HON. MARK E. SOUDER
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HON. JOHN T. Doolittle
OF CALIFORNIA
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Mr. Doolittle. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor a dedicated public servant, Mr. Russell Anthony Tuccelli. After a lifetime of hard work and commitment to his family, community, and state, my friend, who was better known as Tony Russell, passed away on April 20, 2002. Having completed an eight-year battle with cancer, he was buried at sea on May 8th. He was 75 years old.

Tony had a long and distinguished career working in the news media and on behalf of state and local governments. During the 1970s he was the news director for both KCRA Radio and KFBK Radio in Sacramento, California. He also was a foreign correspondent for United Press International and a talk show host for KFBK.

In 1980, Tony assumed the role of director of communications for the Senate Minority Caucus in the California State Legislature. Later, he became my district coordinator when I represented the 3rd State Senatorial District. I deeply appreciate the valuable service he provided me. In 1984, he left my office to become an administrative assistant to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. In 1987 he moved over to a similar position for the Sacramento City Council before joining the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning as the chief of communications.

The year 1991 marked the beginning of his decade as an administrator in the California Employment Development Department. Within this agency he worked as a public information officer, marketing specialist, and an associate information systems analyst.

He was known as a leader in the community through his involvement as a youth mentor in EDD's School Partnership Program. Also, he was often the guest speaker at swearing-in ceremonies for our newest U.S. citizens, giving everyone in attendance a brief history lesson and instilling a rousing sense of patriotism.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Lenamarie Tuccelli. He is also survived by his son Michael and daughter-in-law Erin, his son Stephen and daughter-in-law Karen, and his grandchildren Angela, Raymond, Stephanie, and Ryan. Tony Russell will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but his legacy of devotion to family and service to the community remains with us forever.
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HON. DAVID E. BONIOR
OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to note a historic occasion that is being observed this week. In addition to our observance of D-Day, the day that Allied troops landed in Europe to begin the attack on Nazi Germany, this week marks the anniversary of India’s military attack on the Golden Temple in Amritsar and the brutal massacre of 20,000 Sikhs in June 1984. Recently, Sikhs from the East Coast gathered to commemorate this event in front of the Indian Embassy here in Washington. Similar events have been held or will be held in New York, London, and many other cities.

The Golden Temple attack was an attack on the seat of the Sikh religion. It forever put the lie to India’s claim that it is secular and democratic. How can a democratic state launch a military attack on religious pilgrims gathered at the most sacred site of their religion? The Indian troops shot bullet holes through the Sikh holy scriptures, the Guru Granth Sahib, and took boys as young as eight years old in cold court yard in cold blood. This set off a wave of repression against Sikhs that continues to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to put the flyer from this event into the RECORD. It contains a lot of important information about the Golden Temple attack that shows the tyranny just under the facade of Indian democracy.

KHALISTAN MARTYRS DAY, June 1, 2002
PROTESTING INDIAN GOVERNMENT DESCRIBATION OF THE GOLDEN TEMPLE AND MASSACRE OF SIKHS

Sikhs Demand Freedom for Sikh Nation of Khalistan

Remember the Victims of Indian Genocide. “If the Indian government attacks the Golden Temple, it will lay the foundation of Khalistan.”—Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, former majesty.

Indian government genocide against the Sikh nation continues to this day. From June 3 to 6, 1984 the Indian government launched a military attack on the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the holiest of Sikh shrines and seat of the Sikh religion. This is the equivalent of attacking the Vatican or St. Peter’s Basilica.

India planned the massacre in Gujarat (which killed over 5,000 people) in advance and they ordered the police to stand by and not to interfere to stop the attacks. In February, a group of Indian soldiers was caught red-handed trying to set fire to a Gurdwara and some Sikh homes in a village in Gujarat.

In March 42 Members of the U.S. Congress from both parties wrote to President Bush asking him to help free tens of thousands of political prisoners.

India voted with Cuba, China, and other repressive states to kill a U.S. resolution against human-rights violations in China. India is a terrorist state. According to the Report of the U.S. Commission on Human Rights, India planned the massacre in Gujarat (which killed over 5,000 people) in advance and they ordered the police to stand by and not to interfere to stop the attacks.

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