Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished subcommittee

chairman and, of course, my colleague, the distinguished ranking member

of the subcommittee, for their wonderful cooperation on this important

bill.

By the way, I believe we are going to be joined by Mr. Resnick's

widow and daughter very soon. Our colleague Mr. Grimm is going to be

accompanying them here to the House.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation, as already indicated, will rename the

FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, located in the 11th District of

Virginia, in honor of Supervisory Special Agent Michael Resnick, who

was instrumental in the creation of this very critical component of our

national security network.

I am pleased to sponsor this bill, along with my fellow Virginia

colleagues Frank Wolf and Jim Moran and with my colleague Richard Hanna

of New York.

Like so many of the brave men and women throughout our law

enforcement community, Mike Resnick was seized by the mission of public

service and gave every ounce to ensure the safety of those he was sworn

to protect. In his more than 20 years with the Bureau, Mike held

numerous tactical and supervisory roles, but his greatest contributions

came in the field of counterterrorism at precisely the time we needed

it.

Following the attacks of 9/11, Mike Resnick was instrumental in

laying the foundational policies and architecture for the screening and

watch list system now administered by the interagency Terrorist

Screening Center. He was later assigned to the National Security

Council, where one of his last assignments was in promoting timely and

effective information-sharing among Federal, State and local law

enforcement partners. As a former local government leader myself, I can

tell you how vital such collaboration is to the safety of our

communities. Tragically, Mike Resnick was diagnosed with pancreatic

cancer in May of 2010, but he continued to staff his post through the

physical and emotional strain of his treatments.

CIA Director John Brennan, who at the time was the Assistant to the

President For Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, said that Mike

wanted to make sure everything was in order for those who will carry on

with his work.

He died on February 2, 2011, at the age of 50.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sarah Chamberlain, and their daughter,

Jordan. It was one of my former colleagues, Amo Houghton of New York,

who introduced Mike and Sarah by setting them up on a blind date. They

were married here in Washington, and they enjoyed tennis, golf and

travel when they could find the time. Mike played as hard as he worked.

In fact, I'm told he was known to give some of our Republican

colleagues a run for their money on the tennis court.

He grew up in Bayside, Wisconsin, where his parents, Sheldon and

Ruth, still reside. It will come as no surprise that Mike was an Eagle

Scout growing up. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin--

Madison and of the DePaul University College of Law. Prior to his

service with the FBI, he spent a brief period as a prosecutor.

Former FBI Director Robert Mueller said that Mike was not motivated

by recognition but by a desire to get the job done, help others and to

see those around him succeed.

Though he shied away from the spotlight, renaming the building in

which he invested so much of himself offers a fitting recognition and a

lasting tribute to the memory of one of our Nation's most dedicated

public servants, whom the President characterized as no less than an

American hero. I hope we remember that as we debate the issue of a

shutdown of the Federal Government. Our Federal Government is filled

with such noble public servants who are serving this country.

Let me close by again thanking the chairman and ranking member of the

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and of its Subcommittee on

Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, and I

urge the passage of this fitting tribute, this legislation, this

morning.