

largely by liberals who regard the Vietnam and Watergate stories as the great achievements of their profession. The peak of their ambition is to achieve the fame and wealth of great reporters like David Halberstam and Bob Woodward. But this time it was not Republican administration officials who went to prison. It was Judith Miller, then of the New York Times itself.

Interestingly, Bob Woodward himself contradicted Mr. Fitzgerald's statement, made the day that he announced the one indictment he has obtained, of former vice presidential chief of staff Scooter Libby, that Mr. Libby was the first to disclose Ms. Plame's name to a reporter. The press reaction was to turn on Mr. Woodward, who has been covering this administration as a new story rather than as a reprise of Vietnam and Watergate.

Historians may regard it as a curious thing that the left and the press have been so determined to fit current events into templates based on events that occurred 30 to 40 years ago. The people who effectively framed the issues raised by Vietnam and Watergate did something like the opposite; they insisted that Vietnam was not a reprise of World War II or Korea and that Watergate was something different from the operations J. Edgar Hoover conducted for Franklin Roosevelt or John Kennedy. Journalists in the 1940s, '50s and early '60s tended to believe they had a duty to buttress Americans' faith in their leaders and their government. Journalists since Vietnam and Watergate have tended to believe that they have a duty to undermine such faith, especially when the wrong party is in office.

That belief has its perils for journalism, as the Fitzgerald investigation has shown. The peril that the press may find itself in the hot seat, but even more the peril that it will get the story wrong. The visible slaving over the prospect of a Rove indictment is just another item in the list of reasons why the credibility of the "mainstream media" has been plunging. There's also a peril for the political left. Vietnam and Watergate were arguably triumphs for honest reporting. But they were also defeats for America—and for millions of freedom-loving people in the world. They ushered in an era when the political opposition and much of the press have sought not just to defeat administrations but to delegitimize them. The pursuit of Karl Rove by the left and the press has been just the latest episode in the attempted criminalization of political differences. Is there any hope that it might turn out to be the last?

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, as the chairman of the Economic Opportunities Subcommittee under the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I traveled to South Dakota on Sunday, June 18, 2006, to hold a field hearing. Due to the timing of the hearing and return travel, I was unable to participate in votes on Monday, June 19, 2006. I am requesting my absence for this date. I would also like you to note that, should I have been present, I would have voted in the following manner: H.R. 5540—Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office Designation Act, "yes"; H.R. 5504—Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act, "yes"; and H. Res. 826—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives

that a National Youth Sports Week should be established, "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LYME-OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT ROBOTICS TEAM— TECHNO-TICKS

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the members of the Lyme-Old Lyme, Connecticut robotics team known as the Techno-Ticks. They are Team 236 and they represent the Dominion Millstone power station.

Mr. Speaker, the United States leads the world in technology and innovation, but the only way we will maintain our leading edge is if our young people dedicate themselves to the study of science and technology. The motivated and talented students at Old Lyme illustrate that America's dominance in the future is in good hands.

The Techno-Ticks recently participated in the USFIRST robotics competition and they demonstrated great enthusiasm and proficiency. The acronym FIRST stands for: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The FIRST competitions began in 1989 and since then student interest has flourished. The number of teams participating has grown over the years from 28 to more than 1,100. The competition involves designing and constructing a robot and it is an exciting and practical way for young people to discover the remarkable and rewarding world of engineering and research.

These competitions are important. Engineering schools and professional societies have warned that we are not educating enough engineers and scientists. Well, that's not the case in Lyme. I visited their school and I watched the Techno-Ticks in action. They understand teamwork, they understand technology and they understand that everything they are learning today will better prepare them for the world of tomorrow. It will be a world they will help shape.

USFIRST celebrates partnerships between school systems, educators, parents and professionals in the various fields that define technically challenging problems. The students implement solutions under simulated real world pressures of time, money and resources. The teams develop decision making, project management and business skills as they solve realistic technical issues such as how to design, construct and remotely operate robotic devices to perform tasks.

They employ gyroscopic control and barrier recognition and avoidance in order to enable the robot to navigate obstacle courses, climb stairs and ramps and lift or throw objects. They also gain experience by raising money to fund their teams; by learning how to communicate with sponsors, team members and their communities; how to negotiate resource issues, and how to transport a robot and a team thousands of miles to compete in 33 regional competitions and a championship event held annually in Atlanta, Georgia. USFIRST participants learn real world skills.

These students have a passion for learning and are eager to help solve our nations' and

the worlds' most pressing problems. I congratulate the Techno-Ticks on their accomplishments and encourage them to continue to pursue knowledge. The lessons they are mastering today will serve them, and our nation, in the world of tomorrow.

HONORING DORE VAN DYKE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mrs. Dore Van Dyke, an exceptional woman who is retiring after serving 9 years as the executive director of the Attleboro Arts Museum. I am proud to know Mrs. Van Dyke and to salute her many contributions to the arts community in New England.

She took over the museum as executive director in 1997, shortly after it moved from a small stucco house in Capron Park to a much larger facility on Park Street, as part of the Attleboro downtown revitalization project. Mrs. Van Dyke successfully led the museum through an important phase of growth by improving the museum's finances, expanding educational programs and bringing nationally respected exhibits to its gallery. In addition, she increased the museum's visibility and credibility in New England, making it an energetic arts resource and a respected gallery venue.

Without a doubt, Mrs. Van Dyke's dedicated leadership during the museum's period of growth built a sturdy foundation upon which future leaders can continue to flourish. In her retirement, Mrs. Van Dyke plans to return to her own art as a sculptor and venture into new media.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Dore Van Dyke for all she has accomplished and in wishing her the best in her retirement.

ACCOLADES FOR THE 60TH ANNI- VERSARY OF KING ADULYADEJ AS MONARCH OF THAILAND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD, an article from the Washington Times by Sebastian Berger titled, World's royals fete Thailand's King. This article describes the celebration of history's longest-reigning monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. The celebration of this king's reign will last 3 days and has included the biggest reunion of royal heads of state in decades. I would like to join these world leaders in celebration and tribute to King Adulyadej and in recognition of the anniversary of his ascent to the throne.

King Adulyadej's reign of 60 years has outlived many turbulent times in Thailand and his leadership has survived 17 military coups, 23 different prime ministers and 15 constitutions of Thailand. His soft spoken yet effective manner of advocating for issues important to Thailand has won him admiration and affection from all of his people.

Known as the "Developer King" to many, Secretary General Kofi Annan visited the King during the celebrations in order to present him with the United Nations Development Program Award. This award presentation was meant to recognize the King's steadfast devotion for improved living circumstances for the Thai people. He initiated many development projects which, throughout 60 years, have created progress and prosperity for the country. So beloved is this sovereign that he has also been nicknamed the "soul of the nation" by his people.

The King is also well known for his abilities in the artistic field. Because of this, King Adulyadej was granted the title of "Supreme Artist" in recognition of his contributions to art and artists in Thailand. So great was his role that the country established "The Supreme Artist Hall" to commemorate and display the King's work.

His model for sustaining a unified Thailand despite numerous obstacles against progress is a great example for all. With words alone, King Adulyadej ended bloodshed in 1973 and 1992, during times of hostility against military dictatorships. His current appeal for Thai people is a call for unity during a time of national division. Indeed, the entire nation has united in order to pay homage to its beloved ruler and I stand in camaraderie with the Thai people to celebrate and appreciate the example of King Adulyadej.

HONORING DR. JAMES CAMERON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's great heroes, Dr. James Cameron. Dr. Cameron is a living representation of how greatness and truth can overcome the hatred and intolerance of racism.

As a young man, Dr. Cameron lived through the atrocity of being lynched and beaten in front of a mob of 15,000 for a crime he did not commit.

As the only living survivor of a lynching, Dr. Cameron has stood up and served as a reminder of the violence and hatred that can exist within mankind. Too often we seek to ignore such atrocities when writing our history; however, Dr. Cameron has dedicated his life to remind us of our true history.

Dr. Cameron has devoted his life's work to the pursuit and recognition of civil rights. He has revealed to millions of Americans the true account of this Nation's racial injustice through his founding of the American Black Holocaust Museum in 1988.

The American Black Holocaust Museum's straightforward presentations of pervasive racial injustices and violence serve not only to educate but to allow us to reexamine and rethink our own views towards racism.

There are many young people who may not know of or did not experience this period of history. However, it is imperative we recognize our true American history. We cannot develop future policies or laws without knowing or applying the lessons we have learned from the past. It is through work such as Dr. Cameron's that young people can remember the sacrifices and contributions of those who came before them, and find new inspiration to fight for change.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation giving America's seniors a new opportunity to benefit from culturally competent multigenerational programs with our young people. Specifically, many older Americans have limited English proficiency and can face difficulties finding younger individuals with whom to communicate because of language barriers. In addition, multilingual young people can act as a valuable communication resource to help increase awareness for seniors on a range of issues.

I became aware of this issue recently while visiting a site for a supportive senior housing project in my district in San Diego. This supportive housing includes affordable housing for low-income seniors, nutrition services, social services, and mental healthcare. The program is in a culturally diverse neighborhood, and therefore, the people whom this program benefits come from a wide variety of backgrounds and speak many languages. The program staff wants to ensure that the seniors in the neighborhood are aware of the programs available to them, and feel comfortable coming to the senior center to receive those services.

But there are major language and cultural barriers to overcome. In this case, young people in the neighborhood, who speak English and another language, could go out into the community to help increase awareness about the programs, and help seniors navigate the programs—the eligibility requirements, the enrollment process, and other vital information.

Mr. Speaker, not only is it important that we do what we can to give older Americans the opportunity to share their wisdom and experiences with younger generations, it is also important that we give young people the opportunity to work with and help seniors. We know about the joy our seniors experience from visiting with younger folks. We must ensure that all segments of our older population have this opportunity and multigenerational programs are an excellent way for seniors and young people to benefit from each other.

My legislation would amend the Older Americans Act, OAA, to encourage and facilitate regular interaction between seniors with limited English proficiency and students with multilingual skills across the United States. Now that we are on the verge of reauthorizing the OAA, I encourage my colleagues to support action to give all of our seniors the gift of multigenerational activities.

WISHING SUCCESS TO THE JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER, PORTIA SIMPSON-MILLER

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today enter into the RECORD, the inaugural address of the Most Honorable Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller, the newly elected Prime Minister of Jamaica.

In her inauguration speech Ms. Simpson-Miller pledged to advance the human rights and individual liberties of the people of Jamaica. Acknowledging that the duty of the state is to protect the society as a whole, she condemned sacrificing individual liberties in execution of that duty. She promised to stamp out corruption and criminality by working closely with the Minister of National Security as well as the law enforcement community to reduce the high rate of crime in Jamaica and provide greater security for the people.

Pointing out that economic transformation cannot take place without an overhaul of the educational system of Jamaica, Ms. Simpson-Miller pledged to provide access to quality education for youth and children. In light of the high unemployment rate in Jamaica—11.5 percent (2005 estimates)—she promised to create jobs and wealth-earning opportunities for the Jamaican people. She vowed to focus her efforts on developing the communities, strengthening democratic governance, and uplifting the poor.

Ms. Simpson-Miller is a champion of the downtrodden and the dispossessed. She is seen as a symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the poor, underprivileged black people, particularly black women of Jamaica. She has really risen through the ranks of the party, coming from a very, very poor section of Jamaica to the highest elected position in the government. She has asserted her commitment to improving the living standards in the destitute communities in Jamaica.

As the first woman Prime Minister of Jamaica and a leader of the people, Ms. Simpson-Miller represents the hopes and wishes of many. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Simpson-Miller and praying for her success in achieving her goals for her nation.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE HON. PORTIA LUCRETIA SIMPSON-MILLER, MP, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA

I want to begin by recognizing the source of my strength, Almighty God. Let us stand and pray. Almighty God, in the presence of all here attending; in the presence of the people of this land and everyone else sharing this occasion, I do pay homage to you, in acknowledgement that you are the Sovereign and Supreme Lord God in this island and all the world. As I assume the Office of Prime Minister of all Jamaica, I do so Lord, truly conscious that the glory is yours, and the office, an affirmation of my devotion to you and to all the people of this nation. You laid the foundations of the earth. Lord, lay now, I beseech you, the foundations of the Government, that you have graciously enabled me to lead, so that its purpose be firm, its endeavors right, and its accomplishments blessed. Let it be joy to those through whom you dispense it; bless those who will receive it; and glory to you who give it.

Good Lord, let Jamaica find in me, my colleagues, and all who offer governance under our leadership, complete fulfillment of the righteous Government that you have offered to this nation; let it manifest in removal of blight and poverty; the stigma and loss due to crime and violence; let the radiance of it raise a larger assertion of moral strength and rectitude in our public and private sectors. Unite our people with a stronger sense of compassion and love. Use us as the vessel for your purpose, and the people as instruments of your peace, and prosper us that we may know the joy of your presence and experience the pleasure at your right hand. These we ask of you in faith, believing, giving