

For me, this debate is not about engagement or isolation. I am opposed to PNTR because it is the wrong time to make permanent China's trade benefits with the United States.

China, has simply not matured enough politically or economically to have permanent normal trade relations with the United States.

China has a record of gross human rights violations, including the use of prison labor and a lack of religious freedom and it still poses a danger to our national security. China also has a terrible record on the environment and has some of the most polluted cities in the world.

Last year, 1999, was the worst year for religious freedom in China since the Cultural Revolution of the late 60's, according to the U.S. Commission on Human Rights. In China, numerous religious and human rights groups have suffered severe repression, including Catholics and the Falun Gong. No wonder religious leaders and human rights groups are opposed to PNTR, including the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Even the State Department Report on Human Rights contains tough criticism of Beijing's increased repression of democracy activists and religious groups such as Tibetan Buddhists and Chinese Christians. The report states that religious services were broken up while church leaders were harassed, detained, beaten and tortured.

Prison labor continues to be a problem in China as well. The Laogai Research Foundation has documented nearly 1,100 forced labor camps in China. In these prison camps, laborers receive no compensation for their work, conditions are appalling, and beatings are common.

China also continues to pose a threat to our national security and the security of our allies in the region, especially Taiwan.

We know that China sells weapons and weapons technology to countries like Libya, Sudan and Iran. It should come as no surprise that veterans groups such as the American Legion and the Order of the Purple Heart are against this agreement because of the national security implications.

Economic arguments are another good reason to oppose this agreement.

Despite what PNTR proponents are saying, the economic benefits of this deal are overstated. We already have Normal Trade Relations with China, which have resulted in a large and growing trade deficit.

United States imports from China more than tripled in real terms between 1992 and 1999, and the United States trade deficit with China increased 256 percent to \$68 billion in 1999 (in 1999 dollars). While China runs a huge trade surplus with the United States, it has a sizeable trade deficit with the rest of the world.

The existing trade deficit with China is the product of current United States trade policies. The United States already accepts 40 percent of China's exports. By giving China PNTR status, Congress will be giving up America's most effective tool for changing those policies. Without the ability to negotiate directly with China, the deficit with China will surely grow and United States job losses as a result of the deficit will mount.

The Chinese also have a bad track record when it comes to adhering to existing agreements.

China has violated every trade agreement it has made with the United States over the last

10 years. The Chinese government has broken agreements on opening its markets, stopping the piracy of intellectual property and ending the export of slave labor-produced goods.

The U.S. response, create a monitoring group. But, by creating a monitoring group the Administration is undermining its own argument that, by joining the WTO, China will begin to comply with the rules.

We already know that China has not and will not comply with their agreements. How will a powerless monitoring group help?

Unless there is a mechanism that will punish China for its continued violations of human rights, its poor labor record, its environmental excesses and its religious persecution, it will not do enough to help the situation. A monitoring group, or the Commission created under this legislation is a nice idea.

I commend my colleagues, Congressmen SANDER LEVIN and DOUG BEREUTER, for their hard work on this Commission. They have made some promising steps and I encourage the Senate to retain this worthwhile addition. But it's only one step in a multi-step process.

There is also no guarantee that the Chinese will cooperate with the commission. A commission will also not raise the issue in the public mind as much as the annual review process.

Even the surge protections are a welcomed addition to the legislation, but its benefit is exaggerated.

We have protections now, but under the agreement, if we use them, China can retaliate against us. Also, what guarantee do we have that the Chinese will accept our definition of a surge in imports and respect our decision? The real answer is maintaining the annual review process.

The annual review process focuses attention on China's practices in a way that is unmatched with any other country. It brings awareness to China's practices on human rights and other issues to the highest levels. Because of China's record on human rights, the environment and compliance with international treaties, the American people should be making this decision every year.

The administration's plan to set up a new rapid response team to monitor China's compliance with its market commitments under WTO reinforces the argument I've been making all along—China won't comply with the new agreement.

Like some of my colleagues, I believe China must meet a set of benchmarks before we make these benefits permanent.

First, they must recognize basic human and worker rights. Second, they must stop the proliferation of missile and nuclear technology and equipment. Third, they must promote environmental conservation. And fourth, they must comply with past and present international commitments.

When China has proven itself politically and economically mature enough for PNTR, only then should we extend these benefits. Until then, we should oppose this agreement, vote down this legislation and maintain the annual review process.

It is dangerous to give up the most important leverage we have in getting China to comply with its agreements, the annual review process and the carrot of permanent relations. You don't give away the carrot before you get the result you want.

COMMENDING LIFE UNIVERSITY
AND ITS 17TH ANNUAL RUN FOR
LIFE

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to congratulate the founder and president of Life University, Dr. Sid E. Williams, and his staff for the continuing success of their Annual Run for Life fund raiser, held each year in Marietta, Cobb County, GA. The 17th Annual Run for Life is set for August 5, 2000. The 2000 Run for Life 5k and 10k will begin at Life University, proceed to the "Big Chicken," then to Historic Marietta Square and back to Life. This is an exciting and fast course that promises to produce many positive results.

Dr. Sid E. Williams conceived the Run for Life as a way to raise funds for community needs while encouraging health and fitness. Their contributions will provide another chance for abused children and youths. In addition, this year's Life University Run for Life is contributing to the World Children's Fund and the "Stop Teenage Smoking" program. Other charities that Life supports are battered women, underprivileged children, American Red Cross, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and Cobb County Children's Center.

Responding to Dr. Williams' constant quest for excellence, Life has also gained national acclaim for its phenomenal achievements in sports. Life University's athletic programs have claimed national championships in basketball, rugby, soccer, cross-country, ice hockey, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. In all, the University has won more than a dozen national titles and has more than justified the title of "School of Champions."

People of all ages in Georgia and surrounding states look forward to their annual trek to the Life University campus where the spectacular, free Christmas lights display never fails to thrill and delight the millions of visitors who have made the Lights of Life a part of their holiday tradition.

Mr. Speaker, Life University, under the leadership of Dr. Sid Williams, is a tremendous asset to Cobb County, the State of Georgia, and, indeed, the nation. This great institution brings honor to my district and to my State, and I offer my sincerest congratulations to Life University for its long list of achievements and wish Dr. Williams and his associates many more decades of success.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2000 CENTRAL
CABARRUS HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S
SOFTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE NORTH CAROLINA
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding group of student-athletes from North Carolina's Eighth District.

Last weekend, the Central Cabarrus High School Softball Team completed a truly amazing season by winning the North Carolina AAA Softball State Championship.

"Central Cabarrus set a record for dominance in a softball championship game" wrote a local newspaper. The Viking won by a score of 14-0 over C.B. Aycock High School. This was the largest margin of victory in the history of NCHSAA Softball Championships. This capped off a perfect 28-0 season for the Vikings. The Tournament's most valuable player was sophomore pitcher Crystal Cox who threw a one-hitter and struck out 12 batters. The game was essentially decided in the first inning, finishing the inning with a score of 7-0. The game concluded after only 5 innings, by the 10-run mercy rule.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the 2000 North Carolina State 3-A Softball Champions, the Central Cabarrus High School Vikings. I would urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to this outstanding team.

HONORING PALOS VERDES
PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, an outstanding educational institution within my district. The U.S. Department of Education recently recognized Peninsula High as one of the top high schools in the nation.

Peninsula High was one of ten high schools in the nation to receive both the Blue Ribbon Schools Award and New American High Schools Award. This is a tremendous accomplishment. It is a testament to the quality of education in the South Bay.

Peninsula High received the Blue Ribbon School Award for its commitment to strong leadership, high quality of teaching, rigorous curriculum, and parental involvement. 198 middle and secondary schools throughout the nation were recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools. Among the 198 Blue Ribbon winners, ten also received the New American High Schools Award. The New American High Schools initiative recognizes American high schools committed to achieving high academic standards for all students, preparing all students for college, and providing them with opportunities to learn about careers.

I commend Principal Kelly Johnson and the teachers of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School for offering a curriculum that encourages its students to develop exceptional learning habits. This preparation is invaluable for students who pursue a higher education. Congratulations on this much deserved recognition. You have earned it. I wish the students and teachers of Peninsula High continued success. You are an example for the nation.

TRIBUTE TO KATRINA MARIE DOMIJANCIC, ELIZABETH ANN JACKSON, AND CARRIE COLLEEN TAYLOR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katrina Marie Domijancic, Elizabeth Ann Jackson and Carrie Colleen Taylor for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. They are members of the Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 located in Hobart, Indiana, and will receive this honor at a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2000 at the Hobart Scout Cabin.

A special significance is attached to the title of Girl Scout Gold Award, a significance that accompanies a young woman throughout her life. As she pursues endeavors in higher education, business, industry and community service, she will carry with her the lofty goal of success through leadership. To qualify for the Gold Award, each Girl Scout must fulfill rigorous requirements in the areas of leadership, career interest and service. Upon completing the above requirements, a prospective Gold Award candidate must find and complete a project that meets a need in the community. Katrina, Carrie, and Elizabeth's Gold Award Project involved enhancing the underused areas of the Hobart Scout Cabin to provide more useable space.

Katrina Domijancic is the daughter of John and Rebecca Domijancic of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for nine years, and has been president of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326 since 1998. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Katrina attained the Gold Award in conjunction with her academic achievements at Hobart High School. She has served as Vice President of the Hobart High School Spanish Club, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, and a member of the National Honor Society. Katrina will graduate this June from Hobart High School with honors. After graduation, Katrina plans to attend college, and hopes to become a pharmacist.

Elizabeth Jackson is the daughter of Charles and Annette Jackson of Valparaiso, Indiana. Elizabeth is a junior at Boone Grove High School, and has been a Girl Scout for eleven years. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. In addition to being a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop #326, she has participated in the Valparaiso University Community Band and the Boone Grove High School Band. She also was a member of the Boone Grove High School Math Team, which placed fifth in the state.

Finally, Carrie Taylor is the daughter of David Taylor and Georgia Cox of Hobart, Indiana. She has been a Girl Scout for all thirteen possible years. As a Cadette Girl Scout, she earned the Girl Scout Silver Award for attempting to bring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday to the Hobart Public School System. As a Senior Girl Scout, she has earned the Senior Leadership Pin, the Senior Career Exploration Pin, and the Senior Challenge Pin. Carrie will graduate from Hobart High School

in June of this year. She has enlisted in the United States Navy and will begin active duty in August. She will serve in the Atlantic Fleet and be based out of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Katrina, Elizabeth and Carrie for their commendable achievement. Their parents and their communities can be proud of these young women. It takes a great deal of tenacity and devotion to achieve such an illustrious award. These young ladies have a promising future ahead of them, which will undoubtedly include improving the quality of life in Indiana's First Congressional District.

HONORING JOE WILLIAMS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a concerned, giving and caring man is retiring from public office after many years of serving the people of his communities. Joe Williams is stepping down as President of the City Council of Warren, Ohio. He has already received many awards for his outstanding public service; including the Governor's Award and the Mayor's Award for outstanding civic contributions, the City Council Citation, Honorary Auditor by the State Auditor and Honorary Deputy. He was inducted into the Trumbull (County) African-American Achievers Hall of Fame and has also been honored by the Black Knights Police Association and Who's Who Among Black Americans.

He holds the record for being elected to the City Council for 22 years and has been elected to the Trumbull County Central Committee of the Democratic Party for five terms. He was the first African American to represent the Seventh Ward and the first to become President of the Warren City Council.

Joe was born and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama where he attended the Tuskegee Institute, completing an Associate Degree in Electrical Design. In 1977 the City of Tuskegee proclaimed him Honorary Mayor.

Joe has been an electrician for 34 years at General Motors. He is married to Marilyn Hainesworth Williams and they have two children. Joe Williams is an outstanding example of someone who dedicates his life to his family and his community. He is a public servant who could serve as a role model for all of us. I congratulate him on his many accomplishments and wish him the very best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS BAY
AREA AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Texas Bay Area American Cancer Society.

Anyone who has a friend or family member stricken by cancer knows the importance of the American Cancer Society. We have all