

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating Ms. Givens and wish her all the best in her pursuit of her goals.

GLARING DEFICIENCIES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, even as this administration points to successes in the area of foreign policy, we are watching those alleged successes unravel. The administration's policy toward Ireland has totally backfired and nearly precipitated a rupture of our relations with the United Kingdom. In Haiti, police who have been trained by this administration are now implicated in a series of political murders. The Middle East peace process has collapsed.

The administration's policy toward Bosnia is even more troubling. The Clinton administration repeatedly has assured this body that United States troops would not remain in Bosnia beyond the December 20, 1996 termination point. But our troops in Europe are now receiving orders to spend 1997 in Bosnia, and U.N. Ambassador Albright is backtracking as fast as she can on the administration's promises to the American people.

And the United States now finds itself standing up to Iraqi aggression by itself. The alliance put together by former President Bush is now in tatters, and the administration seems to lack the elementary competence to preserve our few remaining allies. One would assume the administration would first consult with Kuwait before announcing the deployment of thousands of troops to that country, but that seems beyond this administration's capability.

Mr. Speaker, this Member would ask to insert into the RECORD an editorial from the September 17, 1996 edition of the Omaha World Herald entitled "U.S. Involvement in Bosnia, Iraq Seems to Rely on Afterthoughts." As the editorial correctly notes, the current collapse of foreign policy is what happens when the voters elect a president who minimizes the importance of foreign policy expertise. This Member commends this insightful editorial to his colleagues.

U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN BOSNIA, IRAQ SEEMS TO RELY ON AFTERTHOUGHTS

The foremost reasons that the Founders created the presidency was to give the country a head of state to command the armed forces and deal with other nations. The Clinton administration had not handled those responsibilities well, particularly in Bosnia and Iraq.

President Clinton is reaping the harvest from his 1992 campaign slogan. "It's the economy, stupid," which implied that George Bush's attention to foreign policy was a sign of detached elitism. The flaws in Clinton's approach are now showing.

Certainly Bosnia had elections that were relatively free of violence. But U.S. troops were originally scheduled to leave Bosnia by Dec. 10. On Sunday, reporters asked Madeleine Albright the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and Secretary of State Warren Christopher whether the schedule will be met. They said it was too early to say. The U.N. mission will end Dec. 20, they said, but an international police force will still be needed. Neither would respond to questions

about whether the United States would be part of that police force.

Serbs, Muslims and Croats seem as polarized as ever. The peace that emerged from the Dayton negotiations is artificial. From all appearances, the combatants are biding their time until international troops get out of the way. Then the violence and ethnic cleansing will resume. The risk and expense of U.S. involvement will have been for nothing.

Flaws are also evident in American policy in Iraq. It has now come to light that Americans running a Central Intelligence Agency operation in the northern Kurdish zone disappeared in the middle of the night when Saddam Hussein moved his forces into the region. Surprised Kurdish and Iraqi associates of the Americans were left to fend for themselves.

By some reports, 100 of those U.S. cooperators were captured and executed. Apparently as an afterthought, the administration persuaded Turkey to accept some of the others.

Afterthought—that seems to be the way the White House developed policy in the Persian Gulf. Hey, someone in the administration seems to have said late last week, let's send 5,000 troops to Kuwait to show that President Clinton means business. The plan was flashed around the world. But apparently no one bothered to inform Kuwait. The result was the spectacle of a tiny nation—one that depends on its friendship with the United States to protect itself against Saddam—keeping the secretary of defense waiting until Monday, when clearance for the troop buildup was finally granted.

Other allies in the region have demonstrated reluctance to support U.S. moves against Saddam. Sen. John McCain and other critics of the administration said the administration failed to lay the necessary groundwork among friendly nations for such a mission.

The administration also failed to inform Congress. Speaker Newt Gingrich has said that the situation in the Middle East is almost too muddled to help Clinton find a way out. Gingrich said the White House should back up, consult with the bipartisan leadership of Congress and meet with the gulf war allies in the Middle East to develop a coherent philosophy for dealing with Iraq. He said the United States must know before it acts that other nations will come to its support.

Of course it must know. Gingrich's view is self-evident. The fact that the White House does things differently shows what can happen when the voters elect a president who minimizes the importance of foreign policy expertise.

TRIBUTE TO THE HISPANIC POLICE AND FIRE ASSOCIATION

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, Aristotle once wrote:

The good of man is the active exercise of his soul's faculties in conformity with excellence or virtue, or if there be several human excellences or virtues, in conformity with the best and most perfect among them.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to several members of the Hispanic Police and Fire Association who have established excellence by displaying outstanding success in their field.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the Police and Fire Association honors their members who rise far

and above the call of duty. This year the Fireman of the Year Awards went to Chris Freeman and Chris Szczygiel. The Police of the Year Awards were accepted by Educado DeHais and Angel Casabona. Furthermore, Dr. Wayne Petermann and Lorenzo Hernandez were honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award and the Civic Leader of the Year Award, respectively, for their exemplary service to the community. Finally, Luis Sanchez and Luis Guzman were presented with President of the Year Awards.

The Hispanic Police and Fire Association exemplifies the work ethic and pride so very important in every career and in our daily lives. It is their hard work and dedication, Mr. Speaker, that protects the entire community from the violence and catastrophe all too present in today's society.

On behalf of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, I would like to acknowledge our appreciation for the hard work of these courageous individuals. They put their lives on the line every day, in order for all citizens in the community to feel secure in their own homes.

TRIBUTE TO DICK AND EILEEN MERCER

HON. BILL BARRETT

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize a family from the Third Congressional District of Nebraska before my colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Dick and Eileen Mercer of Kearney, NE, recently received the 1996 Nebraska Cattlemen-Pfizer Animal Health Stewardship Award. In addition, they received the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Region VII Award. Although I've never had the opportunity to personally visit the Mercer's Double M farm, it's reputation is known far and wide. I've heard it said that if anyone deserves this award, it's Dick and Eileen.

The Mercers, along with their sons, operate a 3,000-head feedlot outside of Kearney. For more than 20 years, the Mercers have taken a hands-on approach to environmental stewardship. They have committed to water and soil testing. Organic matter in the soil has increased, which helps with water retention and erosion control, while nitrate levels have decreased. To control pests, parasitic wasps are employed, decreasing the need to use insecticides.

One of the most unique features of the Mercer's stewardship is their work with the city of Kearney to compost waste from the municipal sewage plant. Municipal waste is composted with manure from the feedlot and used as fertilizer on cropland. The feedlot was designed to utilize the natural characteristics of the land. Specifically, it's higher than adjacent fields allowing waste to flow downhill. From there, liquids are pumped onto the crops. To be sure, the soil is tested to ensure the proper amount is applied. In Dick's own words, as quoted by the Omaha World Herald, "The project is a perfect example of how urban and rural people can work together to improve and protect the environment."

In addition to local conservation work, the Mercers have been actively involved in the

community and local, State, and national environmental organizations, demonstrating their dedication to economically and environmentally sound cattle production. I'm pleased to be able to honor Dick and Eileen today. And although I realize Dick and Eileen have not been stewards of their land in the hopes of receiving awards or recognition, it's sometimes nice to get a pat on the back and acknowledgment for one's lifelong work.

CONGRATULATE ANDY PETTITTE
FOR BECOMING FIRST 20 GAME
AMERICAN LEAGUE WINNER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deer Park, TX native and New York Yankee pitcher Andy Pettitte, who on September 4 became the first American League pitcher to win 20 games this year. Andy has accomplished this remarkable achievement after only three seasons in the big leagues and he is the first Yankee pitcher to do so in 11 years. In performing this feat, Andy pitched the Yankees to a 10-3 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Winning 20 games is an extremely impressive achievement for Andy Pettitte considering that the last 20-game winner in the American League was in 1993. In 1993, Andy was playing college baseball after completing a remarkable high school pitching career at Deer Park High School, in the 25th Congressional District of Texas. I know that his parents, who still live in Deer Park, are proud of their son's accomplishments, as is the entire Deer Park community.

I look forward to great things in this young man's future. In a time when major league pitching has been declining, Andy has been a stellar performer for the Yankees and is one reason they lead the American League Eastern Division. Given his abilities, Andy now leads the pack for baseball's prestigious Cy Young Award.

I believe that we will continue to see remarkable pitching from this hard-working player who began his career in Deer Park, TX. We can be proud of his accomplishments and wish him the best in the coming months.

TRIBUTE TO LT. DENNIS HUFFORD

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lt. Dennis Hufford of the Chesterfield Police Department. Lieutenant Hufford has the honor of being the first officer from the Chesterfield Police Department to be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, VA. On September 13, 1996, Lieutenant Hufford, joined by his wife, three children, and Chesterfield Police Chief Johnson, graduated from the academy, the most venerated institution of its kind in the Nation.

Lieutenant Hufford has been an asset to the community and the Chesterfield Police Depart-

ment since its inception in 1989. Serving as the commander of the Detective Bureau, he was the second officer hired by the department. Later, he was promoted to commander of field operations where he now supervises 70 officers. Lieutenant Hufford will use the skills he learned at the academy when he returns to this position this week.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating Lieutenant Hufford on this exciting milestone and tremendous accomplishment, as well as commend the Chesterfield Police Department and Chief Johnson on an excellent choice.

POLITICAL TARGETS EASIEST
ONES TO SPOT IN IRAQ MISSILE
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HON. DOUG BEREUTER

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Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the editorial which appeared in the Omaha World-Herald on September 11, 1966:

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POLITICAL TARGETS EASIEST ONES TO SPOT IN
IRAQ MISSILE BARRAGE

The Butcher of Baghdad, The Bully of Baghdad. "Saddamed if you do, Saddamed if you don't."

Guess who's back in the headlines? Saddam Hussein. Again. The news types have dusted off the old clichés and come up with a few new ones to catalog his latest military indiscretions.

Six years after he invaded Kuwait, six years after his forces were pummeled unmercifully in what he described as "The Mother of All Battles," the Iraqi president has again put his meager military strength at risk. This time he chose sides among rival Kurdish factions and sent 40,000 troops in to assure a victory for his favorite in northern Iraq.

This time, as last time, the president of the United States has cited our vital interest in peace and order in the oil-rich Middle East and ordered a military response. And its the sort of no-strings response that leaves voters looking ahead to Election Day with the maximum comfort level.

Missiles from afar. No ground troops. Virtually no risk of American casualties. Little notice taken and little need to comment on Iraqi casualties, military or civilian. Plenty of room for the Pentagon to claim bull's-eyes for the finest in American technology.

In the sort of analogy that Nebraskans always appreciate, the Tomahawk cruise missile is described as being so accurate that it can be fired from New York or Chicago and whiz right through a set of goal posts in Washington, D.C.

Goal posts, touchdowns and extra points are also inviting terms for describing a political victory for the Clinton camp. In danger of being pegged, again, as a foreign policy lightweight by Bob Dole, of being called soft on Iraq, the president has yielded to aggressive temptation.

When George Bush presided over victory in the 1990 Gulf War, his approval rating soared to 89 percent. Unfortunately for Bush, it was not time for an election.

President Clinton, who knows approval ratings like a sports bookie knows the box scores, scored 69 percent in an early Time

Magazine/CNN poll after pulling the military trigger. Hey, it's early yet.

But what makes so much sense politically makes little sense strategically or in support of sound foreign policy. It's swatting a fly with a sledgehammer.

This time, putting the best face on it, it's an exclusively American message to a meddler to mind his own business.

But this time, unlike last time, the United States has no support among Iraq's neighbors, no support from the United Nations, and, with the exception of the British, no support from our traditional allies. There is no coalition of 32 countries joining in defense of an invaded country.

This time, unlike last time, Saddam is operating within his own borders and intervening in a dispute between Kurdish elements sympathetic to either Iran or Iraq.

This time, the United States has stepped beyond economic sanctions and pushed the launch buttons for nothing more serious than violating a no-fly zone in Saddam's own country—even though the Iraqi leader used ground troops and no airplanes.

This time, the likely effect is to polish his image as somebody who stands up to the American aggressors and to tarnish our image for intervening militarily in regional disputes in which we have only the most marginal stake.

This time, critics of presidential policy can speak their minds without having to worry about undermining "our troops." This time, there are no troops. There are only anonymous warheads from afar and a chance to practice our marksmanship.

Since their significance is almost completely symbolic, we could just as well have fired the missiles minus the warheads. We could have substituted leaflets and campaign signs that state matters plainly. "Clinton in '96."

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
TO REUNITE FAMILIES SEPA-
RATED BY THE HOLOCAUST

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor of being involved in a remarkable reunion between two siblings who were both Holocaust survivors, but who had been separated for over 60 years. Solomon and Rivka Bromberg were separated during the Holocaust, and neither had heard from the other since.

However, thanks to the resourceful work of younger relatives and Israel's Jewish Agency, these two Holocaust survivors were finally reunited in Israel last month after so many years. Solomon Bromberg's oldest son Michael had worked with the Jewish Agency to contact Sharon Feingold, the granddaughter of Rivka Bromberg Feingold. They then orchestrated a phone call between Solomon and Rivka and a formal reunion in person.

I became involved with this emotional saga only when the family began its search, which is still ongoing, for a third sibling, Abraham Bromberg, believed to be in the United States. Nevertheless, I had been very moved by the emotional reunion of Solomon and Rivka.

Today there are thousands of Holocaust survivors in Russia, Eastern Europe, the United States, Israel, and other nations who were separated from their families during the Holocaust and who may not know the fates of their relatives.