

HONORING THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend the Arlington County Civic Federation on the occasion of its 90th anniversary celebration.

Born from a handful of concerned citizens' groups devoted to creating better schools and roads, the Arlington Civic Federation has grown to over 80 organizations as the oldest and longest standing voice in the county devoted to improving residents' lives.

As the boundaries of new civic organizations that comprise the Federation have changed over the years, so too have the boundaries of issues, ideas, and actions the Federation has endorsed and successfully championed for its citizenry.

The Federation has battled for Arlington's citizens on issues ranging from school desegregation, affordable housing, operation of the airport authority, HIV/AIDS, Metro and interstate highways, as well as football and baseball stadiums. Standing up for the ordinary citizen with a non-political, nonpartisan, non-sectarian voice, the Federation continues to improve the quality of life for Arlingtonians and shape public policy from the local to Federal level.

Patrick A. Smaldore Jr., a lifelong Arlington County resident, career civil servant and Naval reservist, now serves the Federation as President.

He is joined by the leadership of Vice President—Jackie Snelling, Treasurer—Frances Finta, Secretary—Burt Bostwick, Chairman of the Executive Committee—Larry Mayer, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee—Stan Karson and members Eileen Williams, Beth Offenbacher, and Frank Emerson. Their work, along with the 14 standing committees is responsible for engaging new issues as they arise.

With the Commonwealth's coming 400th anniversary, we are reminded of how intimate a role Arlington has played in the shaping of our Nation's history. George Washington, James Madison and George Mason all worked or owned land in the county. As the voice of its people, the Federation also reminds us of the innovation and leadership that will continue to contribute to our future.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in honoring the 90th anniversary of the Arlington County Civic Federation for its many contributions to public affairs and its ongoing commitment to the people of Arlington County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I attended the heartfelt memorial

service of Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Mrs. King was a model citizen and will truly be missed by the Nation. Last week the House debated H. Res. 655, which honored the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Coretta Scott King. This resolution recognized her contributions as a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and expresses condolences to the King family on her passing.

Coretta Scott King was born on April 27, 1927, in Heiberger, Alabama. Mrs. King graduated from Antioch College with a degree in music and education and was granted a scholarship to study concert singing at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. It was in Boston where she met a young theology student, Martin Luther King, Jr., who was attending Boston University, and her life was forever changed. They were soon caught up in a dramatic series of events that sparked the modern Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King was recognized as the face of the movement, called upon to lead various marches from city to city, with Mrs. King right by his side, encouraging citizens, regardless of race, to defy the laws of segregation.

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. Channeling her grief, Mrs. King concentrated her energies on fulfilling her husband's work by building The King Center in Atlanta, Georgia, as a living memorial to her husband's life and dream. However, Mrs. King's greatest accomplishment was yet to come. She set out to establish her late husband's birthday as a national holiday, and that dream came to fruition when Congress declared the first observance of this national holiday in 1986. Today, the holiday is marked by annual celebrations in over 100 countries.

Mrs. King was an influential public figure and is referred to as the "First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement." She was a world-renowned speaker who gave hundreds of speeches both abroad and at home, and was active in organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women and the Women's Strike for Peace. Mrs. King was also known for her writing, most notably for her autobiography, *My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Mrs. Coretta Scott King had a vision and she had the wherewithal to keep that vision alive. The journey towards equality for all has been greatly advanced by her work and accomplishments. Mrs. Coretta Scott King is a true American hero and will dearly be missed by her family, the Nation, and the world.

FREEDOM OF RAFAEL IBARRA

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues about Rafael Ibarra, a long suffering and heroic political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Ibarra heads the 30th of November Democratic Party, an island wide movement dedicated to the establishment of a democratic society, an opposition movement to the Castro tyranny. In 1995 he was sentenced to 20 years in the totalitarian gulag. In 1997, his wife Maritza Lugo, also a highly respected pro-democracy activist, was arrested and incarcer-

ated for 2 years; leaving their 2 daughters without their parents. On multiple occasions after 1999, Maritza would continue to be arrested and harassed by the tyrannical regime. Even while they were in prison at the same time, the tyrant insisted on evicting their 2 girls from their small farm house, which had become a gathering point for human rights and pro-democracy meetings.

Mr. Ibarra was one of the political prisoners who signed the Cuban flag painted on a pillow case and sent it to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Maritza and her two daughters, at Mr. Ibarra's request, fled Cuba as refugees in 2002 to the United States so that the 2 girls would be able to live in freedom.

This year marks an abominable anniversary, the 11th year that Mr. Ibarra has been imprisoned. While other fathers have been able to watch and guide their daughters as they grow up, Mr. Ibarra has been incarcerated in the gulag for daring to dream of and to work on behalf of a democratic Cuba.

Rafael Ibarra is a hero, in the tradition of the great figures of Cuba's long struggle for liberty. Quintin Banderas, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Ignacio Agramonte, Antonio Maceo, and thousands of other Cuban heroes established a tradition of heroism that today is being continued by countless men and women who have given their best years and often their lives for the freedom of Cuba. Rafael Ibarra is a hero in that same admirable tradition.

My thoughts and prayers are with him, as is my solidarity and profound admiration. Mr. Speaker, this courageous man is locked in Castro's gulag for failing to keep silent about the nightmare that is the Castro regime. My colleagues, we must never forget those who are locked in gulags because of their desire for freedom for their countries. We must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Rafael Ibarra and every prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

GEORGE SOROS' INFILTRATION OF CPAC

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, George Soros, the radical liberal financier who dedicated himself to defeating President George W. Bush in the last election, has taken a lesson from Jack Abramoff.

As much of Abramoff's pernicious lobbying technique has come to light, we've seen how he was adept at manipulating certain conservative organizations to pursue a decidedly anti-conservative agenda, namely the promotion of gambling. By working hand in hand with the Traditional Values Coalition, TVC, for example, he was able in 2000 to undermine conservatives' best effort to outlaw on-line gambling. Proxy organizations played a fundamental role in Abramoff's strategy.

Since 1974, the American Conservative Union has held the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, which is billed as a 3-day meeting for thousands of conservative activists and leaders to discuss current issues and policies and set the agenda for the future.

I myself have addressed the conference in the past.

One can imagine a conservative's surprise to read on the CPAC 2006 agenda that a representative of the Marijuana Policy Project, MPP, is slated to moderate—yes, moderate—a panel Friday discussing drug policy. For those who are unacquainted with it, the pro-marijuana MPP has been funded by Soros in the past. Also represented on the panel is the Drug Policy Alliance, which is Soros' principal pro-drug arm. Incidentally, the moderator himself is a convicted drug dealer.

What on earth were the CPAC organizers thinking? Why would the American Conservative Union allow extremist liberals like George Soros and Peter Lewis—who is responsible for most of MPP's funding—to access a meeting of conservatives? And, in exactly whose estimation would there be balance in a debate moderated by the MPP?

Thanks to Accuracy in Media Report Editor Cliff Kincaid, these are just a few of the questions that the CPAC organizers now face. I'd like to submit into the RECORD his article of February 7, 2006, entitled "Soros Infiltrates Conservative Movement." In exchange for a donation, is this 32-year-old conservative conference turning itself into a Soros proxy organization just like Abramoff's TVC?

Over the last number of months, we've been surprised to learn how one such as Abramoff was able to exploit conservatives for his own purposes. Surely in this environment we can't miss seeing it when it's happening once again.

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SOROS INFILTRATES CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT
(By Cliff Kincaid)

Calvina Fay of the Drug Free America Foundation has pulled out as a speaker at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), which begins in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, because a "mini-debate" she was scheduled to appear in had been stacked against her. As it now stands, the event will feature two advocates of drug legalization, both of them funded by leftist billionaire and anti-Bush activist George Soros.

Having put most of the left-wing political movement and many liberal Democrats on his payroll, it is apparent that Soros is now working to manipulate the conservative movement. It is surprising that CPAC is facilitating his scheme.

A convicted insider trader who specializes in manipulating the currencies of the nations of the world, Soros is usually depicted as a "philanthropist" who believes in an "Open Society." Hence, the name of his major funding mechanism, the Open Society Institute. In the Soros view, of course, an "open society" means encouraging behavior that undermines the traditional values and culture of America. This is hardly "conservative."

In addition to promoting drug legalization, his causes include open borders, gay rights, abortion rights, opposition to the death penalty, lighter sentences for criminals, and assisted suicide. He tried almost single-handedly to buy the White House for Democrat John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election by spending over \$20 million on controversial "527" organizations promoting his candidacy. On foreign policy issues, Soros is a big backer of the U.N. and opposes the Bush Administration's war in Iraq and handling of the war on terrorism.

The scheduled Friday CPAC event on "A Conservative Drug Policy" was to feature a mini-debate between Ethan Nadelmann of the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) and Calvina

Fay. The "moderator," hardly unbiased, was scheduled to be Rob Kampia of the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). The Soros Open Society Institute has given the DPA millions of dollars, including \$2.5 million in 2004 alone. MPP has been funded by Soros as well as Peter Lewis, chairman of the Progressive Corporation, who was arrested in New Zealand several years ago after customs officers found marijuana in his luggage. Lewis, who gave \$340,000 to MPP in 2004, is also a major funder of the ACLU.

Court documents show that Kampia himself was convicted in 1989 and sentenced to prison for possessing and intending to distribute marijuana.

While paying thousands of dollars to appear at a conservative conference, MPP is selling \$500 tickets to a March 30 fundraising "party" at the Playboy Mansion. Playboy founder Hugh Hefner provided the seed money for the drug legalization movement, which is now underwritten mostly by Soros and Lewis.

"Playmates will be available to give tours of the mansion grounds as you enjoy great music and comedy in one of America's most renowned settings," says MPP's website. A member of the "host committee" for the Playboy event is Tommy Chong, who participated in pro-marijuana movies as part of the "Cheech and Chong" team and served nine months in prison for selling drug paraphernalia. You won't need an NSA surveillance program to know what's going on in the Playboy Mansion on March 30.

When Calvina Fay saw that the CPAC "debate" had been stacked against her, she pulled out. However, her group will still have a booth at CPAC. So will the Drug Policy Alliance. Later in the day, after the "debate," Kampia's MPP will host an event for all CPAC attendees and guests on why the war on drugs should not target marijuana users. It is not known if Playmates will appear.

The Drug Policy Alliance also participated in CPAC last year, boasting that Executive Director Nadelmann was "well-received" and "appeared on several conservative radio shows coinciding with the conference."

This is troubling because DPA and MPP are part of a major deception campaign to convince people that marijuana is harmless or even has medical benefits. Accuracy in Media last year disclosed the existence of documentary evidence that the "medical marijuana" movement is a fraud that exploits sick people. Video footage of a pro-marijuana event showed Ed Rosenthal, formerly of High Times magazine, speaking to dozens of marijuana activists. "With all the talk about medical marijuana, I have to tell you that I also use marijuana medically (laughter)," he says. "I have a latent glaucoma, which has never been diagnosed (more laughter). And the reason why it has never been diagnosed is because I've been treating it (laughter). . . . But there is a reason why I do use it. And that is because I like to get high. (cheers, applause). Marijuana is fun."

Another video excerpt showed Richard Cowan, former director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, saying that "The key to it [legalization] is medical access because once you have hundreds of thousands of people using marijuana medically under medical supervision the whole scam is going to be blown. . . . Once there's medical access and if we continue to do what we have to do—and we will—then we'll get full legalization." Not surprisingly, a Federal investigation of "medical marijuana" clubs and dispensaries in California has found they had been used as a cover for drug dealing and money laundering.

At the same time, evidence of a connection between marijuana and mental illness continues to mount. The influence of marijuana

figures in the sensational murder case of Colin Roger Cotting, a 16-year-old in Alaska who allegedly raped his stepmother, beat her to death with a baseball bat, and stuffed her in a freezer. The murder resulted from a dispute when Cotting was confronted by his stepmother about his marijuana use. Cotting told police that he was too stoned on marijuana to remember what had happened.

In a case that received national attention, Joseph Smith, the convicted killer of 11-year-old Charlie Brucia, tried to blame his criminal behavior on using drugs, including cocaine and marijuana.

British newspapers are now covering a sensational case of "cannabis psychosis," involving a music producer, Lisa Voice, who "was viciously assaulted in her home by a family friend who had been made psychotic by the drug," as the London Sunday Times noted. She suffered a broken jaw, broken nose, collapsed lung, and eye injuries, and has already had 11 medical operations to rebuild her face and head. The attacker had been smoking marijuana since the age of 15 and believed he was getting subliminal messages from television.

In Britain, penalties for the use and possession of marijuana had been lowered after the drug had been reclassified. But Dr. Shahrokh Mireskandari, lawyer for Lisa Voice, was quoted in the Sunday Times as saying, "Let government ministers who say cannabis is a harmless drug come and explain that decision to Mrs. Voice and her many doctors. Cannabis should never have been reclassified and people such as Mrs. Voice now face a lifetime of pain because of the dangers of this drug."

So why is CPAC giving Nadelmann, Kampia and their ilk a platform?

EULOGY FOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 MITCHELL "MITCH" CARVER

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many young men and women have been killed and wounded in the Iraqi conflict—more than 2,000 killed and 17,000 wounded. I'd like today to reprint my eulogy given at the funeral of CW03 Mitchell "Mitch" Carver as a tribute not only to him and his parents, but as a reminder to all citizens of our country that "freedom is not free."

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead! Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

John McCrae wrote those words before his own death on the battlefield nearly 90 years ago. We have learned to protect the lives of our soldiers better. In the war to end all wars, more died in single battles than America has lost in all wars since. America has learned to protect our soldiers better—but not well enough for we are here to pay homage to the life of Mitch Carver. We take pride in reducing our casualties, but the sacrifice of the family is not a small percent, it is not a small loss, it is not a small number. Their sacrifice is enormous, it is total, it is all.