

Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

LA MARSEILLAISE

Allons enfants de la Patrie

Le jour de gloire est arrivé!

Contre nous de la tyrannie

L'étendard sanglant est levé! (bis)

Entendez-vous dans les campagnes

Mugir ces féroces soldats?

Ils viennent jusque dans nos bras

Egorger nos fils et nos compagnes.

Aux armes, citoyens, formez vos bataillons!

Marchons! Marchons!

Qu'un sang impur abreuve nos sillons!

In a similar spirit, before the flags of our two nations are raised, let us observe a minute of silence in memory of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of freedom and democracy wherever they may have been.

Historically, both diplomatically and artistically, the United States and France have been bound. From colonialism and nascent nation status, through peace and conflict, this tandem of nations has relied on one another even during the times where they may not have been on the same page. Our Nations have formed an inextricable bond of liberty, full of the implications that such a condition would warrant: strength, determination and solidarity. My hope is to return to full and fruitful mutual respect.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES H. GILLIAM, JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to James H. Gilliam Jr. who passed away suddenly last week at the age of 58 after decades of outstanding service to the State of Delaware. Jim was a loving father, husband, and son, as well as a corporate attorney and investor, civic and business leader, philanthropist, and the first black Cabinet secretary in Delaware's history. The numerous accomplishments, recognitions, and admiration Jim has had in his lifetime are truly remarkable.

Until 1998 Jim was the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Beneficial Corporation and a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of Beneficial, as well as Chairman of its commercial banking subsidiary, Beneficial National Bank. Before joining Beneficial in 1979, Jim served as Secretary of Community Affairs and Economic Development in the Cabinet of Governor Pete du Pont. Prior to that post he was an attorney with the law firms of Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington, Delaware and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City. A graduate of Morgan State University, Columbia University School of Law, and the Advanced Management Program of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Jim also received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Morgan State University and Delaware State University.

Serving as a board member and trustee for numerous corporations and foundations, Jim was a board member of the Delaware Community Foundation, a Trustee of Christiana Care Corporation, and Founding Chairman of Wilmington 2000, established to assist in rede-

velopment of the City of Wilmington. He was also Chair of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, the United Negro College Fund Delaware Campaign, the Capital Campaign for the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council, and the Walnut Street YMCA in Wilmington, among many others.

Jim also gave back greatly to the legal profession as a member of the American Bar Foundation, as Chair of the Governor's Judicial Nominating Commission in Delaware, and as Secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners for Delaware.

Jim received many awards that further point to his commitment to a life of service to his community. He was awarded the Helping Hand Award by the Delaware Chapter of the NAACP for his efforts to promote diversity in the legal community, as well as the Wilmington Branch NAACP Award for Advocacy in the Education and Civil Rights Arena for Over 25 Years. Jim was also named Outstanding Young Man of the year by the Wilmington and Delaware Jaycees and received the National Conference for Community and Justice/Delaware Region Brotherhood-Sisterhood Award for Leadership and Service toward building a just and inclusive community.

I rise today to praise and honor James H. Gilliam Jr. for his contributions to the State of Delaware and its citizens. His achievements speak to the immense mark he has left on the community. His peers have described him as a great leader, a "giant" of the community, his friends speak of his loyalty, and his daughters speak of his encouragement and unconditional love. Delaware will remember James H. Gilliam Jr. for his great leadership and constant striving to do more for more people.

CARE FOR VETERANS OR TAKE THEIR PLACE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of my leading constituents, former Blount County Executive Bob Davis, recently sent me an editorial from the Daily Times of Blount County, Tennessee.

This editorial concerns the medical treatment given to our Nation's veterans who are not high profile celebrities.

This editorial expresses my views 100 percent.

Another Daily Times editorial concerning Free Trade and Fair Trade also expresses my views. I am sick and tired of seeing so many American jobs go to other countries.

We need to start putting our own citizens first once again or we are going to have some real problems in this Nation.

I want to commend the outstanding Editor of the Daily Times, Dean Stone, for these patriotic, common-sense, well-written editorials and would like to call them to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO CARE FOR VETERANS OR TAKE THEIR PLACE!

If our nation expects its healthy citizens in military service to serve and fight on the missions on which they are sent around the world, it is high time we decide to support these veterans who serve.

There may be some question about providing health care for health problems that are not service related but the least we can do is provide prompt and adequate care for wounds and injuries received on active duty.

And this should not be reserved for military personnel such as former prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch who because of her high-profile situation was given all the medical care anyone could use. And we don't need a double standard for enlisted personnel or officers either. All who serve are human beings, individuals created equal in God's sight and deserving the same medical care for their wounds or injuries.

Army Sgt. Vanessa Tuner, a six-year Army veteran who survived a still-unknown illness doctors feared would kill her, is finding it even tougher after a military flight brought her to her mother's home in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood last month. She had experienced hospital stays in Germany and Washington, D.C.

Despite severe nerve damage in her right leg, she was told it would be mid-October before a doctor at the local Veterans Affairs hospital could see her.

She sought help from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and eventually got an appointment scheduled this week but the experience has been frustrating.

Veterans advocates said Turner's frustration is not unusual. More than 100,000 veterans are waiting six months or more for their initial visit with a VA doctor or to see a specialist, the Veterans' Administration acknowledges.

Our nation ignored the complaints of health damage from Agent Orange in the Vietnam War for a couple of decades and we waited almost a decade after Gulf War I to acknowledge there might be something to the many health complaints resulting from that war.

There might be some excuse for those delays of what seemed to be unusual illnesses. However, the majority of individuals who have served in the armed forces are not deadbeats looking for a handout in the form of health care. They have illnesses. They have wounds.

Many have delayed their civilian careers in order to serve our nation. They have postponed their education and preparing for their profession because they felt obligated to defend our nation and the freedoms that all of us treasure.

If you have not put your life on the line in behalf of your country, it is difficult to fully appreciate the awesome responsibility that it is for both you as an individual and your family members. American lives are not trash to be thrown away and should not be considered as such.

Some of our members of Congress, such as Rep. John J. "Jimmy" Duncan, have worked to help veterans and succeeded in getting a new hospital to be built in this area. However, many of these veterans could be treated by doctors as outpatients while living at home if there were an adequate number of doctors.

It is time members of both the House and Senate decide to provide reasonable medical care for members of the armed forces injured or wounded while on duty or let all of our people in service return to civilian life.

But don't count on getting enough volunteers to replace even a company of them from the House or Senate. Too many of these folks are too busy running for the next higher office, better paying job or feathering their nest to see that veterans receive adequate health care.

WE NEED TO FORGET "FREE" TRADE, MOVE TOWARD "FAIR" TRADE

Jobs are going . . . going . . . gone—almost like the chant of a tobacco auctioneer except it has a much more devastating effect.

From January to June this year the unemployment in Tennessee rose from 5.4 percent to 5.6 percent. That is a loss of 10,900 jobs. This has occurred despite the 4,000 new jobs that have occurred since Gov. Phil Bredesen took office. Of course, some of these new jobs were the result of the administration of Gov. Don Sundquist.

Tennessee Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development Matt Kisber said that economic development has continued as a seamless transition between the two administrations. That included landing the \$124 million Toyota plant at Jackson.

Unemployment in Blount County and Tennessee has remained below the national average. But still many local families tell of their sons and daughters with 20 years seniority losing their jobs in other states as major corporations moves their manufacturing plants to Mexico or China.

We need to tell you that we do not think the problem with the economy is the fault of action or inaction by any administration, state or national.

We think the whole problem with the economy lies with the nation's free trade—global economy—approach approved by Congress. And we have to tell you that we have supported the free trade policy. It sounds good on paper but it doesn't work for several reasons.

We were wrong!

It is time for the United States to abandon a free trade policy and adopt a fair trade policy.

In a free trade policy, the nations remove tariffs that protect manufacturing businesses in our country.

A fair trade policy would permit tariffs that would result in selling goods for prices that would be fair considering the differences in the manufacturing costs—things such as wages, working conditions and materials.

National governments have the authority to set tariffs and quota unless they agree not to do so.

Of course, what has happened is that many major U.S. companies have moved their manufacturing operations to China, or are in the process of doing so, to take advantage of the lower wages. That permits them to make bigger profit.

If they were to pay that profit to stockholders that would be fine, the stock market would rebound strongly and help a lot of people, especially those with 401-Ks and IRAs, but that is not going to happen. They will continue to waste much of it on overpaid, greedy executives. Most items can be manufactured for far less in countries where there are no labor standards and the pay scale is very low.

We will probably pay the same price for the manufactured items but we will not have the jobs that will enable our people to purchase the items.

Today, Americans are having to train some of their replacements in countries such as China and India, individuals who will do their job when the companies move overseas.

Think about it!

Our nation cannot maintain its standard of living with all of the manufacturing jobs going overseas.

If allowed to continue unabated, the free trade market would result in our nation sharing its wealth with poor nations. In other words, our standard of living will be greatly reduced.

The difference between most rich and poor nations is farm subsidies and import duties, a form of tariff.

It seems to us that it would be far better to maintain our standard of living and as a nation and provide more foreign aid support

to needy nations. That doesn't mean money to provide arms for Israel or its opponents but perhaps food to the starving.

Textiles are having the most tribulations, jobwise. The U.S. lost 8,000 textile jobs in July. And that doesn't count the 7,600 likely to be lost by the July 30 bankruptcy of Pillowtex Corp., a 106-year-old textile manufacturer.

Since April, the United States has lost 26,000 jobs in textiles and 21,000 jobs in apparel.

Next year's deadline is the end of a decade-long phase-out for quotas used by the United States and other wealthy countries to limit imports from developing countries. That is expected to accelerate China's growing market dominance. The American Textile Manufacturers Institute predicts that 630,000 jobs in textiles, apparel and related industries could be lost by 2006. The impact could be felt as early as next spring as material orders are placed.

North Carolina would be the biggest loser with about 85,000 more losing their jobs in the next three years. That is two out of every three jobs remaining in this field. South Carolina would have 42,000 layoffs.

Quotas slow the drain of U.S. jobs but are estimated to cost an average family of four \$300 to \$750 a year more for clothes. That is a small price to pay for a job though.

Of course, developing nations have something to say about this too. Many of them have tariffs on industrial goods which they must import from richer nations.

Hopefully, we as a nation could be smarter at the bargaining table in adjusting quotas and tariffs in a fair trade market. It appears to us that if we lose the majority of our manufacturing jobs there will not be anything left to negotiate!

NORTHWEST INDIANA ALLIANCE BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate and recognize the Northwest Indiana Alliance Basketball Team on winning the national title for the 9th grade category at the United States Specialty Sports Association Nationals in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 3, 2003. The tournament began on July 30, 2003 and ended with the Alliance's outstanding victory against the Illinois Wildcats on August 3rd.

The Northwest Indiana Alliance is made up of seven high school sophomores and two freshmen from across Northwest Indiana, along with their coach Mr. Jim Van Weelden. With their collaborated efforts, they achieved victories over other teams from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and other states across the nation. With an outstanding record throughout multiple tournaments, the Alliance completed their highly successful season with 34 victories and 17 losses, 16 of those by ten points or less.

Mr. Aric Van Weelden, a sophomore at Munster High School, has been a member of the Junior Varsity team for Munster since his freshman year. Two other Alliance members, Mr. Scott Rutkowski and Mr. Jeff Marinier, were also members of the Munster High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team as freshmen. Mr. Andrew Helmer, from Highland High School, plays three different sports for his high school including football, basketball,

and baseball. All four of these great athletes from Northwest Indiana became leaders for the Alliance team by averaging 12 to 15 points each per game.

Mr. Nate Triezenberg, a resident of Highland, is a freshman at Illiana Christian High School, and is recognized by his teammates for his positive attitude and strong will. Mr. Nick Ullman just completed his freshman year at Andrean High School in Merrillville last spring, and is now a sophomore at Crown Point High School. Another Alliance member that plays many different sports at his high school is Mr. Derek Moser, who plays football, basketball, and baseball for Highland High School.

The remaining two members of the Northwest Indiana Alliance are Mr. Mike Bizoukas and Mr. Nick Stolarz from Munster High School. Mike recently completed his 8th grade year at Wilbur Wright Middle School, and is now a freshman at Munster High School. Nick, as a freshman, played on the Junior Varsity team, and is now a sophomore at Munster High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Northwest Indiana Alliance Basketball Team for their outstanding championship victory at the United States Specialty Sports Association Nationals. Their hard work and dedication is worthy of the highest commendation.

SIKHS PROTEST ON INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, DEMAND FREEDOM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, while we were in recess, India celebrated its Independence Day on August 15. I join my colleagues in congratulating India on 56 years of independence, but what is India really celebrating?

Indian Independence Day is certainly not a celebration for the minorities living under the boot of Indian repression. Is missionary Graham Staines, who was burned to death along with his two young sons while they slept in their jeep, celebrating? Is human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, who was murdered in police custody after exposing the Indian government's policy of mass cremations, celebrating? Is Gurdev Singh Kaunke, who was murdered by the Indian police official Swaran Singh Ghotna, celebrating? What about the priests who have been murdered, the nuns who have been raped, the Christians whose peaceful religious festival was broken up by police gunfire, or American missionary Joseph Cooper, who was thrown out of the country after being beaten so severely by Hindu nationalists that he had to spend a week in a hospital? Do you think they are celebrating Indian Independence Day? I seriously doubt it, Mr. Speaker.

India is a multinational state like the old Austro-Hungarian Empire or the Soviet Union. The record of history is that countries like that don't last. Eventually, they all break up. That makes India's 56 years of independence all the more remarkable, and perhaps it explains why India has to try to keep the country together by force.