

A tribute to the vitality of her public service, her grandson served as a Congressional Page under the late Congressman Joseph Moakley. Unquestionably, her spirit of public service will be passed on to her daughter, son, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and community.

HONORING MR. JAMES MCILVAIN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement after 37 years of service to Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Mr. James McIlvain has had a long and distinguished career in academia. Following his graduation from Ohio State University where he developed a love of history, government and politics, James was led to the noble profession of teaching. Beginning his career in 1967 at Adams Junior High School, he taught United States History and Geography contributing to the education of countless students and enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around him. After advancing excellence in the classroom, James became a guidance counselor where he served as a role model promoting good character and helping students as they made the transition into adulthood. Undoubtedly, the everlasting legacy of James's work can be seen in the community, as he has helped create the future generation of leaders.

His wife, Susan, and his two daughters, Becky and Kelly, should be extremely proud of the undeniable mark he has left on the community. We at home will remember and always benefit from his dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement as a John Glenn High School Guidance Counselor and for his fine service to our country.

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Concord, North Carolina as they compete for the 2004 All-America City Award.

It has been my distinct honor to represent the people of Concord since I was first elected to represent the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina. This opportunity is especially dear to me because this is my home town and where much of my family still resides. In fact, my family has called Concord home for decades, and we have had the privilege of watching this community grow. Concord personifies the term, "Southern Hospitality," and is home to some of the most engaging, welcoming, and civically responsible citizens in the state of North Carolina.

Through the close relationships I have forged with the citizens of Concord, and the

pride I have in this community, it is truly an honor for me to highlight this great city today. Because of Concord's hard work, the rest of America is getting to see the positive spirit of accomplishment that I have been fortunate to witness my entire life.

The All-America City Award is a 55-year-old program sponsored by the National Civic League that recognizes civic excellence. The Award is given annually to 10 communities that exemplify and display a positive spirit of grassroots involvement and collaborative problem solving in an effort to better their community.

The current nominees, including Concord, exhibit the American spirit of hard work and cooperation as they seek to identify and correct community-wide challenges. Concord is a community where citizens, businesses, volunteers, and government officials work together to address issues that are vitally important to their citizens. Concord should take pride in the fact that they are in contention for recognition by this national organization for their hard work. Truly, Concord is a great example for other communities to emulate as other communities seek to overcome the many challenges that face all communities, large or small.

To qualify for the All-American City Award, Concord representatives first had to submit a detailed application highlighting the city's three most pressing challenges. They are: addressing the medical needs of the uninsured and underinsured, eliminating substandard housing in the community, and extending the mentoring and civic responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club of Concord. Programs such as the Community Care Plan, Cabarrus Housing Partners, and the Boys and Girls Club of America have been designed and implemented to ensure these aforementioned areas are addressed.

I am pleased to represent such a fine community where the citizens come together to solve problems at a local level rather than waiting on someone else to fix things. A wise man once said that there are three types of people in this world: those who watch what happens, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Rest assured, the people of my home town, Concord, North Carolina are people who make good things happen. It is my honor and privilege to represent these good folks and I am hopeful the National Civic League will recognize the City of Concord's success by awarding them the All-America City Award.

HONORING THE OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2004

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Class of 2004 graduates of Oceanside High School in Oceanside, CA and to wish the students continued success as they pursue their dreams and goals.

I would like to also extend a special thanks to Superintendent Kenneth Noonan, Principal Kimo Marquardt and to all of the teachers and administrators who contribute to the quality educational experience that students receive

at Oceanside High School. It is through the hard work and caring of these leaders that students are able to graduate from Oceanside High School with the tools they need to become successful members of society and future leaders in our communities. I commend and congratulate you all.

Mr. Speaker, Oceanside High School is a great example of how a public school should work. Students at Oceanside High School have the opportunity to learn a challenging academic curriculum in a positive learning environment that stresses the importance of civic responsibility and cultural diversity. It is important that our future leaders receive a strong education, work ethic, and an awareness of our global society—Oceanside High School has succeeded in providing the students with this knowledge.

The graduates of Oceanside High School have taken an important step forward today as they don their cap and gown and walk across the stage to accept their diplomas. Each student graduating today has the potential to achieve great success and it is up to each one of them to determine how they are going to make a difference in our communities. I congratulate you all for your accomplishment today and encourage you to pursue your goals and continue to build on the knowledge you have learned.

Your accomplishments at Oceanside High School have opened many doors for you. From this point forward, the only limits on your future are those you place on yourself—anyone who says otherwise is wrong. If you have the determination, are equipped with knowledge and you outline a goal, you have the ability to accomplish great things. Again, I congratulate the Class of 2004 and wish you all continued success.

HONORING MRS. BARBARA WHITE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement after nearly 40 years of service to the citizens of the City of Garden City, Michigan and the students of Garden all City Public Schools.

Barbara White began her career in the Garden City Public School District in 1964 where she served as Head Secretary for Memorial, Maplewood, Cambridge, and Marquette Elementary Schools. Over the next 23 years, she contributed to the education of the countless students enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around her. Following her retirement in 1987, Mrs. White was elected to the Garden City School Board. During her tenure as a Board Member, she served on the Finance, Facilities, and Policy Committees where she helped to create and implement policies that would educate and prepare students to be knowledgeable, responsible, contributing citizens. Serving 16 years on the school board, she tirelessly acted as an advocate for an intellectually alive and meaningful curriculum for all students in Garden City Public Schools.

Her husband, Dwight, and her sons, Glen, Howard, and Noel, should be extremely proud

of the undeniable mark she has left on the community. We at home will fondly remember and always benefit from her dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement from Garden City Public Schools and for her fine service to our country.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MICHAEL J. DELANEY

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Delaney to our Army and our nation. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney will soon complete 23 years of service and has distinguished himself as an outstanding American Soldier I have worked with LTC Delaney during the past several years during his time in the Army Office of Legislative Liaison and have had the privilege to travel with him. He will retire on August 1, 2004.

Most recently, LTC Delaney served as a congressional liaison for the United States Army. This position holds great importance as these individuals are often the "voice" of the Army for Congressional Members. I have often asked LTC Delaney for his advice, thoughts, opinions or help matters concerning the US Army, and he has always provided the highest level of professionalism and service to me. Perhaps this assignment was preordained, however, as Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's wife, Susan, and mother-in-law, Shirley, both served on the staffs of several Senators.

Over his 23 years of selfless service, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney served in many command and staff positions worldwide. As a junior officer, he stood at the forefront of freedom during the Cold War in Germany and earned his wings as an aviator, qualifying on a variety of rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney commanded an aviation unit based at Fort Belvoir. Despite the wide dispersion of his unit throughout the combat theater, they were able to successfully accomplish their mission due to his exceptional and inspirational leadership. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has since served in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility throughout the continental United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's work as a legislative liaison and as the Chief of the Programs Division enabled the Army to provide this Congress the information we need to accomplish our constitutional duties. His efforts have been exceptional and noteworthy in working with Congress during a critical time as the Army undertook Transformation, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and during our current efforts with the Global War on Terrorism. Throughout this critical time Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has fostered a personal relationship between members of Congress and the United States Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney represents the epitome of what the Army seeks in a congressional liaison and the country expects from our officers. His dedication to soldiers, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty

have been extraordinary throughout his career. As he pursues new endeavors and challenges, I wish LTC Mike Delaney well and ask God to bless him and his family.

PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON THE
PADILLA CASE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Justice Department recently released information about the alleged offenses of Jose Padilla, described by the Deputy Attorney General as "a trained, funded, and equipped terrorist."

If the allegations are accurate—and I have no reason to doubt them—that description seems very apt. But that cannot be the end of the story.

That's because, as the Rocky Mountain News notes, Jose Padilla is something else as well—"an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention."

But, as the same editorial correctly points out, "Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court."

When this case was considered by the Supreme Court, the Administration argued that by passage of Public Law 107-40, a resolution "to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States," Congress authorized such detentions. But as one who voted for that resolution, I disagree with that interpretation of its terms.

Here, too, I share the view of the Rocky Mountain News that "surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know."

And I share the hope that the Supreme Court will "reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf."

For the benefit of our colleagues, I attach the full text of the editorial cited above:

[From the Rocky Mountain News, June 3, 2004]

PADILLA'S PLOTS DON'T NEGATE HIS RIGHTS

We are perfectly willing to entertain the likelihood that the Justice Department's latest portrayal of alleged terrorist Jose Padilla is accurate, including the monstrous plan to blow up high-rise apartment buildings. Padilla met with top al-Qaida leaders, according to Deputy Attorney General James Comey, discussed detonating a "dirty bomb" in the United States and finally agreed to a scheme involving apartment buildings. He would rent rooms in several complexes, seal them and fill them with natural gas, and detonate them all at once.

Padilla is "a soldier of our enemy, a trained, funded and equipped terrorist" who accepted "an assignment to kill hundreds of innocent men, women and children," Comey told reporters this week, and the description sounds about right. But Padilla is something else, too: an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention. Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

With its latest revelations, the Justice Department obviously is seeking to influence public opinion and perhaps even the court itself, although we don't begrudge it the attempt. But the new information fails to alter the basic problem with designating U.S. citizens arrested in this country as "enemy combatants" for purposes of removing them from normal criminal justice procedures and then interrogating them over lengthy periods of time without benefit of counsel. If the president's say-so is enough to have kept Padilla in custody for two years without a criminal charge, then nothing in principle prevents any one of us from the same fate. Federal agents have been known to arrest the wrong people, after all, and then to resist admitting their mistakes.

Fortunately, Padilla's case is apparently unique in the war on terror, despite routine claims that the Bush administration tramples indiscriminately on constitutional rights. Another U.S. citizen who also has been held in a Navy brig without normal access to counsel, Yaser Esam Hamdi, was captured in Afghanistan by the Northern Alliance. He too deserves full constitutional protections, in our view, but there is at least some sense in which being arrested at O'Hare Airport and then held incommunicado for months on end, as Padilla was, is more worrisome for civil liberties than being treated in the same fashion after capture in a foreign combat zone.

We realize courts in this nation's past have said Congress has the authority to suspend certain civil liberties during wartime emergencies. Moreover, a congressional joint resolution passed after 9/11 authorized the president "to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States." But surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know.

No, the Supreme Court must reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf.

A HERO RETURNS TO NORMANDY

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday the world marked the 60th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. President Bush, Queen Elizabeth, and other world leaders were there, but the true heroes were those whose sacrifice is reflected by the sea of white