

need to know what our intelligence community knew and knows.

Many of the allegations are true, we just don't know which ones yet. We should be long past asking whether something went wrong in OFF. It's time to find out exactly what went wrong and who is responsible.

Our staff has been through the minutes of the U.N. "661 (six-six-one) Committee" of Security Council members responsible for sanctions monitoring and oversight of OFF. Those minutes tell a story of diplomatic obfuscation and an obvious, purposeful unwillingness to acknowledge the program was being corrupted. Questions about oil or commodity contracts were dismissed as dubious media rumors beneath the dignity of the U.N. to answer, while Saddam was given the undeserved benefit of every doubt.

We cannot ignore the profoundly serious allegations of malfeasance in the Oil-for-Food Program. To do so would be to deny the Iraqi people the accounting they deserve and leave the U.N. under an ominous cloud. This is the Iraqi's money we're talking about, so the Iraqi Governing Council and its successor should get cooperation from the CPA and the State Department in conducting its inquiries.

In Iraq, and elsewhere, the world needs an impeccably clean, transparent U.N. The dominant instrument of multilateral diplomacy should embody our highest principles and aspirations, not systematically sink to the lowest common denominator of politics profiteering.

This emerging scandal is a huge black mark against the United Nations and only a prompt and thorough accounting, including punishment for any found culpable, will restore U.N. credibility and integrity.

That is why it is critical to get to the bottom of the corruption. In order to do that we need to the intelligence community to better assist the Congress in its investigations.

Mr. Chairman, this Sense of Congress will help address the difficulties many committees have had obtaining information and documents—especially from the intelligence community—pertaining to the Iraq Oil-for-Food Program. This amendment should reinforce the importance Congress places on the Oil-for-Food investigations.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTION OF REVEREND WILLIE MAE NANTON, PASTOR OF THE CADWALADER-ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the eve of her retirement to recognize Reverend Willie Mae Nanton for her role as a pastor and community activist.

As Pastor of Cadwalader-Asbury United Methodist Church for the past 7 years, she has inspired and touched the lives of many. She is the first female pastor of the church in its 100-year history as well as the first female President of the Concerned Pastors and Ministers of Trenton and Vicinity. She has been an instrumental part of these organizations not only as a leader but also as a friend.

Rev. Nanton also has been involved with other organizations in her community, serving as a Board member of the Economic Development Corporation, a Board member of Black United Methodist for Church Renewal, a past president of the Northwest District Board of Ordained Ministry, a Board member of Ecclesia Ecumenical Ministry, a past Board member of Big Brothers & Sisters, and a Board member of Leadership Trenton. Through these organizations, she has positively contributed to the Trenton community's development and the spiritual growth of its members.

Over the years, Rev. Nanton has improved the quality of life of individuals in her community by being involved in Leadership Training Workshops, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling, Community Organization Development Planning and Management, Group Counseling, Interfaith Care Givers, and Meals on Wheels of Trenton. New Jersey is fortunate to have such a dedicated servant, and she deserves the utmost praise and recognition.

She has earned our heartfelt appreciation for a noble career of public and private service, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in recognizing her achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, had I not been detained in Colorado earlier this week attending the funeral of a close family friend, I would have voted accordingly on those votes on which I was forced to be absent: rollcall No. 276 (H. Res. 591), "yea"; rollcall No. 277 (H. R. 4363), "yea"; rollcall No. 278 (H. Res. 660), "yea"; rollcall No. 279 (H. Res. 683), "yea"; rollcall No. 280 (H. Res. 683), "yea"; rollcall No. 281 (H. Con. Res. 449), "yea"; rollcall No. 282 (H. Con. Res. 13), "yea"; rollcall No. 283 (Amendment to H.R. 4613), "no"; rollcall No. 284 (H.R. 4613), "yea"; rollcall No. 285 (H. Res. 658), "yea"; rollcall No. 286 (H. Res. 686), "yea."

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP WILBERT S. MCKINLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley in recognition of his spiritual leadership in the community.

Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley is the senior pastor of The Elim International Fellowship.

The doors of the church were opened for ministry on July 26, 1964. As the founding pastor, Archbishop McKinley has served the church faithfully for 40 years.

Archbishop McKinley has an overwhelming passion to introduce people, especially men, to the Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Archbishop McKinley believes that these teachings hold the key to every door. He is especially called to reach black men with the message of hope through Jesus

Christ and with the necessity of embracing one's spiritual, national and racial identity.

Archbishop McKinley has been a gift to the Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a leader who is committed to sharing his time and talent with others.

Mr. Speaker, Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley has been a spiritual leader in his community for more than 40 years. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF BILLY BOB SMITH

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of Billy Bob Smith from Prescott, Arkansas, who died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at the age of 83. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew and friend, his life was full of achievements and honors that impacted his entire community.

Mr. Smith was born December 10, 1920, in Nevada County. The World War II veteran was the recipient of 5 battle stars and an Oakleaf, participating in the Battle of the Bulge as well as the Normandy Invasion. His courage and patriotism led him to serve in the 413th Antiaircraft Artillery battalion, C Battery in Central Europe, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, Normandy and Northern France. For his dedication and loyalty to our nation, we will forever be grateful.

Mr. Smith was a selfless public servant and a leader, spending much of his adult life serving his fellow citizens in Nevada County. He was a member of the Prescott Church of Christ and served as a Justice of the Peace for 14 years.

I am deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Smith. His loyalty and dedication to Nevada County, his family and his country will forever be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Elya, his son, Michael, and his three daughters, Bobbie, Donna, and Jan.

HONORING DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS GENESEE CHAPTER NO. 3

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the members of the Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3 as they celebrate their 75th anniversary on July 11, 2004 with local veterans and their families.

The Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3, of which my father, Timothy L. Kildee, was a member, was founded on March 18, 1929. The members of this non-profit organization have worked diligently on the behalf of America's wounded war heroes to ensure that they are not forgotten by our government and society. Through their efforts and generous donations from the community, they are able to assist disabled veterans by providing services such as transportation to and

from veterans medical facilities, representation for veterans in processing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, grant financial assistance to veterans and their families, provide memorial services for any veteran, as well as color guards for all types of occasions. The DAV is an organization that is committed to helping disabled veterans help themselves by providing the tools necessary to restructure their lives and accommodate their service-connected illness or injury so that they can live as close to a productive life as possible.

We must never forget the sacrifice our Nation's men and women make when they enlist in the military. Each day of their enlistment, whether it is in a war zone or on the home front, they are making significant contributions toward preserving the freedoms of the United States. We are indebted to these brave individuals. I am very proud of the Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3 for they have always worked hard to fulfill requests for support. I consider them to be a valuable asset to the community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Genesee County, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding veterans organization, Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3, for 75 years of unwavering devotion to taking care of the disabled veterans of Genesee County.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEVI BRINKLEY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Levi Brinkley of Burns, Oregon. Levi bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Levi and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Levi and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

A very outgoing and friendly person, Levi was a top honor student at Burns High School where he was an all-state football player and student body president. He attended Bend Community College where he received an associate degree in psychology, and was working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology. He became a firefighter at age eighteen, first with the Snow Mountain Ranger District, and then joining the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. A true outdoorsman, Levi enjoyed bungee-jumping, skydiving, rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and skiing. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Levi Brinkley. Levi personified the Hotshots

credo of Safety, Teamwork, and Professionalism; putting himself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young man.

HONORING THE LIBERTY COLUMN MONUMENT

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the public outcry over the defaced Liberty Column Monument in Miami's Bayfront Park.

The Liberty Column Monument is dedicated to the thousands of Cuban rafters who have lost their lives at sea while fleeing Fidel Castro's Cuba. Embodying their sacrifice, having risked everything for a chance at freedom, the monument is a pair of hands, bound in stone, reaching towards the open sky. The column is an important symbol to our community as many have lost family and friends to the cold waters off of the American shore.

Humberto Sanchez, a Cuban exile himself, paid \$30,000 to create the monument in 1994. He has been collecting pieces of rafts off of Florida shores for years and has dedicated himself to memorializing the exodus of the Cuban rafter. Mr. Sanchez exemplifies the spirit and courage of the people he has celebrated in the Liberty Column.

Much to my great dismay, and to that of the Miami community, the Liberty Column Monument was recently vandalized in a despicable and most disrespectful fashion. I am pleased to inform the House that there is an ongoing movement to raise funds for its repair. There have also been talks of upgrading the monument to pure bronze to prevent future destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that the police will track down the criminals who damaged this symbol, and I am certain that the renovated Liberty Column Monument will continue to honor the lost souls who did not survive the voyage to free, American soil.

H. CON. RES. 405—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RE- SPECT TO THE NEED TO PRO- VIDE PROSTATE CANCER PA- TIENTS WITH MEANINGFUL AC- CESS TO INFORMATION ON TREATMENT OPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 405 and the continued need to provide prostate cancer patients with meaningful access to information on treatment options.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among American men. The American Cancer Society estimates that during

2004 about 230,110 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. One man in six will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only 1 man in 32 will die of this disease. The key to decreasing the amount of men that die from this disease yearly is not only informing patients about all the available treatment options but identifying the disease early on.

Because early detection is essential in the treatment and survival rates of Prostate Cancer patients, often Americans with limited health care are more susceptible to detection at more advanced stages, and increased mortality rates. In fact because of their low levels of medical healthcare African Americans are two to three times more likely to die of prostate cancer than white men. Only 66 percent of African Americans diagnosed with prostate cancer survive for 5 years, compared with 81 percent of white men.

As Members of Congress we must do everything in our power to ensure that medical service providers are informing patients on all possible treatments of this devastating disease. Education will inevitably lead to the best treatment options for all patients. Furthermore this Congress must take action to ensure that all Americans have regular access to health care so that diseases like prostate cancer can be detected in their earliest stages. We cannot continue to fail the millions of Americans without health care coverage because this makes our citizens increasingly susceptible to many devastating diseases like prostate cancer.

Mr. Speaker, prostate cancer continues to plague thousands of men in our country every year. I support this legislation that will encourage medical service providers to increase awareness on treatment options for prostate cancer patients and I urge this body to continue the discussion that would eventually yield much needed health care service to every American.

HONORING JASON HICKS ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jason Hicks for his help while interning in my office. Jason is a resident of Cookeville, TN, which I represent in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Jason just finished his freshman year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he is majoring in English and political science. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity and vice president of the university's Tennessee Debate Society.

Jason has been a great help and a wonderful addition to my office. He has helped address constituent concerns, assisted me and my staff with numerous projects, and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol, providing visitors from Middle Tennessee with a personalized look at a national treasure.

I trust that Jason has enjoyed his whirlwind internship and his first-hand examination of the workings of Congress. I know that I have enjoyed having his fresh perspective and enthusiasm during his time here.