

American jobs. China has 800 million people living in the countryside, where underemployment afflicts one in three workers; for these people, wages of \$2 a day represent an attractive income. Market forces, not denial of workers' rights, are overwhelmingly the main reason for China's low wages.

Still, China's abusive labor practices are abhorrent, so one can agree with the unions' objective without accepting their supporting argument. The question is whether trade sanctions are the right way to help Chinese workers. Sanctions can sometimes work, especially if their aim is to extract specific concessions: that certain prisoners be released, for example, or that a particular labor practice be stopped. The unions' demand is that China set up an administrative system to enforce labor rights throughout its vast manufacturing sector. That might prove more than the communist regime can stomach, in which case the trade sanctions would disrupt trade without improving labor rights—retarding the economic progress that may bring political freedom in the long run.

The Bush administration must decide whether to consider the petition and what sanctions if any to apply. If it accepted the idea of imposing trade penalties on China, the Chinese would likely appeal to the World Trade Organization's arbitration panel, and the appeal might well be successful, forcing the United States to lift its sanctions. If, on the other hand, the panel sided with the United States, the WTO would for the first time have imposed on its members a duty to protect labor standards.

Would this be a good thing? Yes, provided that these labor standards governed basic political freedoms rather than mandating minimum wages or even minimum standards of safety. Imposing economic regulation on poor countries would harm poor workers by destroying their jobs. But even if the new standards were reasonable, they might cause a backlash from developing countries, which regard external imposition of labor standards as protectionism in disguise. If developing countries withdrew from the WTO as a consequence, trade would be disrupted, and workers would suffer once again.

In short, if trade is used as a lever to promote a revolution in international labor rights, the lever will break. Still, the unions are pursuing a good cause, and the administration should agree to consider their petition. Here's a small proposal: To allay poor countries' fears of disguised protectionism, the United States should couple measured promotion of labor rights with bigger cuts in U.S. tariffs on products such as textiles and sugar. That would displease some U.S. unions and businesses, but it would further the interests of the world's poorest workers.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
MR. THOMAS M. McDERMOTT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Thomas M. McDermott on his retirement from the Northwest Indiana Forum. Tom has spent the past 11 years dedicating his life to the promotion of economic development and growth in Northwest Indiana. His career as President and CEO of the Northwest Indiana Forum has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of many people. In honor of his gracious service to his community, there will

be a celebration of his accomplishments on March 31 at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana.

Tom McDermott has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Before joining the Forum in 1992, Tom served as Mayor of the City of Hammond for nine years. Prior to that, Mr. McDermott served as Circulation Director of The Times and as Suburban Circulation Director for the Chicago Sun Times. Tom has also ventured into the newspaper and radio business, serving at one time as owner of WIMS Radio in Michigan City, WXRJ in Crown Point, WJOB in Hammond, WCGO in Chicago Heights, Illinois, WABT in Kane County, Illinois, and WZVN in Merrillville.

Not only has Tom had many positive accomplishments throughout his career, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. He has been a powerful member of the Board of the Fund for American Studies, the Lake Area United Way, Hoosier Boys Town, Boy Scouts of the Calumet Council, Lake Point Children's Discovery Center, Chancellor's Advisory Board at Purdue North Central, Partnership for a Drug Free Lake County, Northwest Indiana Urban League, Trade Winds Board, Welfare Reform Council, Campagna Academy Board, and the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Board. In addition, Tom has addressed educators and community leaders in London on partnership programs to encourage excellence in education, and was chosen by the American Council of Young Political Leaders to represent the United States in Australia and Norway.

Along with his many other accomplishments, Tom has received numerous community service and leadership awards, including "Business Person of the Year" from the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. Other awards include: Lake County Economic Opportunity Council Service Award, Greater Hammond Community Services "Man of the Year" award, and the American Business Women's Association "Boss of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, Tom McDermott has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of his staff the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Tom McDermott for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL
HINDMARSH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Russell Hindmarsh for the contributions he has made to his Dolores community and the State of Colorado. Recently, Russell was chosen as Cattleman of the Year for his lifelong commitment to the cattle industry. It is with great sat-

isfaction that I congratulate Russell for this well-deserved honor, and thank him for his contributions to his community and state.

A veteran of the Korean War, Russell began working in the livestock industry at a young age, and learned to ranch sheep and cattle from his father. As his career in the industry progressed, he has focused his attention to raising cattle. Russell's involvement in the ranching community of Colorado includes having served on the advisory boards for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, serving on the Southwest Livestock Association board, and serving on the Montezuma Woolgrowers board. He also is a former member of the Colorado Woolgrowers, the National Woolgrowers, the Colorado Cattlemen, and the National Cattlemen.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Russell Hindmarsh has a legacy of strong commitment to the cattle industry in the Dolores community and the State of Colorado. Russell's efforts to keep this great tradition of ranching vibrant is worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. It is my privilege to extend to Russell my sincere congratulations on being named Cattleman of the Year for 2004, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS I. "BUTCH"
HODGKINS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a man with a truly distinguished public service career. For nearly four decades, Francis I. "Butch" Hodgkins has served Sacramento County with great class and distinction. Butch will soon retire from his current position as the Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. As his friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate Butch's illustrious career, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding citizen of Sacramento.

Butch received his Associate of Science degree from Sacramento City College and then moved on to California State University, Sacramento for a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 1965, Butch began his four-decade long career with the County of Sacramento, Department of Public Works. From 1972 until 1988, he worked for Public Works Division of Sacramento County that dealt with the sewer system.

In March of 1989, Butch was appointed Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works for Sacramento County. During his tenure at this position, he served as the project and construction engineer for a \$100 million wastewater construction program. In addition, as Chief of the Division, he was responsible for a \$50 million per year regional wastewater project.

In September 1991, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors assigned Butch to the City and County Office of Water Planning. In his capacity as a Liaison for the City and County Office of Water Planning, Butch was charged with the formidable task of formulating an area-wide plan to provide safe and reliable water supply in such a manner which

protects the environment for both the City and County of Sacramento. As he had demonstrated throughout his career up to that juncture, Butch achieved great success in this position. Butch soon developed a well deserved reputation as an effective problem-solver and a dedicated public servant. In September of 1994, Butch's outstanding track record would earn him the post of the Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA.)

SAFCA is a joint organization with a Board of Directors comprised of members from Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Sacramento City Council, Reclamation District 1000 Board of Trustees, American River Flood Control District Board of Trustees and Sutter County Board of Supervisors. Its primary function is to address problems such as regional flood control and levee instability in the Sacramento area.

Under Butch's stewardship, SAFCA has grown in credibility, visibility, and reach. In a community in which everyone agrees that the region's current flood protection is woefully inadequate, but not everyone agrees on a solution, Butch has helped mold SAFCA into the definitive and unifying authority on all matters related to flood control in the Sacramento Area. Throughout his successful tenure as Executive Director, Butch has proven to be an effective consensus builder, pragmatic thinker, and tireless worker who has rightfully earned the respect and admiration of those who have worked with him.

In his retirement, Butch can look forward to spending more time with his wife, Christine and daughters, Shelly Lynn and Laurie. I am confident that Butch would achieve great success and happiness in his retirement, just as he had throughout his professional career.

Mr. Speaker, as Butch's friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate his great career; I am truly honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. The Sacramento region has benefited greatly from having Butch's strong leadership during turbulent times. He will be missed greatly by all who worked with him. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Butch continued success in all of his future endeavors, wherever retirement may lead him.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR RICHARD HANN OF IMPERIAL COUNTY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor Richard Hann of Imperial County. Professor Hann recently retired from Imperial Valley College (IVC) after 35 years of devoted service and teaching. I believe it would be accurate to say that Professor Hann has touched the lives of thousands of students during his tenure.

Richard's leadership, enthusiasm for teaching and desire to have students develop and exercise their critical thinking skills as Chairman of the Social Science and Humanities Divisions at IVC will be sorely missed. It is becoming increasingly rare to find educators who

exhibit the effort and values Richard instilled into the academic environment at IVC. These were exhibited on a daily basis and earned Professor Hann the respect of his colleagues, students, and college administration.

I also want to recognize and thank Professor Hann for the work he has done on behalf of Imperial and San Diego Counties. During a time where the pursuit of knowledge and the commitment to one's community often becomes an afterthought, your continued efforts to preserve the history of Imperial and San Diego Counties will benefit our communities for years to come. For your work in this important area, we are forever indebted and are all grateful.

Congratulations again on your retirement Professor Hann, I wish you all the best with your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 29, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 94 and 95. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 94 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 2584, to Provide for the Conveyance to the Utrok Atoll Local Government of a Decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ship; and rollcall vote 95 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3723, the Vaughn Gross Post Office Designation.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 94 and 95.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday my original flight from my congressional district in North Carolina was canceled, forcing me to take a later flight. Therefore I was unavoidably detained and missed the following three votes: passage of H.R. 2584; passage of H.R. 3723; and passage of H.R. 3917.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes" on each of these rollcall votes. I ask unanimous consent that this statement be recorded in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL MICHAEL A. SHUPP

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional officer of Marines,

Colonel Michael A. Shupp. Colonel Shupp will soon complete a highly successful 3 year tour as the Marine Corps' Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives. It is truly a pleasure for me to recognize a few of his many outstanding achievements.

Colonel Shupp was raised in Bethlehem, PA. He attended the Virginia Military Institute and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in History. He completed the Airborne Course at Fort Benning, GA in 1979, and the Marine Officer's Candidate School at Quantico, VA, in 1980. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from VMI and entered the Marine Corps in May 1981.

His many assignments over the past 23 years have included command of Company "A" 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and command of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion of 1st Marine Division at MAGTF-Training Command, Twenty-nine Palms, CA. Additionally, he has served in many important staff billets to include being an operational planner for II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC, Plans Officer for 26 MEU (SOC) during Operation Dynamic Response, and being the Marine Corps' representative to the Assessment Planning Team for Operation Allied Force in Kosovo.

In August 2001, Colonel Shupp arrived for duty as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 3 years, he has expertly represented the Marine Corps on all matters in the House of Representatives and spearheaded the Marine Corps' most difficult and challenging legislative initiatives. Through direct and skillful interaction with Members of Congress, he ensured that Marine Corps capabilities and requirements were widely understood by key Members of this body, assisting them in their decision-making. His initiative, leadership, and tireless efforts as the House Liaison Officer have had a lasting impact on improving the war fighting capabilities and the quality of life for Marines throughout the Marine Corps. Most importantly Mr. Speaker, Colonel Michael Shupp has come to epitomize those qualities that we as a nation have come to expect from our Marines—absolutely impeccable integrity, moral character and professionalism.

Mike was promoted to Colonel while serving here with us in 2003. He has traveled with us to dozens of countries, introduced us to hundreds of Marines worldwide, educated us on the capabilities and needs of the Marine Corps, and served as a stellar example of commitment to this great Nation. As he reports to his next assignment as the Commanding Officer of 1st Marine Regiment, headquartered at Camp Pendleton, CA I know he will continue his legacy of steadfast leadership and devotion to his men. Together with his lovely wife, Sherrye, he will always exemplify the Marine traditions of honor, courage, and commitment. It has been my pleasure to know and work with Colonel Mike Shupp over the last 3 years; a distinction I know is shared by many of my colleagues. I feel sure you want to join me in wishing Mike, Sherrye, and their daughter Jessica continuing success as well as fair winds and following seas.