

developed hundreds of contacts in Africa, Mr. Cabelly went on to found C/R International. This international consulting firm received \$6 million from Angola from 1996 to 2002 in order to successfully defeat a series of bills for an international oil embargo, according to a Harper's magazine article from March 2004. "While [Mr. Cabelly's firm] served Angola, the government's troops beat and raped civilians, and killed suspected rebel sympathizers," wrote Harper's magazine.

On August 12 of this year, Mr. Cabelly filed with the Foreign Agents Registration Unit at the Department of Justice, reporting a contract with the Government of the Republic of Sudan for \$530,000 per year. The contract lists the agreed representation by Mr. Cabelly for the Government of Sudan as providing "public relations, government relations and strategic counsel as they would relate to implementing the North-South peace agreement, cooperating in the war on terrorism, and addressing other issues."

But make no mistake, Sudan is hiring this firm to help counteract the ongoing worldwide campaign against the government's policy in the Darfur region of the country. This American company is taking money to wage a lobbying war against the hundreds of organizations and more than 130 million Americans who have voiced their concern about the situation in Sudan. While coalition groups work every day to call the world's attention to the regime in Khartoum and its condoning of the action of a violent militia which is raping and killing innocent women, men and children and pillaging villages in Darfur, they might be surprised to learn that one of the Government of Sudan's contract employees is working against it right here in Washington. Just last week there were new reports that the violence in Darfur is growing worse. The Sudan government has not reined in the janjaweed militia.

There is no question about what is occurring in Sudan. Last year the United States clearly stated that genocide is occurring in Darfur. This Congress passed a resolution affirming it. President Bush has called the actions in Darfur as genocide on repeated occasions. The United Nations has referred the case to an international tribunal to investigate war crimes.

I have been involved on Sudan issues for over 15 years. I have traveled to Sudan five times since 1989 with my most recent trip last summer to Darfur. I talked with women who had been raped and families whose members had been murdered. I saw emaciated children, dying from hunger and disease. I have seen with my own eyes bombed schools in Yei and horrific scenes of devastation inflicted upon the people of Sudan by government forces. The war between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Army claimed the lives of over two million people and has left the country in despair. Although the fighting is over in the South and a Comprehensive Peace Agreement awaits implementation, death and destruction at the hands of the government and its proxy militia in Darfur continues unabated.

The United States Government and the United States Congress stands united with the people of Sudan and any lobbyist who walks these halls on behalf of the Government of Sudan is not welcome. The Sudan regime should be spending its money reining in the

Janjaweed, and turning over criminals to the International Criminal Court, not hiring lobbyists to try to improve their image.

We are all aware of the actions of the Government of Sudan and no amount of lobbying will change that.

IN HONOR OF PENNY S. SINCLAIR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, today it gives me great pleasure to recognize Ms. Penny S. Sinclair, Director of Contracting at the Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region, at the Presidio of Monterey, California, for her 31 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

Ms. Sinclair is a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. She began her career as a Clerk Typist in 1971. She became an Acquisition Intern in September 1984 and graduated with honors. Throughout her career she received numerous awards, all reflecting her support for military services and civilian support staff in the highest manner possible.

She was appointed as the Director of Contracting in April 1993, at the time of Fort Ord's Base Realignment and Closure. Throughout this challenging time she dealt with year-end closure pressures, loss of personnel and a variety of emergency requirements with professionalism and superior performance. For this work she received a Special Act or Service Award and later was honored with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Ms. Sinclair was selected to serve on the Base Closure Ceremony team and was given the honor of assisting in the folding of the Fort Ord Parade Field flag for the last time. She returned as Director in 1999, continuing in that capacity until this year.

Ms. Sinclair was a renowned advocate for the installation organizations, its tenants, and the local business community. During her tenure the Presidio of Monterey exceeded its goals to work with small businesses and woman-owned businesses. She habitually sought opportunities to work with the regional Small Business Administration office and the cities on the Monterey Peninsula. Ms. Sinclair continuously encouraged her staff to expand their learning experience through formal and informal training, and made sure that her staff received monetary rewards for excellent performance. Ms. Sinclair personally provided a workplace that allowed employees to grow and have opportunities for promotion within the organization.

Serving as the Project Officer for Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay, Ms. Sinclair did a masterful job working the very difficult support agreements for fire protection services and public works support. She identified and recommended downsizing areas which were inefficient and costly and saved DLIFLC and POM over one million dollars per year.

Mr. Speaker, Penny Sinclair's professionalism, untiring dedication, and personal involvement reflect great credit upon herself, the Army Contracting Agency, and the United States Army. Her contributions to the Army's contracting mission and her unselfish passion for the contracting profession over the past 31

years have earned her the recognition of this body.

RECOGNIZING PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of the schools in my district, Providence High School. The Providence Varsity and Junior Varsity Lacrosse Teams have recently been admitted into the North Carolina High School Lacrosse Association, a prestigious group of schools competing in one of the fastest growing sports in the country. This is a great honor for Providence, because it is the only High School in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System to be admitted to this Association. It also shows the commitment and dedication of the coach, the parents, and the players at Providence.

The coach of the Providence lacrosse team, William Humphrey, does an excellent job with the students. He focuses on teamwork, discipline, and the importance of academics. Due to Coach Humphrey's excellent coaching skills, Providence has had a number of outstanding and successful lacrosse seasons.

The parents are also hugely important to the success of this program. Their commitment to their children and the sport are the reason why the program continues to have success every year. In addition, the students involved in this program should be recognized for their commitment to academics and lacrosse. Each year students on the lacrosse team graduate and go on to many prestigious colleges, many of which have leading lacrosse programs.

I congratulate Providence High School lacrosse team on their achievement of being admitted to the North Carolina High School Lacrosse Association, and I wish them many successful seasons.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in recognizing the South Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, SCFBMIC, on its 50th Anniversary. As its motto—"Helping you is what we do best"—suggests, the South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company has provided a wide range of financial services to the people of our state for half a century.

South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance came along at a time when South Carolina farmers were looking for better options in the way of obtaining good insurance coverage that was also affordable. Recognizing that need, the board members of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation went to work and secured a charter from the South Carolina Secretary of State on December 1, 1955. The result, 5 decades later, is a company that supplies a diversity of insurance products to

South Carolinians from all walks of life. Among some of the services they now provide are, auto, home, and life insurance, as well as financial services such as banking, loans, IRA, and credit cards.

I recall the year 1989 when the South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company faced one of the biggest natural disasters in the history of our state: Hurricane Hugo. The South Carolina Farm Bureau rose to the occasion. It settled some 16,000 claims and paid out more than \$71 million. Then, in 1999, when Hurricane Floyd struck the coast, 90 percent of reported claims were settled within one week, setting a model, if not a record, for expeditious claims management.

Today, the South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company has a presence in every county in the State, which is one reason they are able to provide such timely and quality service. There is a name that folks know and trust. I am proud of their service to our State, and wish them the best as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary and look to the future.

MOURNING THE TRAGIC BUS
CRASH IN OSSEO, WISCONSIN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart. I mourn with the citizens of western Wisconsin as we remember the lives of five people killed in a tragic school bus crash in Osseo, Wisconsin.

On Sunday, October 16, teachers, chaperons and members of the Chippewa Falls High School Marching Band were returning from a marching band championship when their bus struck an overturned tractor-trailer on Interstate 94 outside the city of Eau Claire. The band director, his wife and granddaughter, the bus driver, and a student teacher all were killed in the collision. Additionally, 29 other people were injured in this terrible accident.

Sunday should have been a day of celebration for the Chippewa Falls Community. The Cardinals' routine, "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," earned the school third place in its division at the Wisconsin School Music Association State Marching Band Championships in Whitewater. Instead of excitement over a job well done, the night would end in tragedy. At 2 a.m., the first of four buses carrying more than 200 students and 40 adults struck the overturned trailer on the dark road.

That day Wisconsin lost dedicated secondary education teachers and valued members of our community. The band director, Morgan Greenhalgh, affectionately called "G" by his students, was more than a teacher to them; he was a friend. His pupils said of him that he was able to bring out the best in his students, creating an extended family of those he taught. His peers said he was a wonderful teacher and a role model who will be impossible to replace.

Sadly, Therese Greenhalgh and their granddaughter, Morgan, also were lost in the crash. As was Brandon Atherton, a student teacher. Only 24 years old, Brandon attended the university of Wisconsin Eau Claire. Even at such a young age, he was committed to giving back

to the community. And finally, Paul Rasmus, the bus driver was killed. At 78 years old, he was in the golden years of life. Instead of living a simple life of retirement, he spent his last years in service to the students at Chippewa Falls High School.

There were 29 students and adults who suffered serious injuries as a result of the collision. My heart goes out to all those who were involved in this terrible accident, as well as the families, students, and the community that were effected that terrible morning. On behalf of all the residents of western Wisconsin, each of us shares in your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.

INTRODUCING THE EVACUEES TAX
RELIEF ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2005, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to August of this year, so it is available to Katrina and Rita evacuees.

Having had parts of my district, including my home county, subject to mandatory evacuation because of Hurricane Rita, I have seen firsthand the burdens on those forced to uproot themselves and their families. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVER-
SITY—100 YEARS OF EXCEL-
LENCE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, out on the hot, windy, arid plains of West Texas, where the prairie dog and the coyote make their home, amidst the tumble weeds, is a school that is the oasis of private Christian education and excellence. Celebrating its 100th year, Abilene Christian University, with its over 4000 students and 200 faculty members, has progressed dramatically since its beginning in 1906 as Childress Classical Institute.

Mr. J.W. Childress sold A.B. Barret some land outside Abilene, Texas to start a Christian school. The Church of Christ in Abilene backed the project. Then in 1912, when Jesse P. Sewell became President, the school started using the name Abilene Christian College, or commonly referred to as Abilene Christian.

The school moved its campus in 1929 after receiving money from the city of Abilene and land donated by the people of the city. The new campus permanently moved to the Northeast portion of town, fondly referred to as the Hill. ACC eventually became Abilene Christian University in 1976.

The school has students from all 50 states and 60 foreign countries. ACU is proud to be a liberal arts institution and has excellent programs in Business, Bible and Education. Numerous students go on to receive graduate degrees at ACU and other universities. All four of my kids, Kim, Kara, Kurt, and Kellee Lyn attended ACU.

The school has had tremendous athletic programs and its track program has won National Championships for over 60 years. The purple and white Wildcats are now in NCAA Division II and compete in all major sports.

Having been a student at ACU, the school—affiliated with the Churches of Christ—is a unique experience. The people who are at the University, not just the students, but the teachers and administration are a unique type of people.

Garvin Beauchamp, former head football coach, and then Dean of students, did much for me personally to make me see the importance of making good choices in life—He, like other faculty and staff, routinely has students in his home for informal gatherings, Bar-B-Que, and pizza. Students are taught by professors with very few teaching assistants.

I remember several Political Science classes I took from Dr. Gary Thompson that had 10 students learning politics.

My senior year at ACU, I was president of Galaxy Social Club—similar to Fraternities at other schools. We had an annual big event, a formal banquet, for our club. I drove an old 1962 Chevy Nova SS, more like a hot rod instead of a dating vehicle. And I wanted to borrow a nicer car to impress my date. Being the President of the club, I also needed a vehicle to make a statement at the party. So I went to the office of the President of the University and met with President Don Morris. I candidly told him my dilemma.

Then, I asked him if I could borrow his car because his well recognized Lincoln with license plates ACC-1 was the best car in town.