

CONGRATULATING THE COUNCIL
OF KHALISTAN ON 15 YEARS OF
WORKING FOR FREEDOM

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Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, one of the things I have been proud of in my time in Congress is the opportunity I have had to help inform people about human rights and the struggle for freedom in the world. In that light, I would like to take this opportunity to note the

fifteenth anniversary of the declaration of independence by the Sikh Nation of Khalistan which occurred on October 7, 1987, and the formation of the Council of Khalistan at that time.

The Council of Khalistan leads the Sikhs in their struggle to free themselves from repression, corruption, and tyranny imposed on them by India. It has always conducted that struggle in a peaceful, democratic, nonviolent way and has explicitly rejected militancy. I am proud to have been able to help the Council inform people about the Sikhs' struggle for freedom.

The President of the Council of Khalistan, Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, has been tireless in

fighting for freedom in the subcontinent. I am proud to know him. I wish everyone in Washington were so tireless, and I wish him success in his endeavors.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Aulakh and the Council of Khalistan on this occasion and I would like to wish them a successful convention this coming weekend in Philadelphia. Last year's convention was in my home town, Atlanta.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Council of Khalistan on this important milestone.