

an amendment to cut aid to India, Indian security forces attacked a Sikh church, which is called a Gurdwara. They claimed to be looking for a terrorist, but they had no search warrant and they did not ask the Gurdwara management to send the alleged terrorist out. Instead, they just stormed this house of worship and tortured six Granthis, the clergy of the Gurdwara.

India tells the world that it is a secular democracy. This raid on a Sikh house of worship proves otherwise. Clearly, Sikhs, among others, do not enjoy religious freedom under Indian rule. Narinder Singh, a spokesman for the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, puts it in perspective. On August 11, he told National Public Radio,

The Indian government all the time they boast that they're democratic, they're secular, but they have nothing to do with democracy, they have nothing to do with secularism. They try to crush Sikhs just to please the majority.

This is the same Golden Temple that was subjected to a brutal military assault on June 4, 1984. To this day, it remains under police surveillance.

On June 29, a man named Gurdial Singh, who is the elected mayor of the village of Khiala Khurd, was stripped by the police in front of the people of his village. He was then held upside down while Indian forces beat and tortured him. All this happened to Gurdial Singh because he is a baptized Sikh.

The most revered mosque in Kashmir was subjected to an attack similar to the massacre at the Golden Temple. Many Muslim prisoners are force-fed pork, which is against their dietary laws. This is a form of emotional and spiritual torture.

India still enforces an old law against encouraging a Hindu to change his religion. This law expired years ago, but is treated as if it is still on the books. It is as if the United States still enforced the Alien and Sedition Acts of the Fugitive Slave Law. Some of the more militant Hindus even suggested that the late Mother Teresa might not be worthy of honor because the Sisters of Mercy persuaded some people to embrace Christianity. This is secular India.

Secular India is a land marked by the government-sponsored murders of over 200,000 Christians since 1947, more than 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, over 53,000 Muslims since 1988, and thousands upon thousands of other minorities. Here is a land in which religious persecution reigns.

America is the moral voice of the world, the bastion of freedom for the oppressed peoples all over this globe. It is our moral duty to do what we can to end this kind of oppression. We should formally declare India a country that practices religious oppression and impose appropriate sanctions, up to and including an embargo if necessary. We should stop providing monetary support for a government that practices religious persecution, violates human rights, and continues to develop nuclear weapons. And we should speak out strongly in support of the freedom movements in Punjab, Khalistan, in Christian Nagaland, in Kashmir, and throughout South Asia and the world.

Let freedom ring in South Asia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote on roll-call vote Nos. 497 through 499. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call No. 497, passage of H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; "yes" on rollcall No. 498, the Vento amendment to H.R. 901, to exempt sites nominated under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance from the provisions of the bill; and "yes" on rollcall No. 499, ordering the previous question on H. Res. 262, the rule governing House consideration of the Senate amendments to the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. I ask unanimous consent to have this statement appear in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my esteemed colleague, HENRY B. GONZALEZ. He has been an outstanding leader for San Antonio, the Hispanic community, and for all Americans due to his dedicated service to this Congress for 36 years. As the dean of the Texas delegation, HENRY B. has been a state leader who has represented our state with great commitment. Congressman GONZALEZ has truly been working for the citizens of this country his entire life. Starting a career of public service in 1945, he began working on critical issues for San Antonio. After a number of different community positions, he began a political career in 1953 with a position on the San Antonio city council, graduating to the State senate, and culminating with his long membership in this body beginning in 1961. Throughout his storied career he relentlessly advocated for veterans, small business, labor, housing, economic development, education, the environment, and civil rights. He took difficult positions and never wavered in standing for what was just and right.

Never shying away from responsibility, he took the helm of the House Banking Committee in 1989 and for 5 years dealt with the daunting problems of the savings and loan crisis, and other complex banking issues during his tenure. Currently, as the ranking member to the committee he has continued to be a voice of wisdom, bringing his expertise and experience to current issues. He has been a wealth of knowledge for all Members of this House and a source of inspiration for those new and old.

As a fellow Texas Congressman, I commend HENRY B. for his guidance, numerous accomplishments, and know that his career will be a benchmark for all of us to aspire to reach. Farewell and buena suerte amigo.

A TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE JACK L. KUBIK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant who serves some of the same constituents I do—State Representative Jack L. Kubik of Illinois.

After nearly 14 years of service in the general assembly Representative Kubik recently announced he was retiring at the end of his current term in 1998. He will be difficult to replace.

Representative Kubik was first elected in 1984 at the age of 28, bringing a youthful perspective to the Illinois House of Representatives. He quickly proved to be a true leader in the legislature as he worked to represent the needs of his constituents while reaching out to all of his colleagues, regardless of party, for the betterment of Illinois.

Representative Kubik has been a leader in the area of property tax reform, senior issues, judicial reform, and the rights of the disabled. He has sponsored legislation to increase penalties for car-jacking; limit property taxes; assist those seeking hospice care; crack down on gangs; and help the deaf and hearing impaired. He sponsored one of the most comprehensive stalking laws in the United States and has been a leader in working to improve the backlog of child support collection in Illinois.

Representative Kubik's leadership and political abilities have been recognized by his colleagues. He currently serves as an assistant house minority leader and chaired the house Republican campaign committee in 1994 that helped bring his party a majority in the legislature for the first time in more than a decade.

Representative Kubik, whose family has a long tradition of public service, has been recognized by numerous organizations for his efforts to improve his community and his State. These honors include the Suburban Area on Aging's Legislator of the Year Award; VietNow President's Award; the Illinois Press Association's Legislative Service Award; and the Illinois Hearing Aid Society Award.

Representative Kubik's retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with his new bride, Aggie, and pursue his work in the public relations field and the family business, Life Newspapers.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Representative Kubik on his 14 years of public service and give he and Mrs. Kubik my best wishes for the future.

CAPE VERDEAN VETERANS HONOR THE MEMORY OF PVT. EDWARD ALMEIDA

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on November 10, the Cape Verdean American Veterans Association headquartered in New Bedford, MA will be holding a military ball, which will be an occasion of mixed feelings.

As with any ball, the occasion will be one for good friends to enjoy each others company, as well as some good music. But there will be a sad note to this particular ball because it will commemorate the death in July 1965 of Pvt. Edward Almeida, who was the first New Bedford resident to be killed in action during the conflict in Vietnam.

It is typical of the Cape Verdean veterans that they are honoring the memory of their fallen comrade on this occasion, and that they will be on this Veteran's Day tempering their good fellowship with a remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice made by Private Almeida, whose dedication to duty, honor, and country stand as a model for others. Because of a previous commitment I made some time ago to speak to university students, I will myself be unable to join the Cape Verdean Veterans and Auxiliary, and their friends in the Greater New Bedford community in this evening. But I believe with Veteran's Day approaching that it is important that all of us take this occasion to pay tribute to Private Almeida and all of those who, like him, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and their fellow Americans. The Cape Verdean American veterans deserve to be congratulated for their dedication to the memory of their fallen colleague, and to the important work they continue to do to make sure that America remembers both those who gave their lives for their country, and those who have returned from foreign wars and are entitled to our gratitude and support for their efforts.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM
AUGUSTINE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of William Augustine of Cleveland, OH, a dedicated father of seven children.

William Augustine was born in Cleveland. He was one of eight children. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, then joined the Air Force. He was a self-made man.

Mr. Augustine and his ex-wife, Ruth, raised seven children on a small farm in Seville, OH. He worked as a convention decorator for a large firm in Cleveland all day, then returned home for dinner with his family before working on the farm. Mr. Augustine dedicated his life to showing his children that having an education would make their lives easier. When his eldest son attempted to drop out of school, Mr. Augustine encouraged him to return. His son is now a lawyer in San Antonio, TX. His other six children have also prospered.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring William Augustine, a man who recognized the value of a good education. He wanted nothing more than for his children to enjoy an easier, more prosperous life than his own, and he instilled in them the significance of education. His efforts are reflected in the prosperity of his children who will, no doubt, pass this legacy on to Mr. Augustine's eight grandchildren.

HONORING GLORIA SHEAFFER, A CAREER OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OTHERS AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER HANOVER, CELEBRATING THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to honor a woman who has dedicated her life to the well being of others. Gloria Sheaffer, executive director of the American Red Cross's Hanover Chapter, will be retiring after 20 years of service to the people of Hanover, PA.

Since 1977, under the leadership of Mrs. Sheaffer, the Greater Hanover Chapter has been able to deliver many essential services to the surrounding community. Her dedicated staff and volunteers have provided food to families, health care related services to veterans, assisted seniors in the community, and provided services for children.

A dedicated mother, Gloria knows that the key to serving the community starts with serving the family. She initiated programs such as Home Alone which helped working parents who must leave their children unattended for a portion of the day, an HIV/AIDS education program to provide the facts on this disease, and reached out to families affected by Operation Desert Storm.

While these programs represent only a small portion of Gloria Sheaffer's accomplishments over the last 20 years, I believe Gloria's mark will be left in the heart and mind of each staff member and volunteer with whom she has served. I commend her on a successful career and know she will continue to serve throughout her retirement.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would also like to recognize the 80th anniversary of the American Red Cross of Greater Hanover. While we most often associate the work of the Red Cross with disaster assistance, we forget how they touch our lives on a daily basis. In fact for the last 80 years, they have been serving more than 20,000 area residents annually. This local chapter has worked above and beyond their basic mission and I am honored to associate myself with them on this important historical milestone. It is the work of many coming together with a single mission—to serve others in their immediate time of need—which has made this quality organization a longstanding national and local success story.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross of Greater Hanover and wish them continued success in years to come.

CHINA NUCLEAR CERTIFICATION
THREATENS UNITED STATES
TROOPS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration recently announced that it is

preparing to certify that China is in compliance with its international nonproliferation obligations and no longer exporting nuclear weapons-related material to countries such as Iran and Pakistan. According to United States law, such a certification is required before American corporations may trade in nuclear technology with China. Conveniently, this announcement came just a month before the United States visit by China's president Jiang Zemin, at which the certification would be the keystone of a successful summit. China's historical and current actions, however, indicate that it is still and will continue to pursue its dangerous nuclear proliferation activities. In an effort to score public relations points, President Clinton is willing to risk the lives and security of the American troops which will inevitably be called to deal with the crises created by China's nuclear trade in the world's hot spots.

In an attempt to justify this illogical and foolhardy plan, the Clinton administration claim that certification would engage China's nuclear and military elite into the international nuclear regime. The administration seems to have convinced itself that China's assertions that it is no longer supplying nations like Iran and Pakistan with nuclear technology are genuine. After even minimal analysis, these weak justifications prove themselves meritless.

The Clinton administration's engagement policy toward China has already proven itself a failure. In 1996, China sold ring magnets, used in centrifuges for the construction of nuclear weapons, to Pakistan. The administration accepted China's promise that it had recommitted to nuclear non-proliferation and decided, consistent with its engagement policy, not to sanction China. Despite this "promise," however, the Chinese then proceeded to sell a special industrial furnace to an unsafeguarded nuclear facility in Pakistan, falsifying the related documents. China has continued to persist in its dealings with such nations, including a recent incident in which a Chinese merchant ship was found to be transporting illegal chemicals intended for the production of missile fuel from China to the Middle East. China's "commitment" to non-proliferation remains a lie. There is no reason to think that this latest undeserved concession by the United States will succeed in curbing China's dangerous and irresponsible nuclear trade with unregulated nations.

The predictions of huge profits for the U.S. area is also misleading. China's own nuclear engineers admit that their interest in U.S. nuclear technology will last only as long as it takes them to reverse engineer the technology and produce the plants themselves. This short-term gain for one industry is hardly worth the enormous potential risk to international security and the U.S. troops which are charged with its protection.

Finally, and most important, certification is unacceptable because China and its nuclear proliferation activities have been and remain to this day a serious threat to the security of U.S. troops in the region. Through its irresponsible and illegal transfers of weapons of mass destruction to unregulated states such as Pakistan and Iran, China contributes to regional instability. As we all know, it is American troops, whether as part of a U.N. force, an Allied mission, or independently, which are committed to quelling regional conflicts in the very areas, including the Middle East and Asia, where