

year, I strongly supported the airport security bill because I believed then—as I do now—that we must protect the public from a repetition of terrorist hijackings. One key part of that is to have baggage screened to safeguard against explosives being smuggled aboard airplanes in checked luggage.

But today I voted to extend the baggage screening deadline established in the airport security bill because it doesn't make sense to me to mandate a deadline that clearly is impossible for a quarter of airports in this country to meet. It has been clear for some time that although 75% of airports would be able to meet the December 31st deadline, 25% of this country's largest airports would not. Denver International Airport (DIA) is among those airports still waiting for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to approve its security plan.

DIA has developed its own plan that would employ a baggage-screening system that costs approximately \$85 million to implement, versus \$130 million for the system currently approved for use in the U.S. The bill before us today allows TSA to incrementally address individual airport requirements like DIA and accommodate new technology improvements.

I am a cosponsor of legislation that would extend the deadline because I believe DIA will be able to provide a better, more cost-effective baggage screening system than the current TSA-approved model given a bit more time. So I am pleased that this bill includes an extension on the baggage screening system.

In summary, I am pleased that this bill echoes the overall approach of the Hart-Rudman report recommendations. I am also pleased that the bill includes important Science Committee contributions, such as the one establishing an Undersecretary for Science and Technology in the new department, as well as provisions I offered in the Science Committee markup requiring the new department and NIST to engage in a systematic review and upgrading of voluntary consensus standards. I believe it is important that the bill includes a provision reaffirming the Posse Comitatus Act, which prohibits the use of the armed forces for civil law enforcement. And it is important that the bill prohibits the government from implementing the proposed "Operation TIPS," an Orwellian program under which designated citizens would be trained to look for and report suspicious behavior on the part of their fellow citizens.

Despite the problems in the bill, I am voting for it today because I remain committed to a strong, effective Department of Homeland Security. I am hopeful that the problematic issues I highlighted and other concerns will be successfully addressed in the conference committee.

IN HONOR OF TORII KEDAR
HUNTER

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on July 9th, 2002, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin nine of the Nation's top professional baseball players walked onto the field at Miller Park as the starting lineup for the American League's team at Major

League Baseball's 73rd All-Star Game. Among them, in centerfield, was Torii Hunter of the Minnesota Twins. The crowd's eyes were fixed on him because he is known to be a show stopper, but my eyes were fixed upon him because he is from Pine Bluff, AR, in the heart of my own district.

In the first inning with two outs and nobody on base in a scoreless game, the crowd was aching for some action. Soon San Francisco's Barry Bonds stepped up to the plate. Hunter took a few steps back. With a 3-0 count, Bonds lashed a fast-ball deep into center field. Hunter raced to the back wall, waited, and timed his jump perfectly to catch the ball well above the fence. The crowd erupted into applause.

After the game Hunter said "I grew up in Arkansas and the All-Star Game is one everybody got to watch on TV. I just want to make the people of my hometown proud. To make a catch against a Hall of Famer on national TV, this is one I'll always remember."

Some might have been surprised by Torri Hunter's outstanding performance at the All Star game, but his teammates certainly were not. Hunter's breakout performance in 2001 was one of the main reasons the Minnesota Twins battled for first place until the final weeks of the season. A first-round draft pick in 1993, Hunter has been one of the better defensive center fielders in baseball for several seasons but he became an offensive threat last season, hitting 27 home runs, 32 doubles, and knocking in 92 runs. His defense in center field didn't suffer either; he was awarded his first Gold Glove Award during the 2001 season.

Hunter's impressive career got its start in South Arkansas. Hunter is a 1993 graduate of Pine Bluff High School where he played baseball, basketball, football and track. He was named first team All-State his junior and senior seasons and played on the South squad in the 1992 Junior Olympics. Hunter was selected to the High School National Team by USA Today, the All American Team by Baseball America, and was named Gatorade's Arkansas Player of the Year in 1993.

Mr. Hunter is not only an amazing athlete, but an amazing husband, father and volunteer. He and his wife, Katrina Hall Hunter, have one son, Torii Jr. Hunter also designates his time and effort in support of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Through his inspiring career, and his selfless actions, Torii Hunter has indeed made the people of his hometown proud.

HONORING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
NORTH CAROLINIANS

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of some fellow North Carolinians who, during the recent District Work Period, brought great honor to our State.

Shortly after we returned to our respective Districts, North Carolina lost one of its most famous athletes, Enos "Country" Slaughter. Born in Roxboro, just south of the Virginia State line, Country went on to star for the St.

Louis Cardinals baseball team during their hey day's of the 1940's. Known as one of the "Gashouse Gang," Country batted .300 for his career and had almost as many triples (148) as he had home runs (169). His most memorable moment came in the 1946 World Series, when he rounded the bases from first on a routine single to score the Series winning run. The "Mad Dash"—as it came to be known—may have been his finest moment on the field, but often forgotten and much more appreciated by his fellow Americans was his service to our country in World War II during the height of his career. Country was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985 and returned annually for the induction ceremonies until his health prevented his attendance this year. Former teammate Marty Marion called Slaughter, "... a good old country boy who just loved to play baseball." Country will be sorely missed.

About the same time Enos was called home, a new generation of North Carolina baseball players were reaching the pinnacle of youth sports—The Little League World Series.

During the months of July and August, a talented group of 11 and 12 year olds from the Southwest Forsyth County Little League swept through the North Carolina Little League Tournament, defeating Greenville to become State Champions. Then, at the Southeast Regional Championship, the All-Stars ran their winning streak to 13 by tearing through the competition in Florida and defeating the Virginia State Champions to earn their tickets to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They are only the third team in North Carolina to reach the World Series in the event's fifty-six year history.

Upon reaching Williamsport, Southwest was thrust into the international spotlight, living side-by-side with Venezuelans, Saudi's, and Russians, as well as Californians and Texans. In the pool play competition, Southwest put up a valiant effort in each of its three games, the third of which was a loss to eventual world champions Louisville, Kentucky. Even though the won-loss record does not reflect it, the talent and effort put forth by these young men far exceeded the expectations of coaches and parents and in the category of sportsmanship, Southwest is an undisputed champion. These 13 "Boys of Summer" now share a bond that will be with them for the rest of their lives—and stories of their on-field heroics from the Summer of 2002 will grow with each passing year into legends like those of Country Slaughter's "Mad Dash."

Of course the success of Southwest would not be possible without the unwavering support of parents, who sacrificed hours of family and work time to shuttle the players to and from practices and tournaments; of coaches, who also sacrificed time away from their families and jobs to teach these young men about baseball, and more importantly, the things the game teaches us about life and our responsibility to others, be they teammates, classmates, family members or society as a whole. Also, league organizers and sponsors, who for the past three decades have given the children of Southwest Forsyth county a place to spend their Springs and Summers in a competitive, safe and constructive atmosphere to learn our Nation's pastime. Each of these young men, have, at one time during this memorable ride, given the people of Forsyth County and North Carolina something to cheer about, so it would be only fitting to recognize all of them:

Chad Gentry, Robbie Scott, Daniel Genung, Austin Dillon, Christopher Sanders, Alex Robertson, Scott Riggsbee, David Morgan, Michael DeLuca, Sammy Lucas, David McConnell II, Taylor Russell, and Peyton Covington. Manager: John Scott, Coach: Chuck DeLuca, Coach: Mark Wylam.

Mr. Speaker, August saw the passing of the baseball torch in North Carolina: from one who made the sport what it is to those who will make it what it will be. I join all North Carolinians in mourning the passing of Enos Slaughter, but celebrating the accomplishments of the Southwest Forsyth County Little League. It thrilled us all to see the ideals of sportsmanship and team camaraderie Enos believed in being carried forward by North Carolina's new Boys of Summer. We caught a glimpse of the potential each of these boys possesses, both as athletes and ambassadors of our State. We thank them for a Summer full of memories and look forward to watching them grow and prosper as productive citizens of our community.

IN TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MICHAEL BARWICK

HON. RICHARD A. GEPhARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GEPhARDT. Mr. Speaker, August 29, 2002, was a sorrowful day for our community. St. Louis Police Officer Michael Barwick died that day when his police cruiser collided with another vehicle and caught fire. This fine young officer was performing his duty to protect and serve the citizens of St. Louis when the fatal crash occurred.

Officer Barwick attained his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer just two years ago. He loved his work and was committed to helping people in trouble; this devotion was evident to all who knew and worked with him. He was 27 years old.

Officer Barwick was not a police officer to become rich or to work easy hours. He worked long hours, in many dangerous situations, for a very modest salary. He joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department out of a sense of duty to his community and his belief that he could make a difference. This belief was reflected in the way he conducted himself on and off the job.

Mr. Speaker, all of us are affected by the loss of this good and decent man, and the entire St. Louis community grieves with his family. His bravery and dedication to others won't be soon forgotten, and we are grateful to have had him among us.

PRO-INDIAN CHARITIES SUPPORT TERRORISM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on August 8 there was a very significant article in the Indian newspaper The Hindu. It was written by Robert M. Hathaway, whom many of us know as a former aide to former South Asia Sub-

committee chairman Steven Solarz. As you may remember, Chairman Solarz was a fervent defender of India.

Mr. Hathaway's article is called "Charity . . . or Terrorism?" It exposes the rise of terrorism in India and how charitable contributions from Indian-Americans support it. In his article, Mr. Hathaway writes, "substantial sums of money are sent from Indians resident in the U.S., and from American citizens of Indian origin, to groups and organizations in Gujarat and elsewhere in India that are directly linked to the violence in Gujarat." He also writes that "respected Indian journalists have uncovered disturbing linkages." These transactions could raise issues of fraud and they appear to violate U.S. antiterrorism laws.

We must not allow money from the United States, even in the form of private contributions, to be used in support of terrorism. In that case, President Bush should act. After September 11, the President froze the assets of charities involved in supporting the terrorist network that attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Similar action should be taken to freeze any American assets of charities involved in the violence and terrorism in India. And contributions from U.S. residents to those charities' offices in India should expressly be prohibited. America should also stop its aid to India until it stops repressing the minorities, sponsoring cross-border terrorism against Sindh and other neighbors, and until it allows self-determination for all the people and nations seeking freedom from India.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to put Mr. Hathaway's article into the RECORD at this time. It shows Indian terrorism in great detail.

[From the Hindu, Aug. 8, 2002]

CHARITY . . . OR TERRORISM?

(By Robert M. Hathaway)

It is probably advisable for the American Government to hold an official inquiry into fund-raising in the U.S. by groups implicated in the Gujarat violence.

TERRORISM COMES in many guises. An armed assault against Parliament House in New Delhi. A suicide bomber detonating high explosives in a crowded bazaar. Political assassination. Angry young men flying commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center. And, yes, hate-consumed mobs butchering innocent women and children. The people of India need no instruction from foreigners regarding the moral issues raised by this spring's communal violence in Gujarat. Except for an embittered but fortunately minuscule minority, Indians of all religions and beliefs reacted with horror and disgust to the great human tragedy that unfolded in their country earlier this year.

All those who admire Indian culture and accomplishments, who celebrate the extraordinary progress India has achieved in its still brief national existence, understand that the tragedy of Gujarat strikes at the very essence of India's being and promise. The assassination earlier this year of Abdul Gani Lone, who opposed Indian rule in Kashmir but who in his final years had come to the realisation that violence and extremism offer Kashmiris no way out in their struggle with New Delhi, represented another blow to the ideals of tolerance and moderation, another triumph for the forces of hatred and sectarian-based violence. In this sense, the tragedies of Gujarat and of Kashmir are inextricably linked.

Kashmir was certainly not the cause of Gujarat. Sadly, the seeds of Godhra and Ahmedabad and Baroda spring from still more ancient soils. But the continued vio-

lence in Kashmir makes the hatred recently seen in Gujarat more likely, and in a perverted sense, more "respectable", or at least acceptable. Perhaps, it does not go too far to assert that until the Kashmir sore is at last healed, the poison that produced Gujarat will make other Gujaratis increasingly like-

Some Indians, of course, say that the tragic events in Gujarat are a domestic Indian affair, and that the United States and the rest of the world have no business intruding into a purely internal Indian matter. This is a self-serving falsehood. Important American interests, including the global war against terrorism, can be directly impacted by what the U.S. says—and fails to say—about Gujarat.

At this particular moment in history, the U.S. cannot allow the impression to take hold that Americans somehow value a Muslim life less than the life of a person of another religion. Sadly, there are those in the Islamic world who assert that the present conflict is a war directed not against terrorism, but against Islam. That the U.S. does not care about Muslims. That Washington seeks to hijack the tragedies of 9/11 to carry out long-held plans to repress the Islamic world. These are detestable lies, but many in the Muslim world are prepared to believe them. So leaving aside the moral issue, it is essential that India's friends in the U.S. speak out to condemn the injustice and hatred so prominently displayed in Gujarat, and to lend support to those Indians, of all religious beliefs, who are working to strengthen the forces of secularism, tolerance and multiculturalism. Some have asked what impact the recent events in Gujarat will have—should have—on the new and healthier relationship that the U.S. is developing with India. No one needs to be reminded of the tortured history of U.S.-India relations over the years, or the difficulty the two nations have had in working collaboratively with one another, even on those issues where our purposes and interests ran along parallel tracks.

Over the past half dozen or so years—and notwithstanding the temporary if traumatic jolt to the relationship administered by India's 1998 nuclear tests and subsequent imposition of U.S. sanctions—Washington and New Delhi have begun to construct a qualitatively better relationship, so much so that the Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, has come to describe the two countries as "natural allies", a phrase increasingly used by Americans as well.

Following the trauma Americans experienced on September 11, India was one of the first countries in the world to step forward with a pledge of unconditional and unambiguous support for the U.S. in its quest to bring to justice those responsible for the terror attacks in New York and Washington. The administration of George W. Bush, already keen to upgrade relations with Delhi, took notice. Prior to the February 27 Godhra attack that touched off the bloodshed in Gujarat, this new and more sanguine relationship between the U.S. and India was widely viewed by Americans as in the national interest. It remains so today; Gujarat has not changed this calculation.

And yet, it is neither possible nor practical simply to pretend that Gujarat did not happen. The violence in Gujarat, and the steps the Indian Government might take in coming months in response to those events, could have a significant impact on American views of India, and hence, on political and public support in the U.S. for a close and collaborative U.S.—India partnership.

Credible reports have recently suggested that substantial sums of money are sent from Indians resident in the U.S., and from