

JAMES GUELFF BODY ARMOR ACT
OF 2001**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the James Guelff Body Armor Act of 2001 with my colleagues ASA HUTCHINSON and BOBBY SCOTT. I also want to commend Senator FEINSTEIN and Senator SESSIONS for introducing this legislation in the Senate, and Lee Guelff and the Fraternal Order of Police on their hard work in moving this legislation forward. Our bill is an important stride for law enforcement: it takes body armor out of the hands of criminals and gives law enforcement greater access to it.

This bill means a great deal to me. I have introduced similar legislation in the House for several years, and have been part of the ongoing effort to pass this bill. It is also rewarding that this year we have a bipartisan team in both the House and the Senate working to pass bill that is so important to our nation's law enforcement.

Special thanks are certainly owed to Lee Guelff, who has worked tirelessly on this issue since his brother was tragically killed by a shooter wearing body armor and a Kevlar helmet. Through his efforts, and that of countless police officers across the country, individual states are passing similar pieces of legislation. In fact, I am pleased to say that last year my own state of Michigan passed legislation banning the ownership or usage of body armor by convicted felons, and I commend the Michigan legislature for its action.

Law enforcement officers all over the country need protection from criminals wearing body armor. These offenders are impervious to the bullets of the police officers trying to stop them, yet these very same police officers incredibly often lack funds for their own body armor.

You may all recall the chilling video of a shootout at a bank robbery in California some years ago, where the perpetrators could not be brought down because they were wearing body armor. Eleven police officers and six civilians were injured in that 20 minute gunfight with the Los Angeles Police Department.

This is a threat to law enforcement, and this bill is needed. We cannot allow criminals to have an advantage over the men and women that put their lives on the line every day to protect society. The days of the Wild West are over, and gunfights have no place in our society. Criminals should not be able to face police without fear because they are protected by body armor, able to shoot at will.

Our bill enhances the penalties for crimes committed while wearing body armor, outlaws the possession of body armor by convicted felons and promotes the donation of surplus body armor to police. These measures will take away the criminals' advantage and return the power to the people that deserve it, our nation's law enforcement. I look forward to working with my colleagues on passing this important legislation this year.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JUNIOR
GRADE JOHN G. ROTHROCK**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Lieutenant Junior Grade John G. Rothrock as he receives the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

As a United States Navy Recruiting Liaison Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade Rothrock is responsible for recruiting Naval Reserve Intelligence Officers. His hard work and dedication has been cited as contributing to the selection of his area as the "Area of the Year for FY 2000." In addition, his peers consider him to be a true team player who leads by example.

In addition to his Naval Reserve responsibilities, Lieutenant Junior Grade Rothrock serves as my Chief of Staff. His leadership abilities are evident in the management of both my DC and district offices. Lieutenant Junior Grade Rothrock cares not only about the professional performance of the staff members he directs, but also their personal well-being. This concern has contributed greatly to the stability of my highly motivated staff.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Rothrock, despite his youthful age, has already achieved a distinguished career on Capitol Hill. He has served Congressmen BALLENGER, GUTKNECHT, and PICKERING, as well as the House Committee on Science. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, his budding political expertise was utilized by several campaigns in his home state of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this 107th Congress join me in congratulating Lieutenant Junior Grade John Rothrock as he receives the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOAN P.
ALTMAN**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I want to extend my warmest thanks and my most sincere best wishes to Mayor Joan P. Altman who will be leaving southeastern North Carolina after many years of service to the citizens of Oak Island, Brunswick County, and the State of North Carolina.

Currently serving her fifth term as Mayor of Oak Island, Joan has been an instrumental leader and good steward of the public's interest in a variety of capacities. Mayor Altman currently serves as Chairman of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee. She is a member of the N.C. General Assembly Legislative Research Commission Committee on Beach Issues and was a member of the N.C. Estuarine Water Quality Stakeholder Group. In addition to her public service, Joan serves her community in a variety of other ways, including being a member of the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees, Cape Fear Area United Way Board of Directors, and Cape Fear Council Boy Scouts Board of Directors.

When I think of Joan's commitment to the public good, the words "spirit, sacrifice, and service" come to mind. Joan's positive spirit has always been to do the task at hand—a spirit that inspires others to achieve. Joan's sacrifice in time and commitment has been to make southeastern North Carolina a better place to live and work—a sacrifice that meant doing the right thing and not being concerned with who gets the credit.

Pearl S. Buck once said, "To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and free mind." Joan, there is no question that your years of service have been the epitome of this statement. Service to others has been the embodiment of your life—service that sets a path for others to follow and that we all should emulate.

As you enter this next stage of your life, I am confident that your talents and energy will continue to be of benefit to many. Through your commitment to your family, and your community, a shining jewel you will continue to be.

Bart Giamatti, the former President of Yale University, said it well in 1987, "Be mindful of what we share and must share; not the least of which is that each of our hopes for a full and decent life depends upon others hoping the same and all of us sustaining each other's hopes * * * If there is no striving for the good life for any of us, there cannot be a good life for any of us."

Joan, on behalf of the citizens of the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina, thank you so much for the good life you have given to so many. Now, you enjoy the same, and may God's strength, peace and joy be with you always.

TRIBUTE TO JACKIE STILES

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young lady who has brought praise and honor to the sport of basketball and to Southwest Missouri State University by becoming the nation's all-time leading scorer in women's NCAA Division I basketball.

Jackie Stiles has been among the leading scorers in women's college basketball for four years. Her 31 points per game average is the best in the nation this year. She was the leading women's scorer last year and ranked second in the nation in her sophomore year. She was also the country's top scoring freshman in her first year of collegiate competition.

Stiles has scored 20 or more points in college games 86 times, 30-plus points 35 times, 40-plus points 10 times and in two games she broke the 50 point mark. She is one of only two players in NCAA women's basketball history to break the 50 point mark twice.

Stiles broke the 12 year old NCAA Division I career scoring mark of 3,103 points during a contest at Southwest Missouri State University when her Lady Bears squad beat Creighton University Thursday night. Needing only 20 points to eclipse the old mark set by Mississippi Valley State's Patricia Haskins, Stiles finished the Creighton game by netting 30 in laying claim to the title of "Women's Collegiate Basketball Scoring Champ."

The SMSU Lady Bears squad has one more conference game and perhaps as many as three tournament games left in their season that will allow Stiles to raise the new bar even higher.

The accomplishments of Jackie Stiles have been noticed by fans, other players and coaches who typically have guarded her with two and sometimes three defenders. She is the first player in the history of the Missouri Valley Conference to earn back-to-back "Player of the Year" honors and the first sophomore to earn that title. She has made the first team All-Missouri Valley Conference in each of her first three years on the court at SMSU.

Jackie Stiles grew up playing basketball in Clafin, Kansas where she was highly recruited by colleges and universities nationwide as a perimeter shooting guard. Today, her 58 percent field goal percentage ranks among the 20 best in the nation.

Jackie Stiles is an All American both on the court and off. She is as good a student as an athlete. Majoring in physical education, Stiles has maintained a sparkling 3.45 grade point average into her senior year and has been named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete first team every year in her career.

Stiles has become an icon on the basketball court in Springfield, Missouri. She is a role model for younger women who would like to follow the good-student, good-athlete trail she is blazing. She is a key reason that while some women's basketball games around the country draw crowds numbered in the hundreds, the Lady Bears' games often draw larger crowds than the men at Southwest Missouri State University. Thursday night's game at Hammons Student Center at SMSU drew the second biggest crowd in school history with more than 9,100 fans there to witness history. Fans in Southwest Missouri believe Jackie Stiles stands a lot taller than her 5 foot, 8 inch frame.

I'd like to wish Jackie Stiles and her teammates continued good shooting in their pursuit of a crown in the Missouri Valley Conference and in the women's NCAA tournament later this month.

TRIBUTE TO POET LAUREATE STANLEY KUNITZ

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Stanley Kunitz, who was born in my hometown in Worcester, Massachusetts. Stanley Kunitz is an outstanding poet who began his career in 1930 when he wrote his first book of poems titled "Intellectual Things". Prior to this book, Stanley Kunitz studied at Harvard College where he received his BA in 1926 and his MA in 1927. It was after his years of study that he began writing his first book of poems. Unfortunately his first book was barely recognized and he did not publish his second book, "Passport to War", for another fourteen years. The Second World War interrupted his career, and after returning from the war he joined the faculty of Bennington College. Although Stanley Kunitz was years

removed from poetry he persevered to eventually win the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1958 for his first "Selected Poems".

For a writer whose working life spans thirteen Presidents, Kunitz's commitment is all the more amazing. Stanley Kunitz is realistic and simple, the furthest from extravagant, which at the time when he wrote was rare. This is evident in his opposition to the long epic poem, which was popular in American Poetry during the first half of the twentieth century. What Kunitz's work lacks in glamour it compensates for in serious and influential purpose.

The popularity of Stanley Kunitz's work is evident in his many awards and accomplishments. In addition to his Pulitzer Prize he received the Bollingen Prize, a Ford Foundation grant, the Levinson Prize, and the Shelley Memorial Award to name a few. In 2000 he was named United States Poet Laureate. Stanley Kunitz is the founder of the Fine Arts Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts and Poets House in New York City. Stanley Kunitz has also worked as a translator, creating English versions of Russian Poems.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Kunitz for his enthusiasm and commitment to his poetry and society. He truly exemplifies that ability is never ending.

COMMENDING MERKAZ BNOS HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS SELECTION AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Merkaz Bnos High School, in Brooklyn, NY on its selection as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

Merkaz Bnos High School is an all-girls academic institution comprising grades nine through twelve. Its current director, Rabbi Chaim A. Waldman, founded the yeshiva in 1990 under the guiding principle of giving "every girl the chance to maximize her potential within a nurturing and supportive environment." In awarding the Blue Ribbon, the Department of Education recognizes that the Yeshiva has succeeded tremendously in carrying out its mission.

The Blue Ribbon School Program was established in 1982 by the U.S. Secretary of Education with three goals in mind. To identify and recognize outstanding public and private school across the United States, to offer a comprehensive framework of key criteria for school effectiveness, and to facilitate the sharing of best practices among schools. Schools selected for recognition have conducted a thorough self-evaluation, involving administrators, teachers, students, parents and community representatives in the completion of their nomination forms. This process included assessing their strengths and weaknesses and developing strategic plans for the future.

Merkaz Bnos High School is one of only seventeen private schools selected nationally and the only Yeshiva to be honored with the Blue Ribbon Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the country. In awarding this honor the Department of Education stated the

"yeshiva presents a picture of a school completely focused on helping students achieve high academic standards while developing a strong sense and knowledge base on their Jewish heritage".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Merkaz Bnos High School on its Blue Ribbon Award and wishing the entire school community—students, teachers, staff members and parents—continued success and many great simchas in the future.

A SALUTE TO THE BRONCOS

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fayetteville State University women's basketball team for their tremendous accomplishment this week. Their spirit and determination throughout the season has been an inspiration to us all.

On Saturday, March 3, the FSU Broncos defeated North Carolina Central University 63-59 to win the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament for the first time in twenty-two years. This is truly an amazing achievement for Coach Eric Tucker and the entire Bronco team. The Broncos will now embark on a new journey, playing in the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time since 1997.

Throughout the year, the women Broncos have represented the students and faculty of FSU well by sticking together and demonstrating good sportsmanship. Coach Tucker has instilled in his players the ethic of dedication, sacrifice, and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence, and instilled in the rest of us a renewed appreciation of what it means to win with dignity and integrity. I am sure that the Broncos will demonstrate these important characteristics on the national stage during the NCAA tournament.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating this extraordinary group of women and their coaches, parents and classmates who cheered them on and made this year's CIAA tournament one to remember. Congratulations, Broncos! We will be watching you in the NCAA tournament, and we wish you the very best.

ADDRESS BY DR. JOHN DUKE ANTHONY ON VIOLENCE IN AMERICA AND KUWAIT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

ON VIOLENCE IN AMERICA AND KUWAIT: THE KUWAIT-AMERICA FOUNDATION

(By John Duke Anthony)

This past week's tragic incident in California in which yet another student at an American school killed his classmates was as senseless as all the similar acts that went before. It is no less tragic for the likelihood that, short of effective remedies, the phenomenon is destined to recur in the future.