

boycott involving Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., in Montgomery, AL.

He demonstrated that same dogged tenacity to the people of South Dade. He thoroughly understood the accouterments of power and leadership, and he wisely exercised them alongside the mandate of his conviction in hastening the emergence of equal opportunity and justice for all.

Our community was immensely touched and comforted by his undaunted leadership, kindly compassion, and personal warmth. To his daughters, Kim and Linda Joyce, to his sons Ricardo, Odell III, Dyke Earl Martin, along with his 11 grandchildren and the rest of his South Dade family, he preached and lived by the adage that, with God's help, the quest for personal integrity and professional achievement is not beyond the reach of those willing to dare the impossible and advocate for the well-being of the least fortunate and the disenfranchised.

This is the great legacy Mr. Odell Johns has bequeathed to our community. I am greatly privileged to have earned his friendship and to have been given the opportunity to learn and live by his noble credo.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA ACT

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this weekend will mark a tragic turn of events in the history of the Sikh Nation. Thirteen years ago this Saturday, June 7, more than 20,000 Sikhs were massacred in Punjab at the Golden Temple and 38 other Sikh temples by India's military.

India's genocide against the Sikh Nation has taken the lives of a staggering 250,000 Sikhs. I rise today to introduce legislation that will send a clear message to a government that has spent years practicing the torture of its own people. However, when you go home and turn on the evening news, good luck trying to find any story that reveals the plight of the Sikhs—the plight of the Kashmiris—the plight of Christians—and the plight of the untouchables, the lowest group in India's caste system.

In Congress, we speak of the many tragedies that occur all over the world, especially around this time of year when this legislative body deals with the foreign aid legislation. We talk about the ongoing violent struggles between the people in Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia. We reprimand China for its draconian abortion policies. We admonish Cuba for its human rights abuses. We threaten to withhold international military and educational training [IMET] money from Indonesia for its brutal treatment of the citizens of East Timor.

Mr. Speaker, the Indian Government is one of the worst human rights abusers in the world. You might say, if that is happening, why does the world not know about it? Because since the 1970's, India has barred monitoring organizations like Amnesty International from entering the country. In fact, they are the only democracy in the world that refuses to allow Amnesty International to operate independently within the country. Mr. Speaker, what does the Indian Government have to hide? There are a half-million Indian soldiers occu-

pying the province of Punjab and another half-million occupying Kashmir. This is a recipe for disaster my friends.

For the last 15 years, I have been coming to this well to call attention to Punjab, where Indian forces have received cash bounties for the murder of innocent civilians. To justify their actions, the police label these individuals, sometimes young children, as "terrorists". Also in Punjab, Sikhs are picked up in the middle of the night, only to be found floating dead in canals with their hands and feet bound together. Some Sikhs are not so fortunate, because many of them are never found after their abduction. Recently, India's Central Bureau of Investigation [CBI] told the Supreme Court that it had confirmed nearly 1,000 cases of unidentified bodies that were cremated by the military.

And it does not get any better in Kashmir. Women, because of their Muslim beliefs, are taken out of their homes in the middle of the night and are gang-raped, while their husbands are forced to wait inside at gunpoint.

These military forces operate beyond the law with complete impunity. America should not be supporting a government that condones these widespread abuses with United States tax dollars. Now is the time for India to be held accountable for its continued violation of basic human rights. Mr. Speaker, the Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, "Untouchables", and women of India are desperately looking to this Congress for help. The time has come for action, it is time for America to take a stand.

The Human Rights in India Act, introduced by me along with my good friend and colleague GARY CONDIT of California, will bar development aid to India unless the government releases prisoners of conscience, ends the practice of torture by police and military forces, permits impartial investigations of reported torture and disappearances of those in custody, brings to justice police forces responsible for human rights abuses, and permits critics of the government to travel abroad.

My colleagues, from this well of the House of Representatives you will hear many stories of human abuses from all around the world. Today, I ask that you think of the hundreds of thousands suffering in India. Please do not turn your back on the innocent. Give them a flicker of hope and send a strong message to the Government of India. I urge my colleagues to give the Human Rights in India Act their full consideration, and their strong support.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. Col. Noreen Holthaus of the U.S. Army Congressional Liaison Office. Noreen will be leaving Capitol Hill next week for a new assignment in the Pentagon.

Over the past 3½ years I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Colonel Holthaus as she has tirelessly assisted both my New York and Washington offices on numerous occasions. Whether it was constituent casework, defense legislation, an overseas trip itinerary or a phone number for an obscure Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Pentagon,

Colonel Holthaus always did her level best to solve the problem at hand.

The services provided by our Armed Forces liaison offices are truly invaluable to our constituents and our staffs and should not be taken for granted. We are very fortunate to have their vast knowledge and technical expertise at our disposal.

Throughout Colonel Holthaus' tour here in the House of Representatives she has consistently performed her duties in a superb manner. I believe I can speak for all the Members of Congress who have had the honor to work with Colonel Holthaus when I say that she will indeed be missed.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN, A SALUTE TO COLD WAR VETERANS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 50th anniversary of former Secretary of State George Marshall's commencement address to the graduating class at Harvard University. In that address, Secretary Marshall laid the foundation for the historic foreign aid program that would come to be known as the Marshall plan.

Mr. Speaker, most historians would agree that the Marshall plan was the most dramatically successful peacetime foreign policy implemented by the United States. However, when our Nation moved so swiftly and sincerely to assist the war-ravaged landscape, economy and political structure of Europe in the late 1940's, it also marked the beginning of the United States' role as worldwide peacekeeper and protector of democracy.

Beginning with the Yalta Conference in 1945—when some argued that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had given away Eastern Europe to Joseph Stalin—the world entered a new arena of confrontation unlike any before. When Winston Churchill referred to the borders of the Eastern Bloc Communist countries as the "Iron Curtain", the stage had been set for the cold war.

The Revolutionary War brought us our independence; the Civil War gave us our national identity; the First World War made us players in the international arena; and the Second World War turned America into a superpower. For those veterans, there can be no doubt. Their participation in the combat theater ensures that their selflessness and contribution to our great Nation will never be overlooked or be taken for granted.

Yet, Mr. Speaker, for those veterans who gave just as selflessly to this country, but may have never looked directly into the eyes of the enemy, there is honor for them as well. From the policy of containment in the late 1940's to detente in the 1970's to confrontation in the early 1980's to the revolution in 1991, the veterans of the cold war stared unwaveringly into the depths of communism, and they did not blink for an instant. Rather, these veterans made it manifestly clear that democracy—that government by, of, and for the people—would be secure not only for America, but also for the entire world.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, from Capt. Gary Powers to every sailor who stood ready off the

shores of Cuba, I salute all cold war veterans, and thank them for their service to our great Nation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
SOUTHWEST GUILFORD HIGH
SCHOOL WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, this year, women's high school soccer was extremely exciting in the Sixth District of North Carolina. For the second time in 3 years, the Southwest Guilford High School women's soccer team captured the 1A/2A/3A State championship. Southwest Guilford High School, located just outside of Greensboro, NC, secured the women's soccer state championship with a 1-0 win over Charlotte Catholic High School.

This win could not have come at a better time. Just 2 days before the title contest, two Southwest classmates Emily Parker and Sharon Thoma were tragically killed in a car accident which also injured two others. However, the Cowgirls resolved to attain victory, despite their sorrow. The girls dedicated the game to the memory of the two students who were killed and to those who remain injured.

This victory momentarily helped the team to forget about the loss of their friends and classmates. But this year's win most certainly made them forget about the loss they had last season against Northwest Guilford in a playoff game. At the final moment, the team pulled together to win the one game that could destroy the memory of last year's defeat.

To cap an impressive 24-1 record this season, Freshman Sheconda Douglas scored the game-winning goal in the last 4 minutes of the championship match. Ironically, the Cowgirls won the game after rebounding a Charlotte Catholic free kick.

Senior Kelly Allison, named the MVP, played an integral part in the game and credited the win to hard work and the realization of goals the team had set earlier in the season. Allison, a defensive player helped to capture the win by sticking close to Catholic player Carrie Hughes, 36-goal scorer this season.

Kelly Allison's two sisters Abbie and Bree, also contributed to the successful season, ensuring that the game would be a family affair. Southwest players Catey Conner, Shannon Ratcliff, Kristen Carter, Charlotte Acker, Meredith Ledwell, Brooks Gonzalez, Cori Ray, Erin Moran, Brianna Balliet, Holly Hunter, Lauren

Gaster, Shana Stephens, Ashley Trexler, Karen Davis, and Kathleen Haver all aided in Southwest Guilford's successful season and their final victory against Charlotte Catholic. Overseeing this group are head coach Chris Glover, coach Eric Lewis, managers Ken Murray and Josh Edwards, athletic director Richard Kemp, and principal Wayne Tuggel.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Southwest Guilford's women's soccer team for winning the State 1A/2A/3A championship.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—MISTY
AND MYRA YOUNG

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my report from Indiana.

In the Second Congressional District of Indiana there are so many good people. Good people doing good things. In my book, these special individuals are Hoosier Heroes. Hoosier Heroes because they have dedicated their lives to helping others. Mr. Speaker, Myra and Misty Young of Pendleton, IN, are Hoosier Heroes. They are proof that there is no age too young to make our community a better place.

Myra and Misty bring joy and kindness to the seniors of the nursing homes in Pendleton, IN. These young girls share with seniors love and friendship. They put smiles on their faces. These Pendleton Elementary School students, and other kids from throughout Madison County, are no strangers to lending a helping hand where one is needed. After school and on weekends, they volunteer their time at Pet-a-Pal, an organization that livens the spirits in nursing homes throughout Pendleton. Dressed in costume, these wonderful girls and their canine friends entertain seniors with cheerful parades and dances.

Twelve-year-old Myra is an excellent student. She volunteers her time to the nursing homes so she can share her youth with others. In her free time she enjoys playing volleyball. Today she is recovering from a debilitating ankle injury. When asked about the time spent at the senior homes, Myra will humbly confess that "it's really fun, and neat to see the peoples' expressions when we bring the dogs in."

Misty, only 7 years old, is an honor student and a member of the Pendleton Garden Club in addition to her efforts with Pet-a-Pal. During Misty's first few times at Pet-a-Pal she was

quiet and withdrawn during the parades, a bit fearful of her role in the events. One day, she and her canine companion both dressed as brides in wedding gowns and became the hit of the parade.

During a silence in the event, Misty threw the leash over her head and danced in circles with her dog in sync not far behind. The audience erupted with pleasant laughter and were warmed by Misty's adorable youthfulness and innocence. Misty now tells her grandmother Julane Shepard that she wants to go everyday to entertain, make new friends, and laugh.

Myra and Misty Young may not fully appreciate the benefits the senior and hospital patients reap as a result of their efforts. But in their hearts they must know that they are responsible for the smiles on faces and the dancing eyes of all the patients they so graciously entertain. As they ride to the parades on those special Tuesdays and Thursdays with their grandmother, Julane, the girls think not of the service they give to the Pendleton community, but the enjoyment they have in doing so. And for that reason, Myra and Misty Young of Pendleton, IN are Hoosier Heroes.

Mr. Speaker that is my report from Indiana.

TRIBUTE TO JONNA LYNNE
CULLEN

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take this moment to pay tribute to J.L. Cullen, who passed away this morning. Over the past few weeks, a number of my colleagues here and in the Senate have taken the floor to recall her many accomplishments and qualities in personal terms. It is a small measure of the respect with which she is held by Members of this institution. I got to know J.L. when she was a senior staffer on the House Rules Committee. She could master the arcane rules and procedures just as easily as she could bring laughter and lightness to sometimes difficult situations. She did her job as a partisan without once losing the respect or friendship of those of us who sat on the other side of aisle. J.L. was talented, dedicated, principled, and—as we all learned—a courageous fighter. I want to extend my prayers and condolences to her family. We will all miss her.