

To achieve these goals and objectives, Kyrgyzstan is full of resolve and will to comprehensively encourage and develop friendly, good-neighbourly relations of partnership with all the countries of the Great Silk Road region and to participate consistently and concretely in integration processes.—Askar Akaev, President of Kyrgyzstan.

DECISION ON IRAQ

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I want to have printed in the RECORD an op-ed by columnist Charles Krauthammer discussing the United Nations and its debate over how to deal with Iraq. Mr. Krauthammer makes the point that nations are driven by their own self-interests; thus, members of the U.N. Security Council—such as France, Russia, and China—all have varied perspectives on a potential confrontation with Iraq.

He argues that it is not “unseemly” for the United States to similarly act in the name of its own interests. And that it is, in his words, an “absurdity” to suggest that the U.S. is suddenly granted “moral legitimacy” by U.N. Security Council approval for its actions, since the Security Council itself is composed of member states acting in their own self interests.

I ask unanimous consent the op-ed by Mr. Krauthammer be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

IS THIS THE WAY TO DECIDE ON IRAQ?

(By Charles Krauthammer)

There is something deeply deranged about the Iraq debate.

The vice president, followed by the administration A Team and echoing the president, argues that we must remove from power an irrational dictator who has a history of aggression and mass murder, is driven by hatred of America and is developing weapons of mass destruction that could kill millions of Americans in a day. The Democrats respond with public skepticism, a raised eyebrow and the charge that the administration has yet to “make the case.”

Then on Sept. 12, the president goes to the United Nations and argues that this same dictator must be brought to heel to vindicate some Security Council resolutions and thus rescue the United Nations from irrelevance. The Democrats swoon. “Great speech,” they say. “Why didn’t you say that in the first place? Count us in.”

When the case for war is made purely in terms of American national interest—in terms of the safety, security and very lives of American citizens—chins are pulled as the Democrats think it over. But when the case is the abstraction of being the good international citizen and strengthening the House of Kofi, the Democrats are ready to parachute into Baghdad.

This hierarchy of values is bizarre but not new. Liberal internationalism—the foreign policy school of the modern Democratic Party (and of American liberalism more generally)—is deeply suspicious of actions taken for reasons of naked interest. After all, this is the party that in the last decade voted overwhelmingly against the Persian Gulf War, where vital American interests were at stake (among them, keeping the world’s largest reservoir of oil out of the hands of a hostile dictator), while supporting humani-

tarian military interventions in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, places with only the remotest connection to American security interests.

This is all sweet and nice. And highly, flat-teringly moral. But is this the way to decide when to risk the lives of brave young Americans?

This fawning over the president’s rescue-the-U.N. rationale is not just sentimental, it is illogical. Assume—big assumption—that the United Nations does act and passes a resolution magnanimously allowing Americans to fight and die in Iraq. How does that rescue the United Nations from irrelevance? Under a feckless U.S. administration that allowed things to drift, the United Nations sat on its hands through the 1990s and did nothing. If not for this American president who threatens to invade on his own if he has to, the United Nations would still be doing nothing. The United Nations is irrelevant one way or the other. It is acting now only because of American pressure. It will go back to sleep tomorrow when America eases that pressure.

And what is the moral logic underlying the Democrats’ demand for U.N. sanctions? The country’s top Democrat, Sen. Tom Daschle, said that U.N. support “will be a central factor in how quickly Congress acts. If the international community supports it, if we can get the information we’ve been seeking, then I think we can move to a [Senate] resolution.”

Daschle’s insistence on the centrality of a U.N. stamp of approval is puzzling. How does this work? In what way does the approval of the Security Council confer moral legitimacy on this enterprise? Perhaps Daschle can explain how the blessing of the butchers of Tiananmen Square, who hold the Chinese seat on the Security Council, lends moral authority to an invasion of Iraq. Or the support of the Kremlin, whose central interest in Iraq is the \$8 billion that it owes Russia.

Or the French. There can be no Security Council approval without them. Does Daschle imagine that their approval will hinge on humanitarian calculations? If the French come on board it will be because they see an Anglo-American train headed for Baghdad and they don’t want to be left at the station. The last time the Middle East was carved up was 1916, when a couple of British and French civil servants, a Mr. Sykes and a Mr. Picot, drew lines on a map of the crumbling Ottoman Empire. Among other goodies, France got Syria and Lebanon. Britain got Iraq. The French might not relish being shut out of Iraq a second time.

My point is not to blame France or China or Russia for acting in their national interests. That’s what nations do. That’s what nations’ leaders are supposed to do. My point is to express wonder at Americans who find it unseemly to act in the name of their own national interests and who cannot see the logical absurdity of granting moral legitimacy to American action only if it earns the approval of the Security Council—approval granted or withheld on the most cynical ground of self-interest.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 19, 2000 in

Los Altos, CA. A gay man and his friend were assaulted outside a hair salon. The assailant, Peter Ellsworth, used anti-gay epithets during the attack. Mr. Ellsworth has been charged in connection with the incident.

I believe that Government’s first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ANGELS IN ADOPTION

• Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the individuals, organizations, and families who open their hearts to adoptive children. Children around the world, in Cambodia, in Romania, and in our own country wait desperately for families to care and provide for them. The parents who adopt these needy children turn their lives around and offer them a brighter future filled with love and hope.

As a member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, I would like to recognize the efforts of parents, adoption agencies, support groups and other individuals whose dedication to adoption makes a difference in the lives of children. Adoption provides countless children with stable homes, caring families and loving supportive parents. In particular, I would like to honor Dennis and Debbie Sparrow of Saint Louis, Missouri. This year, I have nominated the Sparrows as “Angels in Adoption” for their hard work and dedication to adoptive children from Romania. The “Angels in Adoption” award is presented by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption to recognize those who enrich the lives of adoptive children.

Dennis and Debbie Sparrow adopted their first child from Romania in 1991. During the adoption process, the Sparrows saw firsthand how many of the children in orphanages are destined for a life of poverty and hardship. Upon their return, Dennis and Debbie started two organizations to benefit the children they saw in Romania. S.E.E.K., Save Eastern Europe’s Kids, collects donations for Romanian orphans and their caregivers. S.E.E.K. International, a non-profit adoption agency, assists prospective parents and children through the adoption process. In addition to helping over 100 children find loving homes, the Sparrows have personally adopted five children.

The Sparrows’ exemplary work demonstrates that individuals can make a great difference. They have provided invaluable resources and support to other families wishing to bring Romanian children into their lives. They have raised money to assist in the care

of these children. They have established two adoption placement centers in Romania. Moreover, they have inspired others to open their hearts and homes to the orphaned children of Romania.

I want to applaud Dennis and Debbie Sparrow for their devotion to helping adoptive parents and children. These "Angels in Adoption" have not only made a difference in hundreds of young lives, but they have also raised the awareness of the benefits of adoption. The hard work of these angels is an inspiration to others and a blessing to the children whose lives they have touched.●

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPS

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, today I congratulate United Parcel Service on the occasion of its 95th anniversary, and to ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of one of the Nation's most successful companies, a company that employs more than 371,000 men and women worldwide.

UPS was founded on August 28, 1907, in a small office under a sidewalk in Seattle, WA, where founder Jim Casey started what has become the largest transportation company in the world. Now headquartered in Atlanta, GA, UPS is considered the world leader in package delivery, and has been recognized for 4 straight years as the "World's Most Admired Delivery Company" by Fortune magazine.

Customers around the globe rely on UPS to ship nearly 13 million packages a day, creating a volume of 3.4 billion packages annually. UPS.com is one of the busiest websites on the Internet, allowing customers to enhance the customer service and efficiency of their e-commerce.

And UPS employees are among the best in the business, a result of working in an environment that enables growth and opportunity. In return, UPSers provide countless hours of volunteerism to organizations such as the United Way. In fact, last year alone, employees donated more than \$50 million to the United Way, more than any corporation in the 115-year history of the United Way.

The true spirit of UPS is shown in the legacy carried out by its employees over the last 95 years. UPS is an example of what's right in corporate America today, and I am proud to congratulate them on 95 years of exemplary service.●

WELCOMING BOETTGER BABY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to announce the birth of a fine young lady, Emily Copeland Boettger. Emily is the first child of Scott and Sally Boettger, and was born on May 8, 2002. Scott and Sally live in Hailey, ID, and are active in natural resources and environmental issues in the State.

Scott serves as the Executive Director of the Wood River Land Trust, and Sally serves as the Director of Development of The Nature Conservancy in Idaho. I have spent time in the Boettger's home and enjoyed their expertise and experience in outdoor activities. I'm happy to report that mother, father, and baby are doing well, although Scott and Sally are probably getting used to fewer hours of sleep.

Emily is the granddaughter of Cherry and William F. Gillespie, III, of Wilmington, DE, and Doug and Gail Boettger of Spring City, PA. I know they join with me in sending best wishes and welcome greetings to young Emily.

It is always a joyous event to bring a new family member into the world. Emily has been much-anticipated and has held a place in the hearts of her parents and family for many months now as they have awaited her arrival. As the father of five myself, I know that Scott and Sally are in for a most remarkable, frustrating, rewarding, and exciting experience of their lives. Emily will make certain of that. Our best wishes go out to the Boettger family on this most auspicious occasion.●

IN MEMORY OF IRA YELLIN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the rich life and legacy of an exceptional Los Angeles leader and friend, Ira Yellin.

Ira died of cancer on September 10, 2002, of complications from lung cancer at his home in Santa Monica Canyon. He was 62 years old. This was a sad day for so many people throughout California, whose lives were touched by Ira's unyielding commitment to making our community a more beautiful and better place to live.

Although a strong supporter of many civic organizations, Ira was most well-known for his extraordinary dedication to restoration of several of Los Angeles's historic gems. While eating at Grand Central Market, waiting for a train at Union Station or admiring the beautiful restoration of City Hall, we have Ira to thank for helping to restore and maintain these wonderful places. Those who have visited Los Angeles' recently dedicated Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels may also thank Ira, for playing a role in its design.

Born in 1940 near Boston, MA, and raised in Van Nuys, CA, Ira often visited downtown Los Angeles with his father, who instilled in his son the passion for city life and the importance of making the world a better place. Years later, Ira attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and returned to California where he received a master's degree in law from the University of California, Berkeley. After he finished his studies, he spent a year in the Marines before settling in Los Angeles.

In 1967, Ira worked as a lawyer at a Beverly Hills firm while helping to run

a non-profit legal advocacy organization. Then, in 1975, he left the firm to work in real estate development and management, overseeing building projects throughout California and on Los Angeles' Westside. However, Ira realized he was more drawn to downtown buildings in need of restoration than the state-of-the-art build on Los Angeles' affluent Westside. In 1985, Ira began his own real estate firm and dedicated his life to the revival of buildings throughout Los Angeles.

Ira's passion for turning neglected buildings into treasures for the community made him a great asset to Los Angeles. His dedication to community service benefitted many cultural and civic organizations. Ira was active with the Skirball Cultural Center, the J. Paul Getty Trust and served as past president of the American Jewish Committee.

I will miss Ira Yellin. Until the very end, he pursued his vision and turned dreams into realities. Although his presence will be greatly missed, his wonderful work will be long remembered for generations to come.●

ON THE WORK OF ATF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN CARR 2002 MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENT

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am proud today to recognize the courage of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, ATF, Special Agent John Carr, who was recently honored with the Federal Bar Association's, FBA, distinguished 2002 Medal of Valor Award in Los Angeles. For the past 13 years, the FBA has presented the award to federal employees who demonstrate outstanding service in their field of work.

Special Agent Carr earned his award for working undercover to catch violent gang members staging a series of home invasion robberies. Carr transformed his look, acquainted himself with the criminals, and pretended to help them in their operation. Carr gave the criminals false information, which led them to traps planned by the ATF. Thanks to Carr's work, many dangerous criminals were caught and taken off our streets.

John Carr risked his life working on this assignment. There are not many people who would make such a great sacrifice for others to feel safe in their homes. Through his courage, bravery and steadfast dedication, Carr prevailed in the face of danger. I extend my sincere congratulations to John Carr on this honor, and thank him for his great work.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO NICK COSMA

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my most sincere words of support and encouragement to Mr. Nick Cosma. Today Nick will stand and take his oath to become a citizen of the United States.