

COMMEMORATING SIR ROGER
BANNISTER

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the accomplishments of Sir Roger Bannister.

Roger Bannister is best known as the man who ran the miracle mile. He was the first man in recorded history to break the four-minute mile barrier.

Until the time of his accomplishment, virtually no one thought it possible that a man could run that fast. But, it was through his athletic ability and technical knowhow that Roger Bannister persevered to run the miracle mile.

Bannister attended Oxford University to study medicine. His spare time was devoted to the track and he soon became an accomplished middle distance runner.

Despite the naysayers, Bannister believed that with perseverance he could run faster than anyone before him. He used his knowledge as a physician and painstakingly researched the mechanical aspects of running to develop scientific training methods to aid him.

In 1954, his hard work, discipline, and determination finally paid off as he sprinted to the finish line, in a time of three minutes fifty-nine point four seconds. That day, his name was forever written not only into record books, but into sporting folklore as well.

It was Dr. Bannister's dedication to excellence that paved the way for countless other athletes, including myself, to stretch themselves to new levels of achievement.

In later years Bannister concentrated on medicine, and became a consultant neurologist. He continued to run to keep fit right up until 1975, when he broke his ankle in a motor accident.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of his historic run. I hope this day can serve as a testament to young people everywhere that with perseverance and discipline, they too can achieve goals others never dreamed possible.

RECOGNITION OF KIM BIGLEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Kim Bigley who was recently killed in Kosovo.

Kim Bigley was an employee of DynCorp International which was serving with the United Nations as international police officers. Kim and other members were fired upon by a Jordanian police officer for unknown reason and she and two others were killed in the resulting firefight.

Kim Bigley was a 47-year-old who lived most of her life in southern and southwestern Illinois. She was the former warden of the Shawnee Correctional Center, and had just completed her first day of job orientation when she was killed. She is survived by her parents, Jim and Janice Bigley of Greenfield; sons, Casey Morrow of Springfield and Quinn Morrow of Decatur; daughter, Karly Morrow of Pa-

ducah; and a brother, Joe Bigley of Sherman. My thoughts and prayers go out to her families and loved ones. Ms. Bigley gave her life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OF CONGRESS OVER IRAN'S DEVELOPMENT OF MEANS TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. I commend the Chairman and Ranking Member for bringing this important discussion to the Floor of the House.

We are living in a dangerous and difficult time. It is absolutely essential that we continuously scan our world-through our intelligence agencies, through cooperation with our allies, and with the United Nations-to find threats to the American people and to the values that we hold dear. As the intelligence data rolls in, we need to have an honest and robust debate about how to deal with emerging threats.

We must prioritize the dangers that face us, make difficult decisions about what are the most imminent threats, and focus on them. Without focus and resolve on truly pressing issues, we can undermine our own positions and the safety of the American people and our allies.

Obviously, the focus of this nation has been turned to Iraq. That was the issue that the President chose to focus on; that is where we are losing men and women in combat; that is where we are spending hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer money. However, now we are realizing that perhaps Iran has been, and continues to be, a much more imminent and ominous threat to our well-being.

As we as a nation make decisions about how to deal with that threat, this time we should have an open and honest dialogue here in Congress. That is why I believe this resolution is important.

For over a decade, the United States has been trying to alert the world to Iran's efforts to covertly develop nuclear weapons. For many years, Iran has deceived the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the world about the true purpose of its supposedly peaceful nuclear energy program.

Iranian leaders, through the international nuclear black-market, acquired equipment and facilities to produce nuclear-weapons-grade uranium. As a result of IAEA inspections over the past fifteen months, we now know that Iran has acquired designs for sophisticated uranium enrichment equipment and has been hiding it for years. Iran has even experimented with material that could be used to initiate a nuclear detonation.

Because Iran used the same supplier network that provided Libya with the blueprint for a nuclear warhead, we must assume that Iran may also have an operable nuclear bomb design.

Recent limited cooperation with weapons inspectors, and diplomatic efforts, cannot overshadow the fact that Iran remains a real and

unpredictable threat that we must face. This is now at crisis level. Iran must not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. We must keep the pressure on Iran, as the international community did with Libya, to push Iran off this most dangerous path.

We must reach out to our friends and allies in the EU and elsewhere, and lead them to take strong action. America cannot bring about change in Iran on our own, especially with our soldiers spread thin in Iraq and Afghanistan already. It will take a truly global effort to bring about a peaceful resolution to this difficult situation.

Mr. Chairman, this resolution sets a new standard for states to have access to technology for peaceful nuclear purposes. It declares that Iran, through its repeated and flagrant violations of its international obligations, has forfeited the right to be trusted with technology that can be misused to produce weapons-grade uranium and plutonium. This is tough medicine, denying Iran a valuable source of energy—but it is necessary, to protect Ourselves and the region. Perhaps peaceful use of nuclear power can be a carrot that encourages the Iranian leadership to be a more trustworthy member of the international community.

Mr. Chairman, this is truly a critical time in the history of the Middle East. Tensions of the past are now combining with technology of the future. Poor diplomacy over the past years has further fanned the growing flame. We need to find a way to put this fire out. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, to send a message to Iran and the world that this Congress is ready to make bold and strong moves to enforce the Non-Proliferation Treaty and international law.

HONORING WILLIAM LEVINSON OF
MARIN COUNTY, CA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Levinson who is retiring after 12 years as Superintendent of Tamalpais Union High School District in southern Marin County, California. His passion for education is evident in his work in the district as well as in his mentoring of other superintendents and his leadership in working with government agencies, the business community, and non-profit organizations to maximize resources for children and families.

Bill grew up in White Plains, New York, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 with a BA in English literature. In 1966 he earned an MA in Elementary Education at the same university. There he met his Judy Falick, his wife of 36 years. He later earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration at Teachers' College, Columbia University. His daughter JoAnne was born in New Jersey and graduated from Redwood High School in 1994.

Bill's work experience has included stints at the New York City Welfare Department and as a Vista Volunteer as well as teaching in schools in New York, New Jersey, and California. He also served as superintendent in the Reed School District in Tiburon and the

Sonoma Valley Unified School District in Sonoma. As superintendent for Tamalpais Union High School District, he managed to raise teacher for salaries so that the students could have the best and brightest teachers possible.

Membership in the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership, School to Career Partnership, the Treasury Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee demonstrates Bill's commitment to education on the community level. He has been President of the Marin Association of Superintendents and the Special Education Local Plan Area Operational Steering Committee and worked statewide on behalf of small school districts and basic aid districts.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Levinson's commitment to education extends beyond his duties as a superintendent. Talk to him and you understand that he is all about the students. I am proud to salute an educator who demonstrates the passion we need to ensure that our nation's children will grow up to be the leaders of tomorrow.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JESSICA
McKAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and recognize Jessica McKay, a senior at Fruita Monument High School in Fruita, Colorado. A member of the varsity golf team, Jessica has had a remarkable spring season. Beginning with a thirteen shot win at the season opening tournament at Tiara Rado Golf Course, she has dominated the Western Slope Tour. Jessica has demonstrated remarkable poise and courage to become the player she is today.

As a four-year varsity player on the Fruita Monument team, Jessica has steadily improved to become one of the top golfers in the state. However, Jessica and her family were struck with tragedy when, during her sophomore year, her younger brother Ricky was killed in a car accident, and six months later her father Tim died of a heart attack. Jessica did not play golf for eight months, but feeling guided by her departed loved ones, she rededicated herself to the game. Last summer she participated in a program that took her to Rhode Island and Florida, and she competed in a tournament in the Virgin Islands. Not only is Jessica an excellent golfer, but she is also an inspiration to her team and a natural leader.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the achievements of Jessica McKay before this body of Congress and this nation. Her dedication and perseverance in spite of obstacles is truly moving. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARTHA
MARTINA THERESA DE LA ROSA
RIOS

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the numerous contributions of Martha Martina Theresa De La Rosa Rios, who is being honored with the Mexican Mother of the Year Award by the Mexican Mother of the Year Association.

Born on January 10, 1933, in Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Rios graduated from Sacred Heart of Jesus High School and married her high school sweetheart, Jesus Melendrez Rios in 1953, with whom she recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A mother of five, Martha Rios has always prioritized the happiness and well-being of her children and family above all else. She made sure that her children had beautiful birthday cakes and presents on the holidays even though their financial resources were tight. It comes as no surprise to all those who know her—Martha Rios exemplifies a giving and dedicated mother whose love for her children sees no boundaries.

Martha Rios not only devotes herself to her family, but also generously gives her time and energy to her community as well. As a first step in her goal to help others, Mrs. Rios enrolled in Rio Hondo College in her forties and balanced taking care of her family and studying to become a Registered Nurse. After attaining her degree, she worked in the Emergency Room at the Beverly Hospital in Montebello, California, where she spent many hours trying to relieve patients' distress.

Mrs. Rios also worked as a nurse for AltaMed, and eventually became a social worker for the elderly in the community. With a strong sense of social duty, she often gave her patients small gifts or food out of her own pocket. Cherished and respected by all those around her, Mrs. Rios relentlessly strives to make her community a happier, healthier and safer place for all. Her devotion to her family, work, and her commitment to others has earned her the love and praise of countless people who have received her comfort, advice and support.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mrs. Martha Martina Theresa De La Rosa Rios for her selfless and extraordinary dedication to her family and our community. I am happy to know that there are mothers like Mrs. Rios who will serve as role models for future generations of Mexican-American families, and I am honored to recognize her today.

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SPEECH OF

FORTNEY "PETE" STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Iran's deceptions about its nuclear weapons program are rightly

condemned. The United States ought to use the tools at our disposal—both political and economic—to demand an end to their egregious policies.

However, this resolution calls for the U.S. to use "all appropriate means to deter, dissuade, and prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons." As long as President Bush is in office, I can no longer trust that our foreign policy will be carried out using "appropriate means." This President is no longer deserving of our trust.

That's why I am forced to vote present on this resolution. I simply don't trust that President Bush won't misinterpret Congressional intent and attempt to use this resolution in ways Congress never intended.

The pre-emptive quagmire in Iraq in which we now find ourselves was started under the pretense of deterring and preventing weapons of mass destruction. In fact, President Bush used past declarations of Congress meant merely to reprimand Iraq to justify full-blown war against that regime.

Mr. Speaker, the Bush foreign policy of pre-emptive war, threats, and isolation has made the world a far more dangerous place. I want no part of this neoconservative agenda.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST KOLB,
MAYOR OF OAK LAWN, COOK
COUNTY, IL

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable civic leader from the Third District of Illinois, Mayor Ernest F. Kolb. Throughout his career, Mayor Kolb was an incredible visionary for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Mayor Ernie was a strong, energetic leader, and over the years he became a dear friend of mine. The people of Oak Lawn thought the world of him, for he was a man of true character and integrity. Mayor Ernie passed away in June of 2003, yet he will live on in our hearts and always be remembered by the people of Oak Lawn.

Mayor Ernie served the Village of Oak Lawn since 1955, and as mayor for the past twenty six years. He dedicated his life to the village, at all times envisioning routes to build a better community. Mayor Ernie greatly impacted the growth and prosperity of the village by seeing to the construction of a new village hall, police station, and fire station. Mayor Ernie continuously recruited new businesses, worked to beautify the community, and overall improved the quality of life.

On April 24, 2004, the Ridgeland School District honored this great man by dedicating the Ernest F. Kolb Elementary School in his name. During financial hardship for the State of Illinois, the district was forced to close down several schools. Mayor Ernie went far beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Dearborn Heights Elementary School kept the doors open to their students. Today, the newly renovated Dearborn Heights will possess the name and spirit of Ernest F. Kolb. The Village of Oak Lawn will continue to share in his passion for education. The future of our communities rest in the children of our schools and it