

## This Week in Washington

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### Remembering 9/11

#### Pombo to Manage Consideration of H.R. 911 Today

Washington, D.C. - Resources Committee Chairman Richard W. Pombo released the following statement today in remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Chairman will manage consideration of H.R. 911 on the House floor this morning.

H.R. 911, introduced by Rep. Jim Turner (R-TX) and cosponsored by Chairman Pombo, establishes a memorial to honor victims of terrorist attacks against the United States. The bill recognizes the sacrifice of all American's both at home and abroad who died as a result of terrorist attacks and commemorates their memory.

#### Chairman Pombo's Statement:

As we pause today to remember those who lost their lives on 9/11, we still feel wounded. We find ourselves on this second anniversary still trying to digest the horror of that day. For most Americans, however, the deepest wound may be the realization of the depths our new enemy will sink in his futile attempt to destroy us. We had no troops quartered at the World Trade Center. There were no fortifications, no military command center and no weapons. There were just people at work or on their way to work - people of every color and nationality, office workers, trades-people, tourists, and children going to school...talking, laughing, smiling, and dreaming of tomorrow. *(continued on page 2)*

## House Approves Transportation Appropriations Bill

### Projects Critical to California's Eleventh District Included

Congressman Richard Pombo today announced that funding for three projects he requested have been included in the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004. The bill was approved by a margin of 381-39. The projects are as follows:

#### State Route 152 Safety Improvements - \$300,000

This is the second phase of safety and other improvements along Route 152, east of Highway 101. The first phase of improvements to date have been funded by County Measure B local sales tax funds and City of Gilroy Mello-Roos bond funds. Local sales tax funds have been budgeted for all project development, including environmental clearance (CEQA) and design for the requested project.

#### Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority Park and Ride - \$700,000

Purchase and build two park and rides in Contra Costa County. These locations will be along the Highway 4 corridor in Antioch and Brentwood and will serve passengers traveling west and south to the SF Bay Area job centers.

#### Port of Stockton & Daggett Road Project - \$100,000

The Daggett Road section "Off-island" from State Highway 4 to the bridge is the most critical part of the Port's access requirements. The need for this project is urgent and immediate. Successful development of Rough and Ready Island will have a remarkable positive impact on the local and regional economy and could support as many as 10,000 family wage jobs.

In addition, the House agreed to the Honda Amendment, which Pombo advocated, increasing funding for Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor by \$1 million and reducing funding for the San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail Project by the same amount. *(cont. on page 2)*

### Patriot Day

**1777** - American forces, under General George Washington, were forced to retreat at the Battle of Brandywine by British forces under William Howe. Stars and Stripes were carried for the first time in the battle.

**1789** - Alexander Hamilton was appointed by U.S. Pres. George Washington to be the first secretary of the treasury.

**1936** - Boulder (Hoover) Dam in Nevada was dedicated by Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt by turning on the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

**1941** - U.S. Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt gave orders to attack any German or Italian vessels found in U.S. defensive waters. The U.S. had not officially entered World War II at this time.

**1941** - Charles Lindbergh brought on charges of anti-Semitism which he blamed "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" for trying to draw the U.S. into World War II.

**1941** - In Arlington, VA, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pentagon took place.

**1990** - U.S. President Bush vowed "Saddam Hussein will fail" while addressing Congress on the Persian Gulf crisis.

**2001** - In the U.S., four airliners were hijacked and were intentionally crashed. Two airliners hit the World Trade Center, which collapsed shortly after, in New York City, NY. One airliner hit the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Another airliner crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. About 3,000 people were killed.

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## This Week in Washington cont.

### **(Remembering 9/11 cont.)**

Our fallen would have much rather lived to come home, but they were soldiers. The losses hurt us deeply, but we proved we will not be defeated. We accepted and moved on, more mindful of how precious and fragile our freedoms are. Americans came together on September 11th, 2001, and in the many days since, with bonded resolve to rid terrorism from the face of the earth so that our victims will not have died in vain.

And in that very spirit, H.R. 911, the National Memorial to Victims of Terrorism Act, will authorize the creation of a living memorial in our nation's capitol for the victims of the September 11th attacks and all other victims of terror. This memorial will take a special place among all others that honor the memory of our fathers, our brothers, our sons and daughters, and our friends who died in the service of their country. I am proud today to offer this legislation to the House, and I look forward to the day when I can bring my family to this memorial to honor the many families that suffered unspeakable losses in the name of freedom.

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### **(House Approves Transportation Appropriations Bill cont.)**

"These projects reflect the need to solve our transportation problems regionally," said Pombo. "I am committed to doing all I can to alleviate our traffic problems and make our roads safer. Approval of these projects by the House of Representatives gets us one step closer to turning our priorities into realities."

### **Pombo Announces Firefighting Funds for Ripon**

Congressman Richard Pombo today announced that a grant of \$22,973 has been made to the Ripon Fire Department. The grant has been made as a part of the Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. Activities that will be funded include training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

"As a long-time advocate for our firefighters, I'm thrilled that this funding has come through for Ripon," said Pombo. "These funds will help protect our firefighters and those that they protect."

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs.

### **Pombo Announces ACE Funding**

Congressman Richard Pombo today announced that a grant of \$7,151,572 has been made to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission. The grant, a Federal Transit Administration New Start grant, will be used for the final phases of engineering and the first phase of construction of the San Joaquin Rail Maintenance Facility. The funds are to be released Monday, September 15, 2003.

"It's no secret that ACE needs a new maintenance facility," said Pombo, a longtime ACE supporter. "Getting a New Start grant is extremely difficult, so I know that the folks at the Rail Commission are thrilled to have this regional priority come to fruition."

### **Ninth Annual Search under way for California's Top Youth Volunteers**

*State Honorees Receive Cash Awards, Medallions and Trip to D.C. for National Events*

This week the search begins to identify those who have made the greatest commitment and impact over the past year, in the ninth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. These awards, presented nationwide by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5-12. Application forms for The 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards will be available over the next two months and may be obtained at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) or [www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm](http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm) or by calling 1-888-450-9961.

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