

HONORING IRAN'S YOUNG HEROES

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. DELAY Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the young democrats of Iran, who stand today in non-violent defiance of the terrorist regime holding their nation hostage.

These college demonstrators, Iran's peaceful warriors of freedom, are allies in America's War on Terror, and allies in humanity's fight for justice among men.

Their names are foreign, but we know them just the same, by the names of their fathers: Solzhenitsyn, Mandela, Walesa and Havel.

Their faces may not be familiar, but their cause is.

And by that cause, the mullahs of Tehran will soon be taught the lesson all oppressors learn: that no cage or whip or secret police can extinguish the torch of freedom.

Today in Iran, protests were squelched by oppression, intimidation, and terror. But freedom still burns in the hearts of its citizens.

If it is true that on the Fourth of July, all who live in freedom are Americans, then it is doubly so that on the Ninth of July, all who dream of freedom are Iranians.

Today, on the fourth anniversary of the original student demonstrations, in the wake of the heroic June protests, thousands of Iranians in their teens and twenties have been arrested or killed, and many more are hunted by the mullah's dying regime.

Some call them prisoners of conscience. Some call them prisoners of war.

I call them giants.

Courageous beyond reason. Strong beyond endurance. And righteous in the eyes of God and men.

Today, their passion inspires demonstrations of solidarity. One day soon, it will liberate their nation and change the world.

RECOGNITION OF DONALD BAKER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Donald Baker of Jefferson County, Illinois. Don was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Don received this honor for his lifelong service to others. He served his country for four years in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Remy* during the Korean War. Today he is a regular participant in the Sweet Corn & Watermelon Festival, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Jefferson County's Crime Watch program, Memorial Day services, the Mt. Vernon City Wide Cleanup, and the National Day of Prayer. He has also assisted with the Emergency 911 Telephone Testing process.

I want to congratulate and thank Don for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is very deserving of this prestigious honor.

IN HONOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ CHILDREN'S LEARNING MUSEUM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum. This local hands-on museum is still in its early stages of development, yet it is a bright treasure in our community. The Museum strives to provide a place for children to explore, create and discover in a safe and nurturing environment. I am proud to honor this valuable local resource.

One of the many goals of the Children's Learning Museum is to foster children's imagination and creative potential through programs in music, science, literacy, art, peace, unity and esteem. Some of these programs include the creation of a book entitled Loudon Nelson: From Slavery to Philanthropy, only recently released. This book follows the history of the life of a freed slave, Mr. Loudon Nelson, who was an advocate for children's education and donated much of his land for the creation and strengthening of the schools in Santa Cruz. Additionally, they have started an annual drumming circle in which parents and children gather with the community to learn drumming techniques and raise funds for the museum. The Children's Learning Museum also joined in the September 11th Peace and Unity Project by creating one out of the four peace-themed murals that were sent to the United Nations in the tragic wake of the events of September 11th. The Children's Learning Museum is planning many more events that create an inclusive community and encourage adults and children to learn from each other.

Mr. Speaker, I recently attended the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum's annual Mayor's Breakfast in Santa Cruz County. There, I joined the mayor of Santa Cruz, my dear friend Emily Reilly, as well as the Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent, Alan Pagano, in stressing the important of hands-on learning for children so they may access their full learning capability. The guests were also treated to Mexican folkloric dances by local school children, and a dramatic reading of Loudon Nelson: From Slavery to Philanthropy was performed by the very talented Billie Harris. Most of all, however, was a feeling that the dedicated staff and volunteers who are working to expand the programs and offerings of the museum are a committed group: committed to education, committed to the community, and committed to the children. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend the good work of the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum, and thank them for the chance to be a part of their annual Mayor's Breakfast.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF KATHARINE HEPBURN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of

the renowned actress, Katharine Hepburn. Ms. Hepburn, who was admired by generations young and old, died Sunday, June 30th, 2003 at the age of 96.

Ms. Hepburn will be long remembered not only for her half-century career, but also as a role model paving the way for women in the motion picture industry. Born, Katharine Houghton Hepburn on May 12, 1907 on Hudson Street in Hartford, Connecticut, Ms. Hepburn went on to attend her mother's alma mater at Bryn Mawr College, where she appeared in several college theater productions. Although her father was skeptical about his daughter's pursuit to be an actress, he soon relented and gave her \$50 to travel to Baltimore for the audition that started her career.

Even in her early years as an actress Ms. Hepburn was known as an "opinionated performer" and often meddled in all aspects of movie making, frustrating directors and filmmakers. Her on screen talents won her four Oscars for best actress, twelve nominations and leading roles in such films as "Little Women," "Bringing Up Baby," "The Philadelphia Story" and the "African Queen." In the days of her declining health she became ever more popular with the opening of "Tea at Five." This successful one-woman show, which was dedicated to Ms. Hepburn's career, opened last year at the Hartford Stage Company and has gone on tour, recently opening in New York City.

Katharine Hepburn is a beloved American who will be greatly missed by the nation, her family and Hollywood.

RECOGNITION OF JOHN NELSON COWEN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Nelson Cowen of Jefferson County, Illinois. John was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

John received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Throughout his life John raised a family, sang for community events with the Barbershop Chorus, annually served at the Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, provided inexpensive housing to low income families, and contributed to the education of underprivileged children. He is still actively involved as a Sunday School teacher at Park Avenue Baptist Church where he has taught for 70 years. John also loves his country so much he chose to not draw Social Security so that others in need can benefit from it.

I want to congratulate and thank John for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.