

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ADAM
CAMPFIELD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Adam Campfield, an extraordinary fourteen year old from my district, who has overcome seemingly impossible obstacles in order to compete in martial arts competitions. Adam is a true fighter, and someone other citizens can look to for inspiration and I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize his accomplishments.

Adam earned his black belt despite the fact that he lost his vision to cancer when he was six years old. Adam's coach Troy says that there was no doubt that Adam had the ability; his worries came from being able to teach him the material. Adam grew up in a supportive family that would not allow him to use the word can't and today not only is he a martial arts competitor, but he also plays tennis and participates in a ski program. Adam's blindness has only sharpened his other senses, so much so that Adam has said that if he were given the option of not going blind he might not choose to have his vision.

Mr. Speaker, Adam Campfield is a strong, dedicated and gifted athlete who refuses to let life's impediments obstruct his physical activity. His persistent determination has taken him farther than anyone imagined and I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a courageous young man. Good luck with your martial arts training Adam, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO
COUNTRIES OF CARIBBEAN DEV-
ASTATED BY HURRICANES CHAR-
LEY, FRANCES, IVAN, AND
JEANNE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, by now we are all aware of the enormous toll exacted by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne on the Caribbean. Indeed, the cumulative force of these disasters has claimed thousands of lives and displaced hundreds of thousands of residents. The tourism and agricultural sectors of the Caribbean, of which so many nations are dependent, have been battered.

While total monetary damage to the region has yet to be firmly established, it is easily in the billions of dollars. These staggering statistics not only sadden us, they clearly compel us to take significant action. The United States has already distributed some assistance, and the administration has requested an additional \$50 million in emergency funds for the Caribbean in the supplemental appropriations bill we have before us this week.

While this assistance is appreciated, substantially more is needed if we are to make a

meaningful impact. An October 4th editorial in the Washington Post noted that the requested assistance for the Caribbean is a minute fraction of the \$12.2 billion requested for southern States affected by the recent hurricanes. I myself have joined other friends of the Caribbean in this House in asking that the administration at least double the size of its request for the Caribbean.

In light of these funding needs, I am extremely pleased to support the resolution introduced by the gentlewoman from California, H. Con. Res. 496. Congresswoman LEE's resolution represents a non-partisan appeal to provide adequate humanitarian assistance to our neighbors in this time of crisis. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation, and urge my fellow colleagues to lend their support to this critical measure.

We have all borne witness to the difficult road our neighbors have taken towards democracy. As such, we must always strive to ensure that their road is free from obstruction. This resolution is but one step in that ongoing effort. Again, I sincerely thank Congresswoman LEE, and offer my whole-hearted support for her resolution.

[From the Washington Post, Oct. 4, 2004]

CALAMITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

In Haiti the bodies are still turning up. Reports from the island republic mention Haitians shoveling corpses out from under branches and mud—the detritus of Tropical Storm Jeanne and the floods it triggered last month. Perhaps 2,000 are dead, and more may be missing. In tiny Grenada, whose landmass is scarcely twice that of the District, 90 percent of the buildings on the island were damaged by Hurricane Ivan. The hurricane also decimated Grenada's nutmeg trees, which take a decade to become productive, and devastated hotels, mainstays of the tourist industry that provides the island with 70 percent of its income.

The storms paused long enough in the Caribbean on their way to Florida to deliver knockout blows to the bantamweight islands. Americans fixated on Florida may have barely noticed, but the destruction and suffering in the islands was overwhelming. The Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, the Bahamas, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and St. Lucia—all were damaged. Grenada's recovery will take years.

Haiti, no stranger to calamity, is suffering a catastrophe. An estimated 300,000 people have been made homeless by floods. In the northwest, where Jeanne unleashed much of its wrath, food and potable water are scarce. Highways are cut or impassable; Port-de-Paix, a town of 45,000 on the north coast, is reachable only by air. In the port of Gonaives, Haiti's third-largest city, marauding gangs desperate from thirst and hunger have attacked trucks hauling bottled water and depots holding humanitarian food stockpiles. Fears of famine are rising, since flood waters and mud covered some of the most fertile acres in the country. Poverty, deforestation and the virtual absence of effective government all conspire to deepen the misery.

President Bush has proposed \$12.2 billion in aid for hurricane-damaged areas, mostly in Florida and other Southern states. The package includes \$50 million for the islands, nearly half of it for Haiti. We hope Congress passes it quickly, but let's be blunt: The amount set aside for the Caribbean nations is a pittance—not to mention a fraction of what was spent on U.S. military interventions in Haiti and Grenada.

Americans who wish to help may send their own donations. One conduit for such

private support is CARE, which has been active in Haiti for 50 years and is deeply involved in the current relief efforts. Information is available at www.careusa.org.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN
DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR
SPONSORING SECOND ANNUAL
“GIVE KIDS A SMILE” PROGRAM

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 567 which congratulates the American Dental Association for once again successfully administering the Give Kids a Smile program.

The Give Kids a Smile program has worked hard to emphasize the importance of kids' access to high quality dental care. This year's program, held on February 6, 2004, resulted in an estimated one million children receiving dental education, screening and care.

The Give Kids a Smile program highlights not only the importance of children's dental care but also the need to help those that may not have access. Access to dental care for children is a critical component of overall health care. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and results in thousands of children experiencing poor eating and sleeping patterns and suffering decreased attention spans at school. Congress must join the American Dental Association in recognizing our role in providing assistance to children in need.

I want to thank the dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and others who volunteered their time during this year's Give Kids a Smile program. In addition to the success of this program, America's dental community deserves our thanks for the services and help they provide year round.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL
HESSE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great privilege to recognize an outstanding individual who, for many years, has honorably served the interests of my district and the State of Colorado. Michael Hesse has served as my chief of staff, and during that time he has worked to improve the lives of many of his fellow Coloradans through his compassionate activism. Mike is a dedicated public servant and a dynamic leader whose devotion to Colorado is unparalleled. I am honored to recognize his service before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Mike earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver School of Business in 1987. After graduation, President George H.W. Bush appointed Mike as the Assistant to the Health and Human Services Secretary, Louis Sullivan, from 1989 to 1992. In that capacity, Mike coordinated the President's National Initiative for Childhood Immunization and the Presidential Health Mission to Africa.

Mike has also played a vital role in furthering and representing the interests of his party. He served as the primary spokesperson and overall manager of the Bush-Quayle 1992 Colorado campaign, and was the 1992 executive director of the Colorado Republican Party. Mike's strong leadership and focused management led to effective candidate recruitment and significant improvement in fundraising goals by tripling the traditional party base support. Mike's political experience and dedication to the Mountain West made him a natural candidate for his position as the regional political director of Bob Dole for President. There, Mike was instrumental in building support for Western priorities while establishing close working relationships with officials on both the federal and local levels.

I learned firsthand of Mike's skills as an effective manager and team builder when he became my Chief of Staff in 1998. Through his direction, my office has been able to provide consistently high quality service to the people of Colorado's Third Congressional District. Mike has recruited a respected congressional staff who are committed to constituent casework and who work tirelessly to help me pass a number of sizable legislative initiatives, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. Mike has implemented a strong organizational structure throughout the office that has enabled greater staff interaction and has stressed personal responsibility, by providing timely and substantive responses to inquiries from my constituents. Mike has also fostered valuable relationships with city, county, and State officials, and has a successful working relationship with many of my colleagues in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Hesse is a natural leader and a passionate public servant whose dedication to the State of Colorado and this Nation serves as an inspiration to us all. Indeed, the legislative and policy successes I have enjoyed over the last 6 years would not have been possible without Mike's leadership within my office. I consider it a great honor to recognize his service and accomplishments before this body of Congress today. I want to personally thank Mike for his many years of commitment to our home state. I have never worked with such a fine individual as Mike Hesse.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

September 30, 2004: Rollcall vote 485, on H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, I would have voted yes.

October 4, 2004: Rollcall vote 487, on S. Con. Res. 76, recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A Tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, I would have voted yes. Rollcall vote 488, on S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, I would have voted yes. Rollcall vote 489, on H. Res. 567, congratulating the American Dental Association for sponsoring the second annual "Give Kids a Smile" program which emphasizes the need to improve access to dental care for children, and thanking dentists for volunteering their time to help provide needed dental care, I would have voted yes.

October 5, 2004: Rollcall vote 490, on H. Res. 814, ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted yes. Rollcall vote 491, on H. Res. 814, adoption of the rule, I would have voted yes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SUE SMITH

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great privilege to recognize an outstanding individual who for many years has honorably served the people of my congressional district and the entire State of Colorado. Susan Smith has served as my District Director for the past several years, and in that time, I have come to rely on her strong sense of integrity and leadership abilities to provide an unparalleled quality of constituent services to the people of my district. Sue has amassed an impressive

record of public service over her lifetime, and I am honored to bring attention to her accomplishments today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Before Sue joined my staff, she worked at Colorado's Pueblo Community College in the Executive Vice President's office, where she was in charge of the school's operational policies and procedures. One of her main responsibilities was overseeing the funds provided to PCC under the Carl D. Perkins Federal Grant. Sue has always been a strong advocate for the importance of higher education and, over the years, has volunteered her time and energies to countless youth-oriented non-profit organizations. Before joining my staff full-time, Sue coordinated an educational program for my office known as SEEDS. This terrific program accepts and refurbishes donated government computers and places them in schools throughout the region whose students are in need of the educational opportunities these computers provide.

Sue's variety of non-profit experience made her a perfect candidate for the director of my district offices. Sue oversees four district offices in Pueblo, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Durango in one of the largest congressional districts in the country. She has cultivated strong working relationships with city, county and state officials that have led to increased, effective communication and cooperation between local and federal governments. Through her diligent guidance and direction, my district offices have been able to make a difference in the lives of the people of Colorado's Third Congressional District. In addition, Sue coordinates my US Service Academy nomination process, which has enabled many high school students to pursue rewarding careers in our armed forces. Sue has personally spent countless hours aiding various local organizations as they try to navigate the complicated federal grant process in order to benefit from the much-needed funding those grants provide.

Mr. Speaker, Sue Smith is a dynamic and extraordinary leader whose amazing dedication to public service has made her a compassionate advocate for the interests of the State of Colorado. I am truly honored to stand before my colleagues to recognize the service of such a devoted public servant, a loving mother, and valued friend. Thank you, Sue, for your many years of hard work and your service to the people of Colorado and this Nation.