

other governments who successfully pressured the Iranian government to hand down jail terms instead of death sentences. Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, seventeen Jews have been executed, and if not for the forceful action of the White House, the Department of State, and other governments, that number would surely now be twenty-seven. While I want to express appreciation for these actions, I urge our Administration and other governments to maintain continued pressure to urge the Iranian government to overturn this decision of the Revolutionary Court and free these wrongly imprisoned victims.

IN HONOR OF DAVE GRESKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dave Gresky, co-captain of the baseball team at St. Ignatius High School in Ohio. Dave has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a member of their All-Star baseball team for the Spring 2000 season. In addition to this considerable honor, Dave Gresky was chosen as the MVP of the All-Star team as well.

As a co-captain of the St. Ignatius Wildcats, Dave Gresky led the team to a 25-6 record, and to their first appearance in a state championship baseball game. Gresky batted .452 during the regular season as a senior right fielder, and he set single season records in three categories for St. Ignatius with 50 hits, 10 home runs, and 51 runs batted in. His notable contributions to the team earned him a baseball scholarship to Northwestern University. In addition, Gresky was selected by the Florida Marlins in the 22nd round of the amateur draft in June.

Dave Gresky's athletic accomplishments do not end on the baseball diamond, however. He also led the St. Ignatius Wildcats football team to a record eighth Division I state title when he scored the clinching touchdown in the championship game.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Dave's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by his motivation, poise, and good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. Clearly, he is the quintessential model of grace under pressure. He is truly remarkable. I know that Dave has much to offer. I look forward to offering more congratulations to this promising athlete in the future.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dave Gresky, an impressive right fielder and dedicated young athlete, for his outstanding achievements in sports.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF THE HONORABLE JOE A. GONSALVES

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of

my very dear friend and colleague, the Honorable Joe A. Gonsalves, former Member of the California State Assembly representing the 66th Assembly District which includes several of the cities and communities in my 34th Congressional District. Mr. Gonsalves died Friday, July 7, 2000 at his Gold River, California home.

Joe A. Gonsalves was a true exemplification of the fulfillment of the American ideal and the California dream. The son of Joaquim and Elvira Gonsalves, Portuguese Immigrants from the island of Terceira in the Azores, Joe was born on October 13, 1919 in Holtville, California. From the humblest beginnings in the farming region of the Imperial Valley, the Gonsalves family moved first to Whittier, then settled in Artesia, where they began the first of several dairy farms. In time, each Gonsalves son would own and operate his own dairy farm and through dint of hard work and steady growth, would become the basis of the families prosperity. Joe attended local schools and graduated from Excelsior High School in Norwalk, California. The Gonsalves family were among the founders of Holy Family Catholic Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Artesia.

When the new City of Dairy Valley, later to become the City of Cerritos, was incorporated in 1958, Joe Gonsalves was elected to the first City Council and served two terms as Mayor. When a new legislative district was formed in Southeast Los Angeles County following the 1961 reapportionment, Joe A. Gonsalves won election to the California State Assembly in the 1962 General Election, becoming the first legislator ever elected from Portuguese descent. When all but a small handful of state legislators were part-time Joe Gonsalves sold his dairy interests and became a Full-Time Legislator and moved his family north to the state Capitol in Sacramento. There he began to build a remarkable record of achievement during California's golden era of growth and progress.

Serving with political titans including legendary Speaker Jesse M. Unruh and Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Joe Gonsalves authored landmark legislation including the law that created a more equitable configuration of the state's important dairy industry benefiting the independent farmers. His diligence, skill and personality were rewarded with his appointment as Chairman of the powerful Assembly Rules Committee, Joint Committee on Rules, and later the Revenue and Taxation Committee. His leadership on the State Allocation Board and the Assembly Education Committee produced substantial increases in funding for local school districts.

Following his distinguished service of twelve years in state office, Joe began the third chapter of his professional career by establishing his own company to provide professional legislative representation. He soon became one of the Capitol's most highly respected and influential lobbyists. Later, he was joined by his son Anthony D. Gonsalves in the firm that would be called Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. The Gonsalves lobbying firm represented a blue chip roster of interests including the Port of Long Beach, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the Oak Tree Racing Association, the California Dairyman's Association, the Portuguese government, and over forty incorporated California cities. The firm expanded to include a third generation of Gonsalves advocates when

Joe's grandson Jason Gonsalves joined the company.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored by the wonderful friendship I enjoyed with this unique and outstanding gentleman. He was a wise and trusted advisor to me during my service as a City Councilwoman, Mayor and Member of the California Assembly. Joe Gonsalves was a real friend to countless people from all walks of life. He was a true role model for everyone who aspires to the highest levels of honesty, decency, loyalty and integrity in a profession that has seen all too little of these qualities.

Above all Mr. Speaker, Joe A. Gonsalves never forgot from whence he came. He was a great man with a common touch. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and cherished his friendship. Preceded in death by his first wife Virginia, Joe Gonsalves is survived by his wife Jerry Farris Gonsalves and by his nine sons and their spouses, Robert, James & Ruth, Joe & Mary, Jack & Debt, Frank & Theresa, Anthony & Evelyn, David & Josephine, Tim & Stephanie, John Kennedy & Julie Gonsalves. He is also survived by two step children Jerry Farris & his wife Shirley and Terry Farris, his sister Mabel Gonsalves, three brothers Jack, Bennie and Frank Gonsalves, 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

On behalf of my husband Frank, my family, my Chief of Staff Chuck Fuentes, (whose own father Bob Fuentes served as Joe's Administrative Assistant during most of his legislative career) and the citizens of the 34th Congressional District and the Southeast Los Angeles communities, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Gonsalves family. Joe A. Gonsalves was a proud and patriotic American and a great Californian!

IN HONOR OF MICHELLE SIKES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Michelle Sikes, a member of the track and field team at Lakewood High School in Ohio. Michelle has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer to be a part of their All-Star Girls Track Team as the distance runner for the Spring 2000 season.

Michelle has demonstrated exceptional athletic ability and tremendous commitment to her sporting activities. This past Spring season, Michelle has become an integral part of Lakewood High School's track and field team. As a first time runner, she won the 3,200 meter race at the state meet with a time of 10 minutes, 45.11 seconds, making it the best time in the event in her area. In addition, she was the area's highest finisher in the 1,600 meters. Her time was 4 minutes, 53.95 seconds. These impressive times mirror Michelle's commitment to responsibility. Her strong faith and belief in her abilities has enabled her to become one of the finest athletes in northern Ohio.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Michelle's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by her motivation,

poise, and good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. She is the quintessential model of grace under pressure. Yet, despite the hard work and competition, Michelle views everything as a new and exciting experience. Although Michelle is only a freshman in high school, I am impressed by such optimism and devotion. She is truly remarkable. I know that Michelle has much to offer. I look forward to offering more congratulations to this promising athlete in the future.

My fellow colleagues, Michelle Sikes is an outstanding and inspirational individual. Please join me in honoring her notable accomplishments and achievements in track and field.

IN HONOR OF MARC SYLVESTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Marc Sylvester, a member of the boys track and field team at St. Ignatius High School in Ohio. Marc has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a part of their All-Star Boys Track team as the middle distance runner for the Spring 2000 season.

Marc has demonstrated exceptional athletic ability and tremendous commitment to his sporting activities. This past Spring season, Marc Sylvester has become an integral part of St. Ignatius High School's track and field team. He ran the 800 meters, leaving opponents far back, and ran anchor for the 4x800 and 4x400 relays. In the Division I Relays at Amherst Steele, he set the record for the fastest 800 meter race ever run by an Ohio high school athlete. His time was 1 minute, 49.50 seconds. Such accomplishments are outstanding, and I commend him for his devotion and commitment. Unfortunately, two days after regionals, Marc suffered a partially collapsed lung and was held out of the state meet. But Marc's sterling track career has not ended with this setback. While it was disappointing not running at the state meet, Marc is feeling much better and is now working towards winning the National Outdoor Championships in Raleigh, North Carolina. Marc's strong faith and belief in his abilities has enabled him to become one of the finest athletes in northern Ohio, and perhaps the nation.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Marc's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by his motivation, poise, and good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. Marc is the quintessential model of grace under pressure. I am impressed by such optimism and devotion. He is truly remarkable. I know that Marc has much to offer. I look forward to offering more congratulations to this promising athlete in the future.

My fellow colleagues, Marc Sylvester is an outstanding and inspirational individual. Please join me in honoring his notable accomplishments and achievements in track and field.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, on July 10, 2000 I was unavoidably detained and was not present for six rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes No. 373, No. 374, No. 375, No. 376, No. 377, and No. 378.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this amendment which will strike damaging language and replace it with more sensible policy.

The language this amendment strikes would have crippled the nation's ability to discuss and advance reasonable measures that would protect the environment in the most economically efficient way.

The language would have blocked all government work on carbon emissions trading—all work, including discussion and analysis—even though corporations increasingly are embracing such trading and have entered into voluntary programs to engage in it. Carbon trading is the most economically efficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; if we don't do the work to develop it now, we will be left with no tools other than command and control to limit carbon, if we choose to impose limits in the future.

Similarly, the Clean Development Mechanism that the bill language would have blocked is an economically beneficial way to attack greenhouse gas emissions in the developing world. The Mechanism will encourage the sale of American-made clean technologies in the developing world. Why on Earth would we want to discourage something that helps other nations implement their own climate change policies while creating business for our own companies and workers?

I am pleased that so many people in industry and the Congress, from all points of the political spectrum, recognized the folly of this language.

The language the amendment would substitute is far from ideal, but it is moderate language that has been signed into law in past years.

But as someone who encouraged this strike and replace amendment, let me make clear my interpretation of what the amendment language says. The amendment prohibits the proposing or issuance of rules related to Kyoto. It does not prohibit the development of

policies; it does not prohibit the discussions of policies in the U.S. or abroad; and it does not prohibit activities designed to carry out the Rio agreement on carbon dioxide, which was signed by President Bush and ratified by the Senate.

In other words, the United States, under this language, can send representatives to international conference to discuss carbon trading or the Clean Development Mechanisms, can help other nations develop such policies, can undertake activities to figure out how such a policy would be implemented here. All that is being prohibited is the actual implementation of such policies; anything up to the point of proposal and issuance may continue.

This amendment would not have the broad support it is receiving if Members believed in the cramped interpretation put forward by some of its proponents. The amendment means what it says on its face; it should not be interpreted in fanciful ways by those who were unsuccessful in getting more restrictive language approved.

I hope future appropriation bills with this language will include the report language from the fiscal 1999 VA-HUD conference report, which provides the clearest, more accurate interpretation—which is that this amendment blocks activities that are solely related to implementing the Kyoto Protocol.

And so, with that in mind, I urge support for the amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I regret that I missed Rollcall votes 373, 374, 375 and 376 to the fiscal year 2001 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies appropriations bill (H.R. 4461). My flight from Charlotte was delayed due to threatening weather.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 373, on the Coburn amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote 374, on the Royce amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote 375, on the Crowley amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote 376, on the Royce amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote 377, on the Coburn amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote 378, on the Sanford amendment to H.R. 4461, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained last