

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at the World AIDS Conference in Bangkok Thailand, I regrettably missed a number of rollcall votes last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos.: 370, 369, 366, 364, 363, 362, 361, 359, 358, 357, 356, 355, 354, 353, and 349. I would have voted "no" on rollcall Nos: 368, 367, 365, 360, 352, 351, 350, and 348.

CONGRATULATING VIVEK VISWANATHAN, WINNER OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly to inform the House that the winner of the U.S. Institute of Peace's (USIP) 2004 National Peace Essay Contest is Vivek Viswanathan, a junior at Herricks High School in New Hyde Park, New York. Out of more than 1,000 contestants from all 50 States, U.S. territories and even overseas schools, Vivek's composition, "Establishing Peaceful and Stable Postwar Societies Through Effective Rebuilding Strategy," was judged by USIP's distinguished Board of Directors to be the national first place essay.

Having met Vivek, and having seen what a mature and thoughtful young man he is, I know how proud his parents and family must be at this time. A well-rounded individual, interested in public and world affairs as well as sports and music, Vivek is a terrific example of what America's youth are capable of.

Vivek's essay is lucid, concise and compelling. In light of the ongoing post-conflict struggles in Southeast Europe, Afghanistan and Iraq, I believe his observations are worth the attention of the whole House and I will ask that Vivek's essay be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Unlike many putative experts, Vivek's understanding of post-conflict dynamics begins with the observation that "the discontinuation of armed conflict does not imply resolution of the underlying concerns that caused the conflict." Many American lives and millions of dollars might have been saved had our government acknowledged this basic premise months ago.

Vivek points out simple keys to success in helping states recover: The plan for reconstruction must be tailored to the specific situation at hand; the international community must supply an abundance of resources both economic and military; and the reconstruction process must have a national rather than international imprimatur to be accepted by the society being rebuilt. Sadly, it seems to me these very common-sense approaches have been lacking in our own recent stabilization efforts.

The good news, I hope, is that our struggles today will inform the leaders of tomorrow, the

Vivek Viswanathans who will write and study and guide our country in the future. All of the contestants in USIP's contest are worthy not only of our praise, but our strong encouragement. Their enthusiasm, their concern and their passion for a better world are the best guarantee of our Nation's bright future.

Mr. Speaker, Vivek Viswanathan richly deserves our congratulations, and I know the whole House will join me in wishing him the very best for the future, a future of continued achievement and ever greater distinction and one, we may hope too, of peace.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

The House in Committee of the White House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4766), making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, yesterday I voted for the FY05 Agriculture Appropriations Bill because it provides American farmers with the support they need to continue to be the world's leading suppliers of food and fiber.

However, I am strongly opposed to the Flake Amendment that was accepted during floor consideration of that bill. While this amendment would not foreclose a tobacco buyout, it would make it more difficult to implement.

This House needs to recognize that the federal government is decimating our rural tobacco communities. A buyout is the only fair way to eliminate the Depression-era federal tobacco program and transition to a free market production system. The last thing we need is an amendment that complicates this transition and destroys American jobs.

Therefore, I will do everything in my power to get this wrong-headed amendment stripped from the bill before it is sent to the President's desk.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID TAWEI LEE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Tawei Lee. Dr. David Tawei Lee, Taiwan's premier diplomat in Europe, has been reassigned to replace Representative C.J. Chen as Taiwan's top representative in Washington. Dr. Lee will be in charge of Taiwan's Washington office and serve as Taiwan's de-facto ambassador in Washington.

Dr. Lee is uniquely qualified for this top post. He began his Foreign Service career in

Taiwan's Washington office from 1982 to 1988. From 1993 to 1996 he was Director General of Taiwan's office in Boston. In 1996 he was Director-General of North American Affairs at Taiwan's foreign ministry. Subsequently he was Taiwan's spokesman from 1997 to 1998 and Taiwan's deputy foreign minister. For the last few years he was Taiwan's number one diplomat in Europe, responsible for liaising with all European countries.

Dr. Lee received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Virginia and did research work at Harvard University. In 2000 Oxford University Press published his monumental study, *The Making of the Taiwan Relations Act* which offers an unprecedented look into the legislative history of the Taiwan Relations Act.

I am pleased that the Taiwan government has assigned Dr. Lee to represent Taiwan in Washington. In the months ahead, Dr. Lee will continue to strengthen the relations between Taiwan and Washington. I am sure that he will do an excellent job given his strong professional and academic credentials. Many of us look forward to welcoming him to Washington.

Like many of my colleagues, I have enjoyed working with the outstanding diplomats from Taiwan. I have also enjoyed working with Professor Nathan Mao. Having written a number of books and articles on Chinese subjects, he is a China expert. His knowledge as well as his communication skills are highly respected on the Hill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in extending a warm welcome to Ambassador David Tawei Lee and his wife Madam Lin Chih and I invite my colleagues to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 19, 2004, because of the leave of absence, I was unable to vote on legislation. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall 391: To promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, "yes."

Rollcall 392: Concerning the importance of the distribution of food to hungry or malnourished children around the world, "yes."

Rollcall 393: Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act, "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOM DENNIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the selfless service of Tom Dennis of Grand Junction, Colorado. For more than seven years, Tom has shown incredible devotion to the betterment of his community by helping to feed the hungry. It is my privilege to recognize his service before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Tom began this noble mission in 1997 when he received word that a Los Angeles food bank was short on food. He figured the farming communities on Colorado's Western Slope could help, so he organized a donation of potatoes weighing three-thousand pounds from a farm in Delta, Colorado. This rewarding experience encouraged Tom to further involve himself. Building on that foundation, he founded a nonprofit venture called Go-el. The mission of Go-el is to provide bare necessities to the less fortunate, focusing on the less fortunate living on the Western Slope. The structure of Go-el is such that it reaches out to national organizations for donations, and then Go-el will distribute these donations to more specialized charities in the area.

Over the time Go-el has existed, the organization has distributed three-million pounds of donated products. As a testament to his service, the Grand Junction Kiwanis Club recently recognized Tom's leadership, by honoring him with their 2004 Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Dennis is truly an outstanding citizen dedicated to his fellow citizens in his community. His leadership and selflessness are assets to his Grand Junction community and to those in need. I wish to thank Tom for his efforts and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 391, 392, and 393. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 391, H.R. 1587; "yes" on rollcall vote 392, S. Con. Res. 114; and "yes" on rollcall vote 393, S. 2264.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, offered to generations of citizens within our Cleveland community.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church of Cleveland is the first and oldest Romanian Orthodox church in the United States. The centennial celebration, to be held over the August 14th weekend, will be led by American Archbishop Nathaniel and assisted by clergy from across the country and around the world.

This historic cathedral has been the focal point of visiting dignitaries from Romania and other European countries, and has also been the site of official visits from United States senators and ambassadors representing nations from around the world. Moreover, this sacred landmark is home to the Romanian Art

Museum—a cultural haven for Romanian visual art, including the unique art form of iconography.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every leader and member of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith, hope and heritage for generations of families within our Cleveland community. We also honor the collective commitment to the culture, history, struggles and triumphs of the people of Romania. Moreover, we honor and recognize the commitment to America, as reflected in the lives of thousands of Americans of Romanian heritage—Americans whose contribution and service to our Cleveland community and to our nation are immeasurable.

HONORING BOB AND ELLEN KORTHUIS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mrs. MUGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my very dear friends, Bob and Ellen Korthius of Roggen, Colorado. These individuals have dedicated their lives to serving others and through their gentle example and wise counsel have enriched the lives of countless men and women.

Faithfully serving Christ has been the focus of Bob Korthius' life since he accepted the Lord at an American Sunday School Union Vacation Bible School near Golden, Colorado when he was 12 years old. Around the same time, 13 year old Ellen Nelson made a similar decision to devote her life to Christ when she attended an old fashioned tent meeting held in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Both would go on to attend Calvary Bible College in St. Louis, Missouri, where they met and married in 1955. After graduating, Bob and Ellen moved to Cortez, Colorado where they became pioneer missionaries with American Sunday School Union in the Four Corners area, ministering to men and women in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. There, they planted churches, held vacation bible schools, started a camp and began a flying ministry to bring the gospel to men and women living in uranium camps.

In 1970, Bob and Ellen, along with their four children, Bob Jr., Daniel Jon, Carolyn and Patricia moved to Denver, Colorado. While living in Denver, the Korthius family was instrumental in reviving many rural churches by flying students from area Bible colleges into small towns to serve as pastors and lay leaders. During the same time, Bob and Ellen directed Camp Salvation at North Lake, west of Trinidad, Colorado.

Always full of enthusiasm and love for young people, in 1973, the Korthius family moved to Bailey, Colorado to take over the directorship of Camp IdRaHaJe, a tremendous undertaking, since the camp included 70 workers and could handle up to 500 campers at one time. Camp IdRaHaJe had something for everyone, Frontier Town for the youngest children, Teepee Camp for the 11 and 12 years old, Ranch Camp for Jr. High students, and a High School Lodge Camp. Building forts, cooking over a fire, backpacking trips, horse

packing trips, rafting, and bicycling through the mountains were all part of the unique atmosphere of this wonderful place.

Every member of the Korthius family took part in running the camp; Bob serving as director and leading many of packing trips, Ellen, Carolyn and Patricia running the bookstore, sweet shop, and craft and ceramic shop, and Dan serving as the camp wrangler. Although he was older, Bob Jr. even spent one summer at the camp acting as the "road runner" making sure everyone had all the supplies they needed. Bob and Ellen Korthius gave their children a very special upbringing in the beautiful Colorado mountains, but perhaps more important was the love that the Korthius family gave in abundance to the countless children that came to the camp each year.

After leaving Camp IdRaHaJe in 1984, Bob and Ellen briefly contemplated serving as missionaries in Alaska, but instead decided to move to Northeastern Colorado to work with American Missionary Fellowship. All of us in Northeast Colorado are glad they made that choice.

My husband, Steve, and I had been campers at IdRaHaJe years earlier, and when Bob and Ellen moved to Northeastern Colorado, we began what has been a very meaningful, lasting friendship. Since 1985, Bob has pastored up to nine small, rural churches, including one almost completely filled with members of my husband's family. Bob and Ellen spent each week traveling to little places like Hoyt, Prairie View, Adena and Hillrose to spread the love of Christ to people in these communities.

Despite their busy schedules, they always managed to find time to run Vacation Bible Schools in the summer, and in July and August, they would run Homestead Bible Camp at Kiowa Crossing. I have many fond memories of that place, where I served as a counselor and watched my children enjoy being campers.

In 1996, Bob and Ellen began a tremendous ministry for abused and abandoned youth at Preston Ranch. This ministry has provided numerous children with the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable family.

Although they officially retired from ministry on March 31, 2004, Bob and Ellen continue to stay busy, leading Bible studies and encouraging others in the faith.

Their story is truly a testament of the Lord's faithfulness and provision. It has been my privilege to call Bob and Ellen Korthius my friends, and it is my honor to pay tribute to their life of service on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED SPEAKS IN MEMORY OF RONALD REAGAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2004, our nation lost a distinguished statesman, a world leader and a fine President in Ronald Reagan. President Reagan was a man of his word, and his principles were unquestionable. He had extraordinary faith in the promise of America and the belief that the best of America is yet to come.