

CELEBRATION OF ST. LUKE'S
HOUSE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
HELPING PATIENTS BECOME
PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate "Three Decades of Hope" at St. Luke's House (SLH) in Bethesda, Maryland. SLH helps patients released from psychiatric hospitals to live and work successfully in their communities by offering integrated mental health services and community resources.

St. Luke's House was founded in 1971, by St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The programs offered by SLH include supported living, life skills training and vocational rehabilitation, and 24-hour crisis care and services for youth with serious emotional disabilities. Currently, SLH provides care for over 800 youth and adults. To accomplish its programs, SLH operates 31 group homes and apartments in the community. It has helped more than 4,000 individuals return to an active community life.

There are four basic programs SLH provides individuals under its care. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program which offers individuals supported living opportunities, residential rehabilitation assistance, back-to-work skills, and a life skills building program. The SLH Mental Health Clinic provides mental health services to the public and patients in other SLH programs. Its McAuliffe Crisis House is a voluntary community-based residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization. The Career Transition Program is a joint endeavor between SLH and Montgomery Public Schools that help high school students with serious emotional disabilities to receive counseling and vocational training.

The efforts at SLH have raised public awareness of an ever increasing mental health issue. Its continued success is due to the hard work of SLH staff and volunteers that give thousands of hours to make this ministry beneficial to SLH residents and community. St. Luke's House is fortunate to have the leadership of Ms. Pam K. Cudahy as President and CEO as it moves ahead in meeting the needs of people in the 21st century. Our community is richer because of the residents and staff of St. Luke's House.

TYRANNICAL NEW LAW ALREADY
BEING ABUSED

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to read an article in the Times of India showing that India's repressive new "Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance" (POTO) is already being abused. The new law allows the police to hold someone without charges for up to 180 days, according to the Washington Post.

According to the article, a court granted bail to a POTO defendant named Abdul Ahmed Bhat and granted him bail of Rs 2,500. The judgment shows how the police are abusing POTO. The police filed two varying reports against Mr. Bhat, abusing the process to make certain that he stayed in police custody. The official police reports exonerates Mr. Bhat of the charges against him, while the investigating officer's report implicates him.

Unfortunately, this kind of abuse is typical of the Indian government. The Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), a hardline, militant Hindu fundamentalist organization published a booklet on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases. The RSS is the parent organization of the ruling BJP, which sponsored and passed POTO.

Mr. Speaker, we must not support this kind of tyranny. We should end all our aid to India until it ends. We should also put ourselves on record in favor of self-determination for everyone in the subcontinent by means of a free and fair, democratic vote on independence for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and the other nations seeking their freedom from India.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the permission of the House to insert the Times of India article into the RECORD for the information of my colleagues.

[From the Times of India, Apr. 3, 2002]

POTO MISUSED BY POLICE IN BHAT CASE

SRINAGAR.—Two varying police reports by the same investigating officer prompted the special court to grant bail to Abdul Ahmed Bhat on Monday. Bhat, a resident of Ahmad Nagar, was booked under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) under FIR No 12/2002 at police station Soura.

The special court had granted bail to Bhat against a bond of Rs 25,000.

The judgment points a finger of suspicion at the police for misuse of the prevention of terrorism law—despite the Centre and the state government's assurance for its fair use to tackle terrorism across the country.

Announcing the judgment on Monday, special Judge M I Qureshi said: "After close and minute examination of the two police reports and case diary that the prima-facie case under Sections 3 and 21 of POTO is made out against the accused persons except Abdul Ahad Bhat."

The judgment further reveals that there were variations in the two police reports about the date of Bhat's arrest. Also, the police report exonerates Bhat from the implication of alleged offences, while the second report submitted before the court on March 14 by the investigating officer of his own, implicates him (Bhat) for the alleged offences.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TODD
SALIMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of State Representative Todd Saliman and his efforts to improve the lives of his fellow constituents and the State of Colorado. Todd has served in the Colorado General Assembly since 1994 and has dedicated countless hours of his time and energy to his position and constituents. Now, after eight years of service, Todd is retiring and I am honored to take this time to thank him for his service to Colorado.

Todd is a native Coloradan whose family has lived in the state for generations. During his tenure as a representative, he served on many committees including the Joint Budget Committee, Finance, Appropriations, and Local Government committees. Throughout his time in the legislature, he has championed the issues of health care, children and families, the environment, education, and transportation. He is known throughout the community as a devoted husband and a proud father of

a new son, and is often found providing his support to the board of directors at the Developmental Disabilities Center and was instrumental in the assembly for securing funds for children's and senior's health services.

Mr. Speaker, Todd's hard work in the legislature has not gone unnoticed during his tenure and he has been recognized repeatedly over the years for his legislative accomplishments. Today, I continue to honor his service by thanking him for his devotion and dedication to his community, his state, and his nation. Thanks for all of your hard work Todd, and good luck in your future endeavors.

COACH MIKE DAVIS AND THE
INDIANA HOOSIERS

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that the Black Coaches Association will honor Indiana University's Head Coach Mike Davis as the "Male Coach of the Year" during their national convention to be held in Indianapolis this weekend.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt and enthusiastic congratulation is extended to Coach Mike Davis and the Indiana University Basketball Team for their achievements in this year's NCAA Final Four Tournament.

Coach Davis started his coaching career as Alabama's assistant basketball coach in 1995, and remained with the program until 1997.

In 1997 Coach Davis became an assistant coach for the Indiana University basketball program.

On September 10th, 2000, Coach Davis became the interim men's basketball coach at Indiana University.

With only a month to prepare for the 2000–2001 season Davis led the Hoosiers to a 21–13 record, a runner-up finish in the Big Ten Tournament and an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Displaying leadership, unwavering faith, and heart throughout the 2001–2002 season, Coach Davis led the Indiana Hoosiers to their first NCAA Final-Four appearance since 1993, narrowly missing the championship.

Coach Davis makes it no secret that he is a religious man; in fact the Christian faith permeates his entire life including basketball.

The Indiana University basketball team has voluntary chapel each week at Eastern Star Church in my district where Coach Davis is a member.

Coach Davis believes unto whom much is given much is required. He is a cheerful and generous philanthropist. For example, Coach Davis donated to non-profit organizations the bonus he received for leading Indiana to the Final Four. His gifts helped to enrich the lives of many.

Coach Mike Davis and Indiana University are to be congratulated for reminding Hoosiers and basketball fans everywhere that leadership, faith, and determination are products of achievement.

Mr. Speaker, to Coach Davis, keep up the good work and congratulations on your award and great season!

Your spirit has enriched the lives of countless individuals, especially the young people.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 10

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the implementation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

SR-485

MAY 13

10 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine transformation plans of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

MAY 14

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold joint oversight hearings to examine telecommunications issues in Indian country.

Room to be announced

Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of tobacco marketing on women and girls.

SD-342

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the risk of executing the innocent, focusing on the Report of the Illinois Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment.

SD-226

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine America's hospital preparedness concerning bioterrorism.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Annual National Export Strategy Report on the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1825, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho and tribes in the region for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages.

SR-253

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine copyright royalties, focusing on webcasting.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Air Force.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Treasury and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Housing and Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine affordable housing production and working families.

SD-538

MAY 16

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of stress management in reversing heart disease.

SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the consumer impact of Enron's influence on state pension funds.

SR-253

MAY 17

10:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine non-proliferation programs, focusing on U.S. cruise missile threat.

SD-342

MAY 20

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Branch of Acknowledgment, Department of the Interior.

Room to be announced

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine difficulties and solutions concerning nonproliferation disputes between Russia and China.

SD-342

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 1340, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform with respect to trust or restricted lands.

SR-485

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings on S. J. Res. 34, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

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