

"The bombings show that India stops at nothing to end the freedom struggle," Dr. Aulakh said. On Oct. 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, forming the separate country of Khalistan. The Council of Khalistan was formed at that time to serve as the government pro tempore of Khalistan. It leads the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent independence struggle.

"India's artificial empire is collapsing around them, so the regime resorts to acts of terrorism to keep it together," said Dr. Aulakh. "The democratic nations of the world must rise up and condemn this cowardly act and the reign of terror it advances."

86TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROC

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks the 86th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China [ROC]. In Taiwan, October 10 is known as National Day and is a day of celebration and remembrance. I think it is important that my colleagues and I take a moment to send our congratulations to the 21 million people on Taiwan for developing a strong participatory democracy.

The ROC government began 11 years ago to take the final steps toward true political maturity. They broadened the scope of local and national elections, increased licensing of private TV and radio stations, and privatized government-owned monopolies. These reforms culminated with the popular, direct election of Lee Teng-hui as Taiwan's President.

Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China's current representative to the United States, Dr. Jason C. Hu has been an integral part of the positive political developments of the past 11 years. In 1991, as a cabinet official under President Lee, Dr. Hu helped to open the political system to greater participation. As the President's spokesman during the last election, Dr. Hu helped to get out President Lee's message of political inclusion which helped garner Lee more than 54 percent of the vote in a four-way race. As representative to the United States, Dr. Hu has worked to strengthen ties between the United States and the ROC.

Later this month, Dr. Hu will be returning to the ROC to become the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In this very senior position within the President's cabinet, Dr. Hu will build on the work he has begun here in the United States. I am sure he will help guide the ROC to even better relations with the United States. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the ROC on its National Day, and in wishing Dr. Hu well and thanking him for all his assistance.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT LEE AND DR. HU

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, there is one worthy country in the world that deserves much wider recognition. It is the Republic of China

in Taiwan. Even though it is the 14th largest training entity in the world and a full democracy. Taiwan is recognized by only 30 countries in the world. Recently President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan visited several Central American countries to shore up diplomatic support for Taiwan.

To help him win more international friends and support, President Lee has announced that Taiwan's representative in Washington, Dr. Jason Hu, will be Taiwan's new foreign minister.

We were delighted to hear the good news. We know Dr. Hu will make an excellent foreign minister. During his past 15 months in Washington, Dr. Hu is known as a hard-working diplomat who conducts his country's business with charm and intelligence.

It is my hope that Taiwan's diplomatic fortunes will dramatically improve in the months and years ahead now that President Lee has chosen Jason Hu as his country's top diplomat.

IN HONOR OF PULASKI DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Casimir Pulaski, a Polish patriot and a military hero. The Polonia Foundation, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., and many other organizations in the Cleveland area are holding a memorial ceremony in honor of Casimir Pulaski, Saturday, October 11, 1997.

Pulaski originally made his name fighting the Russian domination of Poland. When he met Benjamin Franklin in Paris in 1777, he was already one of the most renowned cavalymen in Europe. Sympathetic to the American cause, he sailed to America and was made head of the newly formed American cavalry during the Revolutionary War.

Pulaski was involved in many significant battles during the Revolution. His last took place at Savannah, GA in October 1779 where he led a valiant charge against British artillery. He was shot and died a few days later. Pulaski was one of the more dashing European volunteers to join the Americans in the Revolution. He reportedly wore a plumed hat, flashing saber, and an elaborate uniform and spent his own money to feed and equip his troops.

He fought valiantly for the ideals of the American Revolution and made important contributions to American history. Because of his courage and bravery, Casimir Pulaski is an American hero and an significant figure in the role Polish immigrants have played in American history.

SHIRLEY SISK HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE 13TH DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Shirley Sisk, the

executive director of the League of Volunteers. Shirley Sisk founded the League of Volunteers in 1979. She served as president until accepting the position of executive director in 1989. For three decades, Shirley has worked in numerous ways to make our community a better place.

From 1972 to 1993 Shirley served on the Newark City Council. During that time she was committed to responsible management of the city's policies, programs, and budgets. Her leadership resulted in a range of programs including the Human Relations Element of the General Plan, Music at the Grove, School/City Youth Committee, Volunteer of the Year Recognition, and Newark's of the World.

Shirley is the founder and president of the annual Newark Days Celebration. The celebration is a shining example of volunteer support which is enthusiastically anticipated by the community each year.

Shirley is also the founder and president of the Bay Area Cable Excellence Awards Program and the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources. She is actively affiliated with the Ohlone College Foundation, the Business Leadership Council, and the Fremont Kiwanis.

In 1994 the State of California recognized her outstanding service and numerous achievements by naming her Woman of the Year.

On October 10, 1997, Shirley will be honored by her friends and colleagues at the Ohlone College Foundation's annual luncheon. I would like to join their commendation of her hard work on behalf of our community.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY AND DR. JASON HU

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of Taiwan's National Day, I wish to pay tribute to President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China. This first democratically elected head of state in Chinese history has recently led his country through major constitutional reforms and visited several Central American countries in his effort to shore up diplomatic support for Taiwan.

In addition, President Lee has announced that Dr. Jason Hu, Taiwan's top diplomat in Washington, will become Taiwan's new Foreign Minister.

I believe Dr. Hu is the right person to help President Lee win more international friends in the months and years ahead. Even though Taiwan is a major political and economic power in the world, it hasn't received proper international recognition.

In his new position as foreign minister, Dr. Hu will have the right platform to tell the world why Taiwan deserves a much louder voice in the international arena.

Best wishes and good luck to both President Lee and Representative Hu.

POLICE OFFICIAL STRIPS AND
TORTURES WIDOW, SON IN
FRONT OF EACH OTHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, another disturbing violation of human rights has occurred in Punjab, Khalistan. On August 21, according to several reports, a police subinspector in Bathinda forced a local widow and her adult son to strip naked, then tortured them in front of each other. Apparently, the widow's other son eloped a few months before that and for some reason, the police were seeking information about his elopement. In their unwarranted pursuit of this private information, they took the extreme measure of torturing two people. Unfortunately, this is not unusual in India. Torture, rape, and even murder are common, everyday occurrences in Punjab, Kalistan, in Kashmir, in Nagaland, in so many parts of India's brutal and corrupt empire.

An elected mayor was tortured in front of the people merely for being an Amritdhari Sikh. In Bombay, 33 Dalits—"Black untouchables"—the aboriginal people of South Asia were killed during a peaceful protest. In Kashmir, at least 20 reporters were beaten during a protest at the Chief Minister's office. They were protesting the police beating of a fellow reporter from Agence France Presse who had instructed his photographer to take a picture of a woman being beaten by the police. These are recent incidents, not old information. Sadly, these are just a few of many recent incidents of torture, brutality, and murder by the Government of India. This is completely unacceptable.

We must stop taxing our own people to support these brutal rulers. The time has come to impose stringent economic sanctions on this regime until basic human liberties are observed. Finally, this Congress must put itself on record in support of freedom for all the nations of South Asia. This is what our principles demand of us. We must do our duty to the people of the world.

HONORING CHARLOTTE AUSTIN
JORDAN

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech have honored a constituent of mine, Charlotte Austin Jordan of Winnetka, CA, with the Ameritech Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention. Ms. Jordan is 1 of 8 winners selected from 140 nominations. Her work and perseverance deserves to be recognized.

Charlotte Austin Jordan is not a stranger to adversity. In May 1988, her 13-year-old daughter was brutally murdered by gang members in a case of mistaken identity. Further, in 1996, her 24-year-old son was also murdered by gang members. The death of her first child prompted Ms. Jordan to volunteer at the California Youth Authority in impact of crime on victim's classes. This program pro-

vided a meeting place for victims of crime to confront juvenile offenders and to verbalize what effects crime had on their lives.

Next, Ms. Jordan formed Save Our Future, a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, protecting, and empowering our youth. SOF provides many programs such as parenting, substance abuse, tutoring conflict resolution, and college and career development.

As an innovator, she recognized the need for housing for paroled youth who are unable to return to their homes. She consequently developed Ja'mee's house to provide a structured environment for formerly incarcerated young men who have exhibited a willingness to change. She also became involved with Partnership for Change, a mentoring program for at-risk children ages 8 to 19 who have been paroled or are on probation.

I would like to thank the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech for honoring Charlotte Austin Jordan with this award and applaud her dedication to helping individuals fight crime and build communities. Ms. Jordan knows all too well the firsthand experiences, her faith in the ability to reform offenders has never been shaken. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this brave woman and hard-working individuals like her who make a difference in their communities.

YOM KIPPUR HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today full of joy and fulfillment as my constituents and the other members of Temple Beth David of Commack, Suffolk County, prepare to join together to observe a most special Yom Kippur service.

This Saturday, on Yom Kippur 5758, the most sacred of all days in the Jewish calendar, Rabbi Leonard Troupp of Temple Beth David and his congregants will reunite a sacred Holocaust Torah scroll from the town of Dobris, in what was then Czechoslovakia, with Petr Herrmann, a resident of that village prior to the Holocaust. Thus, the congregation will, in the words of Rabbi Troupp, "witness the victory over evil and glimpse the possibility of God's promise for all mankind."

Mr. Herrmann's biography is one from which great novels can be written. It is full of adventure, good and evil and is filled with the indomitable human spirit to survive and maintain justice, love and freedom.

The Herrmann family lived in Dobris from 1793 until the tragedy of the Holocaust. Uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors and even Mr. Herrmann's father, Alois, became B'nai Mitzvah as they stood before the Torah scroll that now has found a home at Temple Beth David. That Torah was a part of their lives that was viciously torn from them in 1939 as the Holocaust descended upon Europe. Mr. Herrmann, his parents, relatives and friends were taken from Dobris and sent to locations whose names evoke the most unbelievable horrors and cruelty that have yet been devised: Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, Birkenau. Sadly, many of the Dobris Jews perished at these death camps.

On this Yom Kippur, 55 years since he and the Jewish community of Dobris were deported, Petr Herrmann will show that he has done more than just survive. He and his wife, Jarmilla, will stand once more before the Dobris Torah and recite the traditional Jewish blessing that gives thanks for having been able to observe and participate in this event. He will proudly recite the family names from Dobris—Arnstein, Bloch, Bohm, Fleischmann, Frankl, Gluck, Katz, Kosiner, Lederer, Lion, Oppenheimer, Pollack and Porges—families that were proud members of the Dobris Jewish community; families who are now but memories.

Mr. Speaker, as we observe this solemn and moving occasion, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those self-effacing people who in the times of greatest adversity still reflect the compassion and courage of our society. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in commending the efforts of Pamela Gershowitz, head of the Dobris Committee at Temple Beth David; Werner Reich, who led the search that brought Mr. Herrmann to Commack, Rabbi Leonard Troupp, and other members of the Temple Beth David congregation, in recognizing the heroic tale of Petr Herrmann, and in welcoming the Herrmann family back to the Dobris Torah in Commack.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2158,
DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on the VA-HUD appropriations bill, H.R. 2158 that has emerged from a conference committee between the House and the Senate. This legislation provides resources for a wide variety of programs, two of the most notable concern section 8 housing subsidies and the service coordinators that are supported through the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD].

In the State of Ohio, there are more than 50,000 apartment units in which citizens receive rent subsidies from the HUD section 8 program. My congressional district on the west side of Cleveland has a substantial concentration of section 8 projects and eligible persons, many of whom are elderly and disabled. Our Nation has made a compact with these residents to help them maintain a decent place to live. As we know, many of the section 8 contracts will be expiring in the next few years. Fortunately, this appropriations bill provides a total of \$9.4 billion in fiscal year 1998 for the renewal of section 8 rental housing contracts. This is more than twice the amount that was provided last year for similar activities. This money will be available for HUD to work with apartment owners at section 8 properties to ensure that rent subsidies will continue for elderly, disabled, low income and other persons who depend on rent subsidies. Although this