

scheduled narcotics, how pharmacists track and fill orders, and the way law enforcement agencies fight the drug problem throughout Kentucky.

As the manager of Kentucky's Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch, Dave Sallengs is responsible for operating the Kentucky All-Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) monitoring program, as well as enforcing the Kentucky Controlled Substances Act. With the leading prescription monitoring system in the nation, Mr. Sallengs has made it his mission to train a broad range of authorized users on KASPER.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sallengs, the number of KASPER users tripled in merely two years. On average, the number of individuals participating in KASPER continues to grow by an astounding two percent each month. This growth is a testament of his effort to promote and educate health care providers and law enforcement officers to the tremendous impact KASPER can make on people's lives. The KASPER system is one of the best weapons we have in the war against prescription drug abuse and trafficking in the Bluegrass State.

Mr. Sallengs' passion for eliminating drug abuse and addiction is evident by his continual efforts to promote KASPER to all those agencies who benefit from this important program. A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Mr. Sallengs spent 12 years as an owner and operator of an independent retail pharmacy before gaining in-depth experience in the wholesale drug and pharmacy computer industries. In addition to being a registered pharmacist, Mr. Sallengs has served his community as a law enforcement officer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pharmacy Association of Kentucky's "Pharmacist of the Year," Mr. Dave Sallengs. The award recognizes those who use their profession to benefit those both in the profession and the community. In my opinion, there is no one more deserving of this award in our state, or in our country, as his work is now part of a national model to end prescription drug abuse.

HONORING MS. BEATRIZ A. GARZA

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Beatriz A. Garza, the recent college graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and a tribal member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT).

Graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts in 2006 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2009, Ms. Beatriz A. Garza has become the first college graduate from the Kickapoo Tribe in the state of Texas.

Ms. Garza grew up in Eagle Pass, Texas, on the Kickapoo Indian Reservation, graduating from Eagle Pass High School's C.C. Winn Campus. Influenced by her father, Juan Garza, Jr., she pursued higher education at Haskell Indian Nations University.

In 1884, the doors of this fine educational institution opened up to the yearning minds of twenty-two American Indian children. It was known then as the United States Indian Industrial Training School. Today, Haskell Indian Nations University, the largest Indian university in the country, serves roughly one thousand college students per semester, and continues to serve American Indians with a multitude of innovative curricula that prepares students to enter baccalaureate programs in areas such as elementary education, American Indian studies, and business administration, which Ms. Garza, as previously noted, pursued herself, emphasizing her study in tribal management. She currently plans to pursue a professional degree in law.

Students attending this University represent federally recognized tribes from across the United States, producing a dynamic and diverse student body bringing life experiences to the forefront of the classroom while integrating American Indian and Alaskan Native culture into all its curricula. Through my time spent on a Texas school board, I have seen people who, like Ms. Garza, are intelligent, responsible, and driven. Ms. Garza excelled in the classroom and pushed forward toward a brighter future. People like Ms. Garza, are the change makers in our world, the backbone of the American dream, and the reason America succeeds. Boundaries like this are broken by great men and women who lead this country forward, inspiring future generations to follow in their footsteps.

I am proud of Ms. Garza's success and it is with great honor that I extend my most sincere congratulations to Ms. Beatriz A. Garza as she makes this monumental milestone in her life.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE SUPPRESSION

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this unnecessary and counter-productive resolution regarding the 20th anniversary of the incident in China's Tiananmen Square. In addition to my concerns over the content of this legislation, I strongly object to the manner in which it was brought to the floor for a vote. While the resolution was being debated on the House floor, I instructed my staff to obtain a copy so that I could read it before the vote. My staff was told by no less than four relevant bodies within the House of Representatives that the text was not available for review and would not be available for another 24 hours. It is unacceptable for Members of the House of Representatives to be asked to vote on legislation that is not available for them to read!

As to the substance of the resolution, I find it disturbing that the House is going out of its way to meddle in China's domestic politics, which is none of our business, while ignoring the many pressing issues in our own country that definitely are our business.

This resolution "calls on the People's Republic of China to invite full and independent investigations into the Tiananmen Square crackdown, assisted by the United Nations

High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Committee of the Red Cross . . ." Where do we get the authority for such a demand? I wonder how the U.S. government would respond if China demanded that the United Nations conduct a full and independent investigation into the treatment of detainees at the U.S.-operated Guantanamo facility?

The resolution "calls on the legal authorities of People's Republic of China to review immediately the cases of those still imprisoned for participating in the 1989 protests for compliance with internationally recognized standards of fairness and due process in judicial proceedings." In light of U.S. government's extraordinary renditions of possibly hundreds of individuals into numerous secret prisons abroad where they are held indefinitely without charge or trial, one wonders what the rest of the world makes of such U.S. demands. It is hard to exercise credible moral authority in the world when our motto toward foreign governments seems to be "do as we say, not as we do."

While we certainly do not condone government suppression of individual rights and liberties wherever they may occur, why are we not investigating these abuses closer to home and within our jurisdiction? It seems the House is not interested in investigating allegations that U.S. government officials and employees approved and practiced torture against detainees. Where is the Congressional investigation of the U.S.-operated "secret prisons" overseas? What about the administration's assertion of the right to detain individuals indefinitely without trial? It may be easier to point out the abuses and shortcomings of governments overseas than to address government abuses here at home, but we have the constitutional obligation to exercise our oversight authority in such matters. I strongly believe that addressing these current issues would be a better use of our time than once again condemning China for an event that took place some 20 years ago.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that yesterday inclement weather delayed my flight and prevented my timely return to Washington. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on H. Res. 421, recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary. I would have voted Yes on H.J. Res. 40, to encourage the people of the United States to honor Native Americans by designating the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day as Native American Heritage Day. I also would have voted Yes on H. Res. 489, recognizing the 20th anniversary of the brutal suppression of protesters and citizens in and around Tiananmen Square.