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HONORING THE SMYRNA RESCUE SQUAD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Smyrna Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a four to six-month period which includes instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their service especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community volunteerism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

TRIBUTE TO BRIG. GEN. ANDREW P. GROSE

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brig. Gen. Andrew P. Grose upon his retirement from the U.S. Air Force after 33-years of exemplary service. General Grose is currently the Air Force Reserve mobilization assistant to the director of legislative liaison for the U.S. Air Force. Since assuming this post in 1991, General Grose has demonstrated sound judgement and a keen sense of priority. His in-depth knowledge of the Air Force and the Congress has been of great benefit to Members of the House of Representatives as we have deliberated issues relating to our national security interests.

General Grose has served with distinction in demanding positions. The leadership and commitment that he has demonstrated throughout his career have earned for him the respect and gratitude of those who have had the privilege of working with him. Mr. Speaker,

on behalf of my colleagues on the Committee on National Security, I bid General Grose a fond farewell and wish he and his family the very best as they move on to face new challenges and rewards.

CARRYING THE TORCH FOR THE 1996 OLYMPICS

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the individuals in my district who have been honored to carry the torch in the Olympic Torch Relay.

These individuals have distinguished themselves in the community by helping others who have been less fortunate. This group combines people of all ages, men and women for one purpose, to help bring the Olympic flame to Atlanta.

The Olympics are held only rarely in the United States. We should take advantage of this great opportunity to showcase true patriots of this country. Once again I congratulate these individuals on their achievement.

The individuals from my district are: James Barefoot, Sauquoit; Darrell Bruder, Rome; John Cribbs, Sidney; Judith Greiner, Clinton; Leo Hofmeister, Utica; Carlton Jarvis, III, Barker; Jeffrey Jost, Wampsville; Derek Macero, Utica; Dick Mattia, Utica; Robert Merritt, Utica; Allen Pylman, New Hartford; Kristina Rico, Rome; Sandy Shivas, Ilion; James Suriano, Sidney; Russell Brooks, II, Utica; Tim Catella, Oneonta; Eugene A. DiFondi, Jr., Utica; Dustin Hite, Camden; Scott Huges, Herkimer; David Jones, Utica; Joe Kelly, Whitesboro; Ward Mack, Sidney; Steven Mac, Utica; Thomas Mirabito, Jr., Sidney; David Rich, Utica; Williams Rys, New Hartford; James Simpson, New Hartford; and Bob Wood, Sauquoit.

PRINTING ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS AN AGENDA

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, just when I thought that Wes Pruden could not be more incisive in his commentary, he out does himself again. I submit for the RECORD his column which was printed in the June 11 Washington Times.

PRINTING ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS AN AGENDA

(By Wesley Pruden)

Bill Clinton and his boys on the bus are getting a hard lesson about how times have changed.

They can't any longer decide what news is fit to print—and more to the point, they can't any longer prevent news they think is not fit to print from getting printed anyway. This will become even more important three months hence.

The story about how the White House was building an enemies list from secret FBI files first broke on Thursday, with the revelation that Bernard Nussbaum, or someone using his name, asked the FBI to supply its dos-

siers on Billy Dale seven months after Mr. Dale, the head of the White House travel office until Hillary Rodham Clinton ordered the president's men to deliver his head, was beheaded.

This was the main, or lead, story in this newspaper, stretched across the top of Page One. The Washington Post put it on Page 4, a decorous announcement to the reporters around town, who imagine The Post to be the arbiter of what's news, that it wasn't much of a story. The New York Times, couldn't find any room at all for it on Thursday or Friday. But in fairness to the New York Times, there was a crush of other stuff of compelling interest to its constituency, mostly news about how maybe you can, too, catch AIDS by taking unclean foreign objects in your mouth. There was even a story about how monkeys, if forced to by lab attendants, can catch AIDS this way.

The Associated Press, no doubt influenced by The Post and the New York Times, at first paid grudging attention to the story. But when the story grew, and it became clear that the White House had more in mind than merely seeking dirt on Billy Dale, the story sprouted legs.

By Saturday morning it was in full gallop, with the disclosure that the White House had obtained FBI dossiers on 339—or 341, the figure grew by the hour—Republicans. The White House explanations grew from improbable to unlikely and then to fanciful: It was of course "an innocent mistake," made because maybe they needed to know just who these people were, men like James Baker, the former secretary of state; Marlin Fitzwater, the press secretary for both President Reagan and President Bush; and Tony Blankley, the press secretary for Newt Gingrich. They might want to offer them jobs. Mr. Clinton is determined to keep the unemployment rate down, and you never know when these guys might be out of work.

By now the story was getting out of hand. The silence of the lambs at the New York Times and the reticence of the wolves at The Post was supposed to tell everyone that this was not news fit to print, but some people (like us) never seem to get the word. The New York Times put it plain enough for everyone but people like us on Saturday: "Senior White House officials said tonight that they have discovered new facts about a White House request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for information about a fired employee, showing that the request was an innocent mistake." (Emphasis mine.) Everybody could now go back to sleep, and send your apologies to Bill and Hillary.

Too bad for Mr. Clinton and his pals, but now the story was racing on its little baby legs to front pages across the country, and by Sunday morning the TV talk shows couldn't get enough of it. Even Ann Lewis, the deputy director of the Clinton reelection campaign, in a fit of uncontrolled candor, likened the Clinton list to the enemies list compiled for Richard Nixon.

"That's the point we've been trying to make," said Tony Blankley.

"I was trying to be funny," replied Miss Lewis, frostily. (The resident wit, she's famous for cracking everybody up at the White House.)

"Oh," said Mr. Blankley. Being one of nature's gentlemen, he obliged with a laugh.

President Clinton, no doubt irritated that his pals had not contained the story, attempted a diversion on the weekend with his radio speech decrying—as he should have, but in a less blatantly political way—the torching of black churches in the South. He told reporters that the torchings particularly upset him because when he was just a little shaver in Hot Springs he was saddened by the smoking ruins of black churches in Arkansas.

This was too much for the home folks, black and white. None of them remembered a black church being torched, ever. Well, never mind. The story sounded good at the time, and since he had long since shredded the good name of his native state, what difference could it make?

His hometown paper, the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, called him on it the next day, quoting skepticism and outrage from the state historian and a collection of knowledgeable black ministers and NAACP officials. Washington read about it in the pages of this newspaper, which, like his hometown paper, knows him best. The news didn't fit in certain other famous places.

TRIBUTE TO TODD KAMINSKY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Todd Kaminsky of Long Beach High School for the outstanding leadership which he has shown as a columnist and political activist to his school and community. It is encouraging to see an active, independent young man playing such a leading role in our political process.

Mr. Kaminsky will be graduating this month from Long Beach High School and plans to attend the University of Michigan. I am certain that he will have a particularly successful academic career.

I am pleased to insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a recent column which Mr. Kaminsky wrote for the April 1996 edition of the "Tide" which is the student newspaper for Long Beach High School.

KING CALLS FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT (By Todd Kaminsky)

For a few months a year, a couple of hundred of men and women gather in a neatly assembled, large, white building to discuss a few matters concerning the state of our nation's well being. Welfare reform, gun control, the environment, and even the occasional blurb on nuclear weapons are some of the random sounds you might hear bounce off the inner walls of this stately building.

These are just some of the great topics most teenagers couldn't care less about. But these men and women are our Congressmen, easily some of the most important people in our country. Although the attitude on politicians reflected in the prior paragraph may be the prevailing one amongst teenagers, the teens of Long Beach have reason to breathe a little easier.

Of the near 500 members of Congress, struggling to tackle daily important foreign and domestic issues that face this nation, you will see that at least one of these brave souls is looking out for the future of our nation. Congressman Peter T. King, who represents Long Beach among other areas in the House of Representatives, knows how important teenagers are to a prosperous democracy.

"Even when I was very small, I was still interested in political events. I guess it was a natural interest," said King, who is one of the few politicians who realizes how vital a role teens actually play in our government.

In Congress right now, there are many important domestic issues that our Congress-

men vote on. Some of this legislation effects teens directly, and some will affect them later on down the road. This is why King feels, "Teens owe it to themselves to get involved."

King has gained most of his fame in Congress, by passing or being the sponsor of bills that directly affect teenagers. Recently, he was given much attention for a bill which would make English the official language, and would end bilingual education. Representative King has always been involved in making important educational decisions. "I feel that my greatest work as a Congressman was done with the English bill. It has been one of my greatest accomplishments," said King.

There is a great variety of things a teenager can do to make a difference in his or her community. Most political meetings, (school board, or otherwise) are held publicly. Just by attending a few of these meetings, you can become aware of what is taking place in your community.

It is almost considered a fact, that most teenagers would rather play sports than follow the nation's political affairs. We have a whole slew of sports teams in LBPS, but do we have a Young Republican Club? Of course, we don't.

Congressman King played basketball in high school and boxed as well. He admits to never being great at these sports, but he always tried his hardest. If you ask any coach what makes a great athlete, he will tell you hard work, good thinking, and perseverance. It is no coincidence that when I asked Congressman King what are the characteristics one needs to be successful in Congress, he replied, "hard work, smarts, and perseverance."

Of all the characteristics King described, he felt that perseverance was the most important. He lost a race for State Attorney General a number of years ago. Not only did he lose, but he got clobbered. He lost by almost 1 million votes. But King kept coming back again, and again, and again. Now he is among the most powerful in Washington.

A TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY FIEGE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Beverly Fiege on the occasion of her retirement. A teacher at both Richard Montgomery High School and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Ms. Fiege has taught French in the Montgomery County school system for over 15 years.

At Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Madame Fiege was beloved by her students. A joyful, cheerful educator, she transformed the learning of a language from the mundane memorization of grammar and vocabulary to a creative, enjoyable learning experience. Her enthusiasm for her work was undeniable to those who saw her teach. In addition, her remarkable attentiveness to every one of her students was never forgotten by those who were members of her class.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to salute Beverly Fiege, an outstanding educator.

"TEENS ASSISTING SENIOR CITIZENS" VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in honoring and thanking the volunteers at Teens Assisting Senior Citizens [TASC], located in Pico Rivera. On Friday, June 14, 1996, TASC will hold its annual recognition dinner to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who make this program successful year after year.

TASC is a program that serves the needs of Senior citizens while allowing local youth to benefit from service and involvement in the community. It began in 1983, with local youth and adult volunteers being recruited and trained in aging, communication, and emergency management. The volunteers were then sent to the homes of older community members who could benefit from help in their homes and sharing with youth. Volunteers provide friendly visiting, light housekeeping, shopping assistance, and yard work.

The goal of the program is to help older individuals of the community to remain independent and avoid unnecessary or premature institutionalization. TASC is a program of Catholic Charities Aging Services Department, a United Way Agency, and is supported by funds from the city of Pico Rivera. Kiwanis of Pico Rivera, and private donations.

The volunteers who deserve special recognition are: Rosa Alcocer; Lorraine Aldarondo; Frank Alvarez; Sergio Aguilar; Tiffany Avila; Adriana Bagues; Stephanie Barba; Cherly Bautista; Elizabeth Blanco; Omar Bravo; Cesar Chavez; Fabiola Chavez; Richard Chavez; Greg Cordova; Carlos Covarrubias; Diana De La Rosa; Araceli Delfin; Janice Diaz; Monique Dovalina; Mark Elias; Janet Gallogos; Gabriela Garcia; Michelle Garcia; Sandra Garcia; Ernie Gevara; Hugu Gomez; Sally Gomez; Carolina Gonzalez; Matthew Heilgeist; Gia Hua; Sakina Hussain; Luis Jimenez; Stephanie Kary; Lendy Le; Tanya Lopez; Jessica Mecado; Eric Medrano; David Morales; Patty Morales; Sandy Mudry; Mary Nguyen; Fernando Ortega; Susana Ortega; Chantha Ouk; Priya Patel; Andy Perez; Richard Perez; Erin Perez; Carmen Ramirez; Janet Renteria; Fabiola Robles; Armando Rodriguez; Rocio Rodriguez; Yazmin Romero; Cesar Ruiz; Jennifer Salamat; Veronica Singh; Frances Soliz; Rosemary Soliz; Jessica Tapia; Andy Torres; Peter Ubugen; Lisa Valles; Elizabeth Vasquez; Michael Velasquez; Linh Vuong, and TASC program director Cristina Quijada.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers in our community who have dedicated themselves to selfless service by participating in Teens Assisting Senior Citizens.