
Laura Lee Morabito	Framingham	MA	AA Flight 11
Christine Lee Hanson	Groton	MA	UA Flight 175
Peter Hanson	Groton	MA	UA Flight 175
Sue Kim Hanson	Groton	MA	UA Flight 175
Jane M. Orth	Haverhill	MA	AA Flight 11
Christopher Rudolph Zarba Jr.	Hopkinton	MA	AA Flight 11