

Sikhs pray "Raj Kare Ga Khalsa," the Khalsa shall rule. As you know, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987, calling their new country Khalistan. As former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh has said, "If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh."

I know that you are a Sikh, Mr. Prime Minister. I can see your turban. I know that you are concerned about the future of the Sikh Nation. Therefore, I urge you to sit down with Sikh representatives and negotiate the boundaries of a sovereign, independent, free Khalistan. This is the best thing that you can do for the Sikh Nation, your own people, and it is the best way to ensure that India goes the way of Czechoslovakia, not that of Yugoslavia. Please spare India, Khalistan, and all the nations of South Asia any further bloodshed.

Congratulations again on your new position.

Sincerely,

DR. GURMIT SINGH AULAKH,
President, Council of Khalistan.

IN HONOR OF DAVID SABLE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the adage if you want something done ask a busy person to do it was never more true than in the case of David Sable. For more than 20 years he has been busy in marketing communications, becoming vice chair and president of Wunderman's worldwide operations.

But there is another side of Mr. Sable, one which led the Riverdale Jewish Center to honor him at their 50th anniversary celebration, a decision they said wasn't particularly difficult.

He was raised in Riverdale from early childhood, the son of the founding Rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center. He has served the RJC with extraordinary tenure as President and is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He is, in their words, understanding of the RJC past, an integral part of its present, and a source of confidence for its future.

He also has served his community in a larger sense, as a member of New York City's Cultural Advisory Committee and a member of the steering committee for the Mail Industry Task Force of the United States Post Office.

His love for Israel is well known. With the breakout of the Yom Kippur war, he joined the Israeli Defense Force as a combat medic. He is a member of the Board of the Tzfat Foundation. He has also served the RJC as Youth Director and Vice President.

A celebration of the Riverdale Jewish Center without David Sable would not be a true celebration. I congratulate him and the RJC for all the good work both have accomplished in Riverdale and beyond.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN MYERS FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Justin Myers, a very special

young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 320, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Justin has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning numerous merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. He has held such positions as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader, as well as Troup Guide. Justin has attended camp at Saukenauk Scout Reservation as well as Camp Maumee and Polar Bear Camp. He has also attended a High Adventure in Elk Horn, Colorado and a National High Adventure in the Northern Tier Bissett. Justin's dedication is quite impressive as he has been a member of four separate Councils through his career in the Scouts. For his Eagle Scout project, Justin organized the materials for him and his fellow Scouts to construct a safe and enjoyable playground area for the children of the Clay County Christian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Justin Myers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE WARD
WHARTON MCFARLAND

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and pay tribute to one of Alabama's most esteemed citizens on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his passing. Today a flag flies over the Capitol building to honor the man who contributed to the state of Alabama as an educator, lawyer, and as a businessman. The Honorable Ward McFarland taught at the University of Alabama in the Economics Department for two years prior to practicing law in Tuscaloosa. He served as both State Highway Director and Docks Director for the state, and participated in International Commerce on behalf of the State of Alabama in order to recruit industry. His efforts were recognized in 1979, at the time of his death, as the Alabama State Senate commended him as one of the state's most outstanding and contributing citizens.

Mr. McFarland founded a multi-million dollar real estate empire that included the construction of malls, apartment complexes, medical buildings, restaurants, hotels, and neighborhoods throughout Alabama and the South. His works were again recognized this past year as Alabama Governor Bob Riley proclaimed June 20, 2003 to be James Elisha Folsom, Sr.-Ward Wharton McFarland Day, placing him alongside the governor with whom he had worked during two administrations. Concomitant to that proclamation came the naming of a highway in Alabama the "Folsom-McFarland Highway".

His legacy reaches well beyond the borders of Alabama as well. Mr. McFarland served in the Navy during WWII, during which his vessel was bombed. Accepting Medical Discharges along with all other survivors of the incident, he came home to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps. His resolute patriotism during this time

served as a foreshadowing of the resolve he maintained in all other enterprises in his life. Mr. McFarland has a lasting legacy in the state of Alabama, one that will continue to be echoed in the structures that he helped build, and the minds and determinations that he helped to mold in the next generations of Alabama's citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the citizens of Alabama are aware of and appreciate all that Mr. McFarland has done for his state. I am now honored to recognize his accomplishments to this House of Representatives in our nation's Capitol.

CONGRATULATING BEDFORD FIRE
DEPARTMENT #1, INC. ON 200TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bedford Fire Department #1, Inc. on its 200th Anniversary and to extend my sincere gratitude for the selfless actions of so many firefighters over the years. The citizens of Bedford, Pennsylvania are undoubtedly grateful for all that they have done.

The history of firefighting in Pennsylvania can be traced back to the early 1700's. Ben Franklin, a Philadelphia resident at the time, developed a fine-tuned system of volunteer firefighters that could handily combat the threat of fire within the city limits. When referring to how this cooperative technique worked, Franklin said,

Soon after [a fire] is seen and cried out, the place is crowded by active men of different ages, professions and titles who, as of one mind and rank, apply themselves with all vigilance and resolution, according to their abilities, to the hard work of conquering the increasing fire.

The Bedford Fire Department is one of the oldest fire departments in the United States, founded in 1804. For 200 years this entirely volunteer department, which now consists of 82 members, has successfully collaborated to provide safety and protection for over 11,000 people within an area of 210 square miles.

These volunteer firefighters deserve the highest honors for constantly putting themselves in harm's way to protect and save fellow citizens. Their unselfish valor and relentless dedication to their community make them special, and certainly worthy of praise.

The two stations built within the rural area provide the necessary resources for the firefighters to perform to the best of their ability and handle any variety of situations. The volunteers spend countless hours planning and implementing fundraising events to maintain adequate facilities, provide each firefighter with the proper equipment, and ensure the continued success of the department.

I am tremendously appreciative of the vital duties that the Bedford Fire Department performs and for the time it spends contributing to the safety of the Bedford community. Congratulations on reaching the 200 year milestone! I am proud to have the distinguished honor to represent such a reputable group of volunteers.

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF
THE THIRD ANNUAL MID-MICHIGAN
NATIONAL DANCE WEEK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the outstanding success of the third Annual Mid-Michigan National Dance Week. National Dance Week is a wonderful opportunity for the children in Michigan's Eighth District as it encourages their cultural growth and promotes their physical well-being. In late April, over 450 mid-Michigan dancers representing 16 dance, gymnastics and performing arts studios delighted over 3,000 spectators who enjoyed a weekend filled with free, family-oriented entertainment.

Over the past 23 years, National Dance Week has actively encouraged the growth of dance in America. Today, National Dance Week is providing an opportunity for many young Michiganders to learn about the cultural and artistic expression of dance.

Mr. Speaker, National Dance Week is broadening the horizons and opening doors for many of mid-Michigan's most talented dancers. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the success of National Dance Week 2004 and to wish continued success to National Dance Week this year and beyond.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.
AWARD WINNER, MOLLY GOODMAN OF ASTORIA, ILLINOIS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts of Two Rivers Council in Quincy, Illinois. She is Molly Goodman of Astoria, Illinois.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14–17 or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Molly and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember our veterans and to mourn all our losses. Our words today cannot match the eloquence or power of the moment of silence that preceded them because that silence reflects all the voices that have been stilled by war.

Each Memorial Day we pause to remember those who have fallen in the service of our country. Sadly, in the last year we have added hundreds of names to that tragic roll call.

Among those names is that of twenty-six year old Specialist Joseph Carl Norquist, of Oakland, California in my district. Specialist Norquist died in Iraq on October 9, 2003. He was serving in the 588th Engineering Battalion. He died when his convoy came under fire, and he posthumously received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Today, my thoughts and prayers go out to Specialist Norquist's family and friends and to all of those who mourn loved ones that they have lost.

This weekend, we also dedicate the World War II Memorial on the Washington Mall, to honor the service of those veterans, to recognize their tremendous sacrifice, and to shudder to think for a moment about what our world might have been like had they not served.

Mr. Speaker, on Memorial Day, we are especially aware of the terrible costs of war. Let us also then re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of peace so that we can dream of a year when we add no new names to the roster of those who have fallen in battle.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE SALVATION ARMY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Adult Rehabilitation Center of the Salvation Army in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), is a social service organization dedicated to saving people from addiction, dysfunction, poverty, incarceration, and homelessness. It provides support to those who suffer from social and emotional needs and enables them to provide for themselves.

An impressive 600-person turnout at the dedication ceremony on January 29, 1984 re-

vealed both a need and support for the work of the ARC in Northern Virginia.

The ARC provides adequate housing, therapy and employment in an orderly and nourishing environment. ARC focuses on the physical and spiritual needs of participants to facilitate re-entry into society through gainful employment. Frequently those who are rehabilitated experience a normal lifestyle.

ARC is also unique in that its programs are self supporting. Items such as clothing and household items are brought to the salvation centers, repaired and refurbished and then resold to the public in the Salvation Army Thrift Stores.

Finally, ARC does not discriminate based on race, color or religious belief and is open to all men with a treatable handicap. Because of these distinct and honest characteristics, the Salvation Army is very successful. Since its inception ARC has provided an invaluable asset to the Northern Virginia community. Its services are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center of Alexandria on 20 years of successful service. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding their efforts to prepare individuals in body, mind and spirit for active useful roles in society.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY ACEVEDO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute today to Anthony Acevedo. He is a man who has exuded integrity and great character throughout his life, and it gives me no greater pleasure than joining today with family and friends in honoring this great patriot.

Anthony was born in San Bernardino, before moving to Mexico at the age of 13 where he was schooled. His overwhelming feelings of patriotism, however, brought him back to the United States where he registered for the draft and was inducted in August of 1943. As a member of the 70th Division, 275th Regiment, Company B, he was sent to Marseilles, France in December 1944 to fight on the front lines of WWII.

Anthony paid the ultimate price of being a soldier when he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944 and forced to endure unparalleled torture. Yet through it all, he remained proud, determined, and hopeful. Throughout his time serving our Nation, he always exhibited a tremendous passion and a deep resolve to fight for the freedoms that Americans experience on a daily basis. He is truly one of our American heroes.

Today, I am proud to join family and friends in paying tribute to Anthony Acevedo, a true American patriot. His unselfish duty to our country should not be overlooked. He is a symbol of all that we, as Americans, strive to be and I present to him today my steadfast thanks for his service.