

VA Medical Center in Albany, New York. Ms. Duncan received her degree as a Nurse Practitioner, from Albany Medical College/Russell Sage College in 1973 and has been a Registered Nurse since 1960. Although a Nurse Practitioner, her activities within the Hospital have extended far beyond the realm of patient care.

Always considering patient care to be very important, Ms. Duncan has permeated many different facets of the Stratton VA Medical Center. By taking on positions in the Public Relations department and becoming the Enrollment Director between 1998–2000, she has aided the Stratton VA Medical Center in many different manners in order to improve patient care. Ms. Duncan has also held many other prestigious positions; she has worked in Internal Medicine and was also the Associate Chief of General Internal Medicine. In addition, she has worked in the Emergency Room at both the Stratton VA Medical Center and at St. Peter's Hospital.

Rosemary Duncan has received many major awards. Most recently, she received the Homeless Veterans Stand Down Appreciation Award of 2002. Some of her past awards include, the National DAV Award in 1999 and the New York State American Legion Award in 1997. With her strong dedication to Veterans affairs and her caring nature, Rosemary has volunteered to be a board member for the Military Heritage Institute as well as Vet Care in 1996. She also participated in the Freihofer's Run for Women in 1994.

Instilled with a strong sense of compassion, Rosemary Duncan has dedicated her life to the well-being of veterans. She serves her country in an admirable capacity through her selfless acts. She is a friend of all people who are in need of care and is an important asset to the Stratton VA Medical Center.

TRIBUTE TO EMMITT SMITH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and the new National Football League's All-Time leading rusher, Emmitt Smith.

On Sunday, October 27, 2002, Emmitt Smith took a handoff and crashed through the line for an 11-yard gain, giving him 16,728 career rushing yards, breaking the 15-year mark set by the former Chicago Bears great, Walter Payton, and establishing him as the most complete running back in NFL history.

At Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith posted some of the state's highest career rushing and scoring titles with 8,804 yards, 106 touchdowns and two state titles. As a senior, Emmitt Smith was an All-American running back and prep Player of the Year by Parade magazine and USA Today. He was also selected as the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign's prep football players representative at the White House.

Being one of the nation's top high school recruits, Emmitt Smith decided to stay at home in the Sunshine State and attend the University of Florida. In his seventh game as a Gator, he passed the 1,000-yard mark faster than any other runner in college football his-

tory and led the Southeastern Conference in rushing as a freshman with 1,341 yards.

Following his college career, Emmitt was the 17th pick by the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990 NFL draft. Considered too small and too slow by critics, he made an impression few other players can equal. Throughout his 12-year career, he has established himself as one of the games all-time greats. He has won three Super Bowl titles, four NFL rushing titles and a league and Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award.

This same man who is impossible to tackle on the football field has trounced his biggest adversaries not in the football stadiums across the country, but on the streets and neighborhoods of our communities. Emmitt Smith is active in the communities of Northwest Florida, dedicating his time to aiding youth and children. He hosts the annual Feed the Children food drive and is a national spokesman for the "Take a Player to School Program" and is one of the many supporters of Big Brother/Big Sisters and Boys Club of Pensacola.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Emmitt Smith, number 22, on his great achievement and offer my sincere thanks for his example to the communities of Northwest Florida.

TRIBUTE TO NEWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INC.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. Founded in 1977 by a group of concerned Newark citizens, the organization sought to help residents who had suffered job loss and displacement after the civil uprisings of the 1960's. Opening its doors in 1979 as the "Emergency Service Network", the organization has grown immensely in both breadth and depth.

Since its beginnings, the Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has gone from seeing 1,257 Newarkers annually in 1984, to over 50,000 Essex County citizens annually. Programs now not only include basic emergency services but also long-term programs designed to promote stabilization and self-sufficiency.

The Newark Emergency Service for Families, Inc. has become a vital organization not only in Newark, but also in the Essex County community as a whole. The organization, started by citizens themselves, has reached out to help neighbors in need, thus enriching the lives of many and strengthening our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the House of Representatives join with me today in recognizing the vital contributions of the Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. on their anniversary of 25 years of service to the Newark community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACKIE ELAINE MEADOWS WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I take this opportunity to recognize Jackie Wallace for her many years of service in Colorado. Jackie, a resident of Mancos, Colorado, is an outstanding example of the hard work and dedication that citizens throughout rural America devote to their communities. It is with great pride that I pay tribute to her today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Jackie grew up around the agricultural and ranching communities of Colorado where she learned firsthand of the joys and hardships that come with life on the range. Born to Jack and Lucille Meadows on a snowy night in 1932, Jackie was raised on a ranch in McElmo Canyon. The fourth daughter of five, she attended the local Battlerock School until the girls moved to Cortez where they could attend high school.

On Christmas Day 1951, Jackie married Dwight Wallace. When Dwight was drafted to serve two years in the Army, Jackie and Dwight's mother Mary ran the family ranch themselves, with the generous help of Doreen and Jimmy Fitzgerald. But Jackie hasn't restricted herself to just the ranch. As a charter member of the Southwestern Cowbelles, Jackie co-chaired their napkin committee, sold the most brand-quilt tickets, and even presided as their president from 1964 to 1965. For all her efforts with the organization, the Southwestern Cowbelles recently honored Jackie with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the dedication of Jackie Wallace. Jackie is an outstanding example of rural American values and it is my honor to extend to her my congratulations before this body of Congress and our Nation. Keep up the good work, Jackie!

OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS BEING ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, in Punjab, there are elections coming up for the SGPC, the organization that is in charge of all the Gurdwaras, or Sikh temples, in India. According to the Times of India, members of the Shiromani Akali Dal, which used to run the state government until it lost the state elections to the Congress Party earlier this year, are being arrested in connection with these elections. Many members of the party are going into hiding.

The Akali government under the leadership of Parkash Badal was the most corrupt government in Punjab's history. They came up with a new term for bribery. They called it "fee for service." You didn't get the service unless you paid the fee. And they did nothing to get Sikh political prisoners released or to bring police officers who committed murder and other

atrocities against the Sikhs to justice. I was proud to be one of the 42 Members of this House from both parties who signed a letter earlier this year asking President Bush to work for the release of these political prisoners.

We all support the prosecution of corrupt and brutal officials who were responsible for crimes against the people. However, those who committed these crimes should be brought to justice for these crimes. They and their followers should not be arrested merely for belonging to the Akali party.

A democracy does not arrest people for their political affiliations. A democracy does not hold political prisoners. Yet these things are happening today in India, which says that it is the "world's largest democracy." A report from the Movement Against State Repression showed that India admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. Some have been there since 1984. Tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held, according to Amnesty International.

More than 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian government. It has also killed over 80,000 Kashmiri Muslims, over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland, and tens of thousands of other minorities as well. Priests have been killed, nuns have been raped, churches have been burned, prayer halls and schools have been attacked by members of the RSS, the pro-Fascist parent organization of the ruling BJP. Indian soldiers were caught red-handed trying to set fire to some Sikh homes and a Gurdwara in a village in Kashmir. The government has been implicated in the mass murders of Muslims in Gujarat this spring and in the March 2000 massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpora. It is clear that the true face of India is not democratic at all, but it is a Hindu theocratic tyranny.

The political arrest of members of the opposition party underline the fact that India is not democratic. Therefore, it is not worthy of U.S. support. We should stop our aid to India and our trade with that corrupt, theocratic state. We should make a public declaration of support for self-determination for Punjab, Khalistan, for predominantly Christian Nagaland, for Kashmir, and for all the peoples and nations seeking their freedom from India. This is the best way to bring real freedom, peace, stability, and security to everyone in that troubled region.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Times of India article into the RECORD at this time.

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BEARDS WERE TIED UP, BLUE DISCARDED
(By Ks Dhaliwal)

JALANDHAR/BEAS/RAYYA.—Gurcharan Singh Channi heard the knock on the door at 2.30 am of November 7. He guessed right. It was the early morning swoop. He slipped out of the back door. From then on till Monday he remained underground, travelling to Nadda Sahib, boldly giving interviews to various TV channels, moving on to Chandigarh, Ludhiana. Only on Monday he reached Harminder Sahib along with thousands of others who were on the run after the Punjab Police went into an overdrive to arrest SAD (Badal) leaders in view of the SGPC elections. Channi is the general secretary, Jalandhar urban unit, SAD (Badal). Many more like Channi reached Harminder Sahib on Monday in disguise. They hoodwinked the nakas en-route by rolling up their flowing beards, switching over from the traditional Akali blue turban to maroon, coffee colour and sky blue.

They even got past nakas adopting urban styles. Instead of the kurta pajama, they switched to trousers, shirts and neckties.

Hundreds of them were taken out of buses. At Nadkodar Chowk on Monday all bearded men were barred from boarding buses. Sucha Singh Langah tied up his beard to get into the Golden Temple. Sarwan Singh Phillaur, who was under house arrest, also managed to give police the slip.

Venturing out from Jalandhar many followed circuitous routes through link roads. One popular route used to reach Amritsar was from Jalandhar to Tanda, Hargobindpur Sahib, Mehta Chowk, Mattewal, Majitha bypass and then the Golden Temple. It took double the time as they traversed twice the distance.

Some went from Jalandhar to Kapurthala, Goindwal Sahib, Tarn Taran, Amritsar. Armarjit Singh took his wife and sister-in-law along posing as the nakes that the latter was sick and was being taken to the hospital.

Resham Singh Thiara, who contested the last assembly elections from Nawanshahr on an Akali Dal ticket, posed as a businessman from Delhi.

Buses entering Punjab on Monday were halted at over 40 nakas on way to Jalandhar. "It was only by evening that the nakas appeared to relent as news spread and probably the signal was beeped to relax the check after the government probably realised that it was having a damaging effect on the psyche of the people," said Thiara.

SAD members shout anti-government slogans at the Golden Temple Complex, on Monday.

TRIBUTE TO FIRE CHIEF GUY WILLIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Guy Willis of the Ocean City-Wright Fire Department. For 55 years, Chief Willis has dedicated his services to our Armed Forces and Okaloosa County, Florida.

Guy J. Willis, Jr., was born in Mt. Ephriam, New Jersey on March 12, 1934, he was the son of Gary J. Willis, Sr. and Anna C. Willis. He spent his early years at "fish town," the oldest section of Northeast Philadelphia.

In 1952, at the age of 17, he entered the United States Air Force receiving his basic training at Samson AFB, New York. After basic training, Chief Willis continued to serve in the Air Force in the fire service industry and retired in 1984 having served honorably for 32 years with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Chief Willis joined the Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District as a Fire Safety Officer and later was promoted to the Fire Chief position. He has been employed with the department for the past 18 years.

Chief Willis is married to the former Miss Kimi Kato of Nagoya, Japan. He has been married for 46 years and has two sons, Colonel Guy J. Willis III, and Lt. Colonel Steven W. Willis, both of who are Air Force Academy graduates. In addition to his sons, Chief Willis has one brother, Ronald B. Willis, Chief Mas-

ter Sergeant, USAF, retired, and one daughter-in-law, Judith R. Willis, Lt. Colonel, USAF, retired.

Between the five Willis family members, they have served a total of 125 years of continuous Air Force service to our country.

Chief Willis and his wife, Kimi, claim Florida as their home of record and the Ft. Walton Beach area as their permanent home of residence, as they have resided here longer than any place else since birth.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this special person for the example he has set in his community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida and this great nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANNY GALLOWAY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Danny Galloway of Grand Junction, Colorado. The Grand Junction Lions Club recently awarded Danny with the prestigious Home Town Hero award for his years of service to the Grand Junction Special Olympics. As he receives this recognition, I would like to pay tribute to the irreplaceable contributions he has made to the community of Grand Junction.

For the past two decades, Danny has dedicated his time and energy as a Special Olympics coach, organizer and teacher of children with severe disabilities. Danny works closely with School District 51 through a program called "Top Guns," an organization made up of Special Education graduates. Danny also works with a program called "Under Eight Can't Wait," which sponsors involvement for children still too young to participate in the Special Olympics. Through these programs, Danny encourages participation and organizes volunteers necessary to make the Special Olympics a success.

During the 20 years that Danny has worked with the organization, he has played an integral role in helping to increase Special Olympics participation. Through Danny's leadership, School District 51 has expanded its Special Olympics program from only 11 participants at its inception to nearly 200 today. The Grand Junction Special Olympics offers 25 different sports for kids with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. The program provides disabled children with the opportunity necessary to become physically fit, confident and productive members of society.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Danny Galloway of Grand Junction, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Mr. Galloway has committed his time and energy toward improving the lives of a countless number of disabled children. His selfless dedication to helping those in need has served as inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding American.