

Healthy Start Programs, staff development, new teacher training, business-education partnerships, effective parenting, interagency collaboration, and using technology in the classroom.

His work and commitment to the community does not end at the school door. He has chaired the Inter-agency Child and Family Policy Board, which is composed of all department heads from various agencies in Alameda County. His goal was to find ways for these various children and family county service providers to work together more efficiently and effectively by considering innovative measures such as blending funding streams and reducing red tape and redundant services. He also served as cochair of the East Bay Conversion/Base Closure Board which makes policy decisions that have far-reaching impact on schools and communities throughout the bay area.

Superintendent Scornaienchi vociferously advocated and worked for the implementation of a statewide proposal to levy a surcharge on tickets for professional sporting events to help save school athletic programs. This campaign was expanded to include an assessment on performing arts tickets to support the arts program for homeless children. Recognizing the need for global interaction, he developed and administered the first county office student international exchange program with the former Soviet Union designed to promote a better understanding between our countries and establish invaluable communication links. There is no doubt that the program participants expanded their world view and learned important life lessons.

I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the incredible dedication of this public servant. His advocacy for the welfare of children has brought together all segments of the community to address the improvement of services to all of our children. Thank you so much for your many years of service. I and the people of Alameda County are grateful to you and wish you well in this new phase of your life.

SYLURA BARRON: AN AMERICAN
HERO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of one of San Diego's most cherished civic leaders, Sylura Barron. For almost seven decades Sylura Barron made her mark on San Diego business, politics, and society.

Sylura was born on Christmas Day, 1900, to Richard Richardson and Comelia Booker in Mainsfield, LA. Joining Calvary Baptist Church where her father was its first pastor in 1929, she remained a loyal member until her passing on November 4, 1997. She leaves a loving extended family, an admiring community of friends, and a legacy of service from which we will all draw strength and courage.

Sylura Barron championed the shared goals and beliefs of the Democratic Party, and every Democratic leader from Franklin Delano Roo-

sevelt to William Jefferson Clinton was honored by her input and her unflagging devotion to the community and Nation. which she viewed as her own extended family.

The Democratic Party and our beloved Nation are better because of the contributions made by true patriots like Sylura Barron. Throughout her life, Sylura fought to promote educational and business opportunities in communities that often lacked strong and determined representation. Sylura was a thoughtful and eloquent promoter of a society that could step beyond divisions of race, class, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. Sylura was a voice for all of us.

Sylura Barron learned very early in life that there would be many barriers put in front of her, and she became determined to not only cross over those barriers, but to tear them down so they would not slow anyone following in her steps.

Sylura Barron always felt that room should be made in the Democratic Party and in the Nation as a whole for every segment of our society. "Leave out no one" was one of her favorite slogans. She was a determined and dedicated fighter, and she demanded that her voice be heard. Many times she led progressive movements to make the point that her political party was truly the party of the people. Sylura sometimes wondered if she was fighting this battle alone. Sylura, you can rest assured, thousands followed your lead—and you left out no one.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in keeping Sylura's dreams for our Nation alive. Leave out no one.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today is November 7, over 4 months after the July 4th deadline that the President set for passage of campaign finance reform. I have delivered each day since that time a statement in the House of Representatives calling on the leadership to allow a vote on any one of the many campaign finance bills pending in this Congress. My pleas, and the request of many others, has gone unanswered. We are now entering into the final weekend of our legislative year. By Sunday we may be out of session, not to return until late January of next year. If we don't act this weekend we will never change the current system.

The examples of abuse of the existing system are too numerous to mention. I have documented many of the abuses, on both sides of the aisle, in my earlier statements. The Republicans have invested an enormous amount of taxpayers' money investigating and exposing the alleged violations of law by the White House in the last election.

Investigation is good. Those who broke the law should be brought to justice. The sad fact is, however, that many of the most well known abuses are technically legal. We must do more than investigate, we must legislate. With only a few days left, we must act now. Let's

take some time this weekend to debate, consider, and pass campaign finance reform.

The people of my district will not take no for an answer.

HONORING KAREN S. DAUGHTRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Dr. Karen S. Daughtry. While working as the director for the past 26 years of the Alonzo A. Daughtry Memorial Day Care Center, her dedication to issues concerning women and children, locally and internationally, has proven incomparable.

As a 1996 recipient of the doctor of ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary, her commitment to social change, through her faith, is unquestionable. Using a Christian perspective, she has focused on increasing knowledge and comprehensive understanding of social and political issues which impact on and relate to family life, health, the arts, and educational and personal development. Dr. Daughtry, has been able to further her goals by serving as an advisor to the House of the Lord Youth Department and Sisterhood, and as chair of the Church's National Department of Women's Work. Dr. Daughtry also serves on the board of directors of the Randolph Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund, an organization formed in 1979 which awards 10 scholarships of \$1,500 each to Brooklyn college bound youth in the name and memory of Randolph Evans, a 16-year-old shot to death in 1976 by a police officer.

Under her leadership, Sisters Against South African Apartheid [SASAA] participated in a petition drive which delivered thousands of signatures to the United Nations on behalf of detained and tortured children of Angola and hosted Mrs. Maria Eugenia Neto, the mother of Angola, at a special service when she visited the United States. In addition, SASAA was proud to host Zenani Mandela, daughter of Nelson and Winnie Mandela, a year prior to his release from prison. The organization also participated with the Nelson Mandela Reception Committee in organizing the first visit to New York City of Nelson and Winnie Mandela, and hosted Mrs. Mandela in programs at the House of the Lord Church and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Probably what Dr. Karen Daughtry would consider her most important achievement, however, is the raising of her family. She has been married since 1962 to Rev. Herbert Daughtry, national presiding minister of the House of Lord Churches. They are proud parents of three daughters, Leah Denyatta, Sharon D'Boya, and Dawnique Dekeba and one son Herbert, Jr., all college graduates.

Though Dr. Daughtry may only be one person, she has shown this country and the world the power of what one person can do. As a result, Dr. Daughtry has been the recipient of a plethora of awards and proclamations for her work and achievements. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Karen Daughtry for all of her important work.

COMMEMORATING DR. CHARLES
W. BUGGS

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a remarkable man from the 37th District of California: Dr. Charles W. Buggs. Dr. Buggs has served a leading role in the field of medicine and has inspired thousands of other young African-Americans to follow in his footsteps. Often referred to as the "Father of Allied Health" within the Drew University of Medicine and Science, Dr. Buggs made significant accomplishments during his 85 years of life.

Dr. Buggs was a microbiologist who contributed to the advancement of humankind through his extensive scientific research. He worked on the original research to develop penicillin and laid the foundation for the work of today's scientists and physicians who are studying cancer metabolism and using antibiotics such as streptomycin. He conducted the study which opened the eyes of Congress to the need for science educational centers in historically black colleges and universities. He paved the way for the establishment of Federal funding for these educational centers and provided the foundational research and development for Drew University's College of Allied Health.

Dr. Buggs scientific work has enriched the lives of Americans far beyond Drew University and the 37th District of California. His leadership and unyielding commitment to expanding the minds of aspiring physicians and scientists has contributed to the education of a significant number of African-American physicians in the United States. Numerous people throughout the country have become educated and are now serving their communities as health professionals because of his shining example of what it means to lead, to educate, and to truly make a difference for the generations of today and tomorrow.

As a leading role model for young African-Americans striving to become scientists, Dr. Buggs ensured that this spirit of learning and expanding science would not end with his passing. I am honored to be able to represent a district which has benefited so immensely from this man.

TURKEY LOOKS OUTSIDE ITS BORDERS TO SOLVE ITS KURDISH QUESTION, WHEN THE PROBLEM CLEARLY RESTS WITHIN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, over the past several years, Turkey, a NATO ally and United States friend, has made repeated incursions into Iraq. The invasions, which violate international law, are undertaken ostensibly against Kurdish guerrillas waging a violent insurgency in Turkey. In reality, these military campaigns result in countless civilian casualties, widespread population displacement, severe economic hardship, and if anything, en-

courage local support for the guerrillas. While the Turkish military declares the guerrillas eradicated after each incursion, repeated cross-border attacks expose this as a fiction.

The latest invasion raises new cause for concern. For more than three weeks, Turkish forces have actively supported the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), which has been engaged in years of bloody fighting with its rival, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Widespread reports indicate Turkey is using napalm and cluster bombs, despite international covenants banning their use. The PUK receives significant United States funding, so in effect, our ally Turkey is attacking a party which receives funds from the United States Government. I question why our Government refuses to acknowledge this inconsistency. And even more importantly, I question our Government's silence when a United States-supplied ally violates a United States-imposed 'no-fly zone' to kill Kurdish civilians and destroy their villages in the so-called safe haven.

Mr. Speaker, Turkey along with the United States and Great Britain, had been participating in the "Ankara Process" in an effort to bring the two feuding Kurdish factions to the negotiating table. Turkey's military support for the KDP ends any hope that it can serve as a neutral regional peace-broker. Furthermore, Turkish plans to establish a "buffer zone" in Iraqi Kurdistan, with at least 8,000 troops, will destabilize the entire region and invite intervention by Iraq, Iran and Syria. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the record an editorial by Jim Hoagland from last Sunday's Washington Post that further questions the logic of U.S. policy in this area.

It is tragic and ironic that Turkey seeks answers to its "Kurdish question" outside its borders, when in reality it should be working these issues out at home. Turkey's 15 million Kurds have faced oppression since modern Turkey was forged in 1923. Since then, there have been 28 major Kurdish uprisings. The most recent, underway since 1984, has claimed almost 30,000 lives. According to Turkish Government sources 3,185 Kurdish villages have been evacuated and up to three million people have been internally displaced from southeast Turkey. Despite the severity of the conflict, Turkey refuses access by the International Red Cross to the stricken region. The conflict costs billions of dollars each year and destroys hopes of economic development that is greatly needed in the region.

Mr. Speaker, the Turkish regime must put flesh on its skeletal democracy, or the Kurdish problem and other pressing issues will fester and continue to prevent Turkey from moving closer to Europe. Turkey's civilian and military leaders have repeatedly stated their intentions to address human rights problems, yet the problems persist and reform efforts seem little more than public relations exercises. Meanwhile, our Government continues business as usual, sending billions of dollars worth of security assistance to Ankara while refusing to acknowledge increasing signs of political instability. Such unequivocal support is unwise because it reinforces the military and other non-democratic forces in Turkey, and sends a message that the United States Government will support the Turkish Government no matter how deficient it remains in human rights areas.

Mr. Speaker, as I stand before this distinguished body, a group of Kurds and Americans, including Kathryn Cameron Porter, are

fasting in front of this building to protest human rights violations in Turkey. They too believe our Government has remained silent in the face of growing threats to democracy in Turkey. A major impetus for their protest is the continued imprisonment of four Kurdish parliamentarians, including Leyla Zana, whose indictment included charges related to her appearance at a Helsinki commission briefing. All Kurdish-based political parties in Turkey are suppressed, even though Kurdish political opinions must be considered if political institutions are to be truly representative. Non-violent Kurdish parties must be allowed to participate in political life. Individuals should not be jailed for expressing opinions deemed harmful by the Government. Open debate and dialogue is imperative.

Mr. Speaker, another democratic measure is freedom of the media. On October 21, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) issued a report entitled "The Anatolian Archipelago" which details the fate of 78 journalists jailed for speech crimes in Turkey. CPJ, which does meticulous research and seeks Turkish Government input before publishing, has concluded in each of the last 3 years that more journalists are jailed in Turkey than in any other country.

Human rights defenders and Kurdish peace activists are also subject to harassment, imprisonment or worse. This past week, Yavuz Onen and Akin Birdal, two internationally recognized rights leaders, and Ahmet Turk, a Kurd, were charged for reading in public a report detailing the ongoing scandal linking officials to death squads and face up to 3 years in prison. On October 20, well-known peace activist, Esber Yagmurdereli, was jailed for 22 years. On October 21, the president and 7 other Human Rights Association (HRA) executives were sentenced to between 1 and 2 years in prison for speeches made during human rights week in 1996. In recent years, 20 HRA branches have been closed, including all that serve Kurdish communities in Southeast Turkey.

Free expression is only one area where Turkey is deficient in meeting its stated human rights commitments. Local NGOs, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and our own State Department conclude that torture remains widespread and few accused of torture are brought to justice. Last week, a panel of judges presiding over an internationally publicized trial, refused to make police accused of torturing 14 young people, some as young as 13, appear in court. Also pending is the legal appeal of the human rights foundation doctor who refused to turn over to the government information on victims of torture.

Mr. Speaker, I have joined more than 160 of our colleagues in signing a letter calling for the release of imprisoned parliamentarians in Turkey. At the very least, as Members of an elected legislature, we should demand that our colleagues in Turkey be freed, for it is unthinkable that legislators in a democratic society would be jailed for speaking out on behalf of democratic society would be jailed for speaking out on behalf of their constituents. I urge my colleagues to sign the "Dear Colleague" letter and to visit those fasting on the steps of this building.

I have also joined my colleagues on the Helsinki Commission in introducing a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Turkey should not be chosen as the host of