

earliest days, Cudahy fostered a spirit of volunteerism and public involvement that is very much alive and well today. Modern-day community efforts—including the expansion of the local library, strong support for Cudahy Interfaith and Project Concern, and participation in a wide range of civic organizations—pay tribute to the actions of city founders who dedicated themselves to public service.

With the decline of manufacturing, Cudahy is now focused on redevelopment and identifying new engines for growth. Local leaders have proposed exciting projects and the community is engaging in vigorous debate. I am confident that city residents will continue to draw on their laudable history, carrying on the legacy of the generations that built this community. I am delighted to recognize the City of Cudahy on this occasion, to congratulate its founders and residents on their many accomplishments, and to offer my best wishes for the future.

THE OUTSOURCING OF AMERICA AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in staunch opposition to the outsourcing of American national security. In the current climate, our national security must be paramount and we have an obligation to our constituents to make every effort to protect our homeland. As the Bush Administration recently learned, outsourcing the operations of our ports is a dangerous path and poses serious security concerns and grave implications for the safety of our Nation. Fortunately, the proposed sale of American seaports to Dubai Ports World, the government-owned company based in the United Arab Emirates, appears to have been stopped. But we must remain vigilant to prevent this potentially dangerous outsourcing of America.

The haphazard attitude towards American security policy that was on display in the Dubai Ports debacle, takes America backwards in our fight with terrorists. In a post 9/11 world, handing over management and daily operations to a country that funneled money to the 9/11 hijackers, served as a transfer point of nuclear components to Iran, Libya, and North Korea, and continues to participate in the boycott against Israel, is unwise at best.

In the last few weeks, I received hundreds of emails, letters, and phone calls from extremely alarmed and angry constituents about this transaction. As I meet people all across my district, they are asking, "Is American security for sale?"

It is clear to me that the Administration only gave the Dubai Ports deal a cursory look before approving it in January. We should institute a mandatory review of all foreign transactions that could impact national security, requiring the President to notify Congress; and ensuring that Congress has a role in vetting the proposed foreign takeover. The CFIUS review process is in need of major reform, especially if they intend to take America down this spiraling path.

This controversy also brings to the forefront the enormous concerns that surround port security in our country. Even after 9/11, only six percent of containers entering our ports are screened, and the Administration has failed to develop container security standards. The President's 2007 Budget eliminates port security grants and there are still no minimum security standards for containers entering the United States. Seventy-five percent of our ports do not even have the capacity to screen containers for weapons of mass destruction. We must build a comprehensive port security system that closes these loopholes and strengthens safeguards.

But it should come as no surprise that America has begun to outsource our national security, since we continue to promote policies that encourage businesses to ship jobs overseas. Outsourcing comes with substantial costs to the American public and is reflected in our record trade deficit of 725 billion dollars in 2005.

Hundreds of thousands of American jobs continue to be shipped overseas. From accountants and computer programmers to factory personnel, American workers are losing their jobs because companies are outsourcing their production so they can hire low-wage workers abroad and not have to follow meaningful labor laws or environmental protections.

Manufacturing has been particularly hard hit. My district has lost thousands and thousands of manufacturing jobs, and the losses continue. These are good-paying jobs that have built the middle class in our country, the middle class which is the backbone of America. Some say that these job losses are insignificant because these are old industries that should be allowed to disappear in America. I could not disagree more. We must act now to help manufacturers keep jobs in this country. When these jobs are lost, not only do families suffer, but our national security suffers because we lose the ability to manufacture goods that are critical to the defense of our country.

Today, many companies that ship jobs to other countries receive federal tax breaks. This means that the current tax code actually encourages companies to move their production centers out of the U.S. to cut costs. We must end these tax breaks and instead cut taxes for companies that keep American jobs here in the U.S. These cuts will encourage companies to maintain factories and preserve jobs here, and give them the capital they need to grow and fuel our economy.

Mr. Speaker, first it was manufacturing, then high tech, and now our security that is being sold to the highest bidder. We cannot allow this to continue. We must protect America's families by defending our national security and preserving and growing American jobs. America must not be sold out.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAURIE RICHARDSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor Laurie Richardson, who is the recipient of the 2006 Nevada Mother of the Year Award.

At an early age, Laurie found that she had a gift for advocating for children. After marrying her sweetheart Sullivan Richardson, Laurie opened her heart and home to abused and neglected children as a foster parent, of which she adopted four. She also gave birth to three children of her own.

Active in church programs, Laurie helped her children develop talents in music and sports, and encouraged their community involvement while serving as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, leading to her son earning his Eagle Scout Award. She has organized several mother support groups, volunteered for PTA, and led many service opportunities.

While raising special-needs children, Laurie helped communities and schools recognize the unique needs of children with academic, social, and emotional problems. For twenty-nine years, Laurie has voluntarily advocated for children within school districts, taught parenting classes and represented abused children in court.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Laurie Richardson on the floor of the House today. She is an outstanding example to all parents and I commend her for her service to the communities and children of Nevada.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Chairman, during rollcall vote No. 43 on the Gilchrest amendment to H.R. 4939, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN HAWTHORNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Ann Hawthorne, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Born, raised and entirely educated in the state of New York, Mary Ann Hawthorne has found a unique way to give back to her state's education system. Ms. Hawthorne earned her Bachelors in Education from Bernard Baruch College in New York City in 1972. During her first two years as a teacher, Ms. Hawthorne simultaneously worked her way through Graduate school and earned a Masters in Business Education from Long Island University. Four years later, Ms. Hawthorne received her Professional Diploma and Masters of Science in Administration and Supervision of Education.

Deeply committed to the education of New York's youth, Ms. Hawthorne worked as a teacher, an Assistant Principal, and a Principal. Today, Ms. Hawthorne is the Community Superintendent for District 11, as well as Local Instructional Superintendent for Region 2. Ms. Hawthorne has acted as a wonderful role model to children and fellow educators alike.

Ms. Hawthorne's achievements in education are endless. In September 2001, Ms. Hawthorne was selected by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to serve as an Assessor for new principals. In January 2003, President Bush and Secretary of Education Rod Paige honored Ms. Hawthorne at The White House upon her selection as one of the top eight principals in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Hawthorne is a product of the New York education system and a true inspiration to the community around her. She continues to work to improve education in New York and for that I ask that we recognize and give thanks to Mary Ann Hawthorne for her wonderful contribution to our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Hawthorne selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Mary Ann Hawthorne for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR AS OFFERED BY TERRY C. PLAUCH OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, last week one of my constituents, Terry C. Plauch, submitted a letter to the Mobile Register offering a theory regarding Vice President Cheney's recent hunting accident.

Conspiracy theories are not new to Washington, D.C. From the conspiracies surrounding the assassinations of both Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, to the Watergate break-in, almost every event in this town elicits its own conspiracy theory. Today, I rise to ask that this letter be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in its entirety for I believe Terry Plauch may be on to something:

Some facts on the Cheney conspiracy:

I have been fascinated with the conspiracy theories about the recent Dick Cheney hunting incident. Although I thought most of them foolish, I decided to find out if any were valid.

After careful research, I have discovered some interesting facts the media either didn't learn or were too scared to report. It turns out these facts prove that conspiracy was involved in the Texas story.

The first fact relates to the prey involved. I found that the birds being hunted, quail and pheasant, have strong political histories. It is no coincidence "quail" just happens to sound like the name of the first Bush vice president, Dan Quayle. And what was one of the main topics the media criticized Bush/Quayle about? They were deaf to the poor, the downtrodden. In other words, the peasants.

It is no coincidence that "peasant" sounds like "pheasant." In fact, the words are only one "h" away from each other. And what is the difference between President George W. Bush and his father, George H.W. Bush? It is a single "h," although capitalized. A happenstance? I think not.

Another interesting fact is that Cheney used a 20-gauge shotgun instead of the more common 12-gauge. So what? It is no coincidence that the difference between the two

gauges is eight, the number of years Bush and Cheney will be in office. A happenstance? I think not.

I have therefore concluded from my research that the shooting was self-defense. Here's what happened: Cheney's intelligence brief stated that birds fly as their primary means of transportation. Knowing that they had to fly to get to the ranch where the hunt was scheduled, Mr. Cheney concluded that the birds flew to the ranch. Now, "flew" sounds like "flu." That's right, the deadly Asian bird flu.

The vice president, former head of Halliburton, knew that if the birds recognized him, they would attack, trying to get revenge for their name sounding like Dan Quayle's. He would then be infected. So when he saw the birds, the self-preservation reflex took over, I and he started shooting anything that flew his way. His lawyer friend, however, started shooting the birds just for a meal. And in his hunger, he stepped into Cheney's arc of fire and became the victim. So Cheney protected himself, and his friend missed lunch.

In conclusion, I must mention the fact that Dick Cheney ran Halliburton. It is no coincidence that the two people the company was named for, Halle Berry and Richard Burton, have ties to the vice president.

Halle Berry played Catwoman in the movies. Cats, as you know, are sworn enemies of birds, both quail and pheasant.

And Richard Burton was married to Elizabeth Taylor. So what? Well, Vice President Dick Cheney happens to be the only person of his generation in the United States who has not been married to Elizabeth Taylor.

A happenstance? I think not.

TERRY C. PLAUCH.

RECOGNIZING THE LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS OREGON 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Lake Oswego High School boys' basketball team as Oregon State 4A champions. Capping a storybook season, the Lakers brought home the state title for the first time ever.

The Lakers started strong this season, and never let up. They won 26 games to only 3 losses and were ranked No. 2 going into the championship game on Saturday, where they faced off against the No. 1 South Medford Panthers. Like every good championship game, this one came down to the final seconds with Lake Oswego winning 59-57.

This successful season for the Lakers was more than just the sum of their skill and talent. The team and coaches played all year with heart, desire, and the confidence that they could win it all. Congratulations to Coach Mark Shoff, the players, their families and friends, and the community who cheered them on throughout the season. I am proud to represent this team and its supporters in Congress, and will close with this:

Go Lakers!

HONORING DICK KAY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of my friend, Mr. Dick Kay, political editor, and host of the news show "City Desk." Mr. Kay will retire in June, 2006, with the honor of having been the longest-serving reporter in the history of Chicago's WMAQ-Channel 5 TV.

With 46 years in the business, Dick Kay has unparalleled political experience, knowledge and perspective. He arrived at WMAQ-Channel 5 in 1968, initially working as a writer/producer but soon switching to reporting. He later became their political editor as well as the host of "City Desk," the Sunday morning public service program.

Over the years, Dick Kay has interviewed mayors, governors, Congressmen, Senators, and countless other public leaders. Viewers have come to rely on his thoughtful yet fearless approach to covering politics and public policy.

Dick Kay's hard work and insightful reporting have been recognized by numerous awards over the years. Among others, Dick has received a Peabody Award—the highest honor in TV broadcasting—as well as 11 Emmys, a National Headliner award, and a Jacob Scher award for investigative reporting. In 2001, he was inducted into the Television Academy's Silver Circle Hall of Fame, which honors those who have made major contributions to Chicago broadcasting for 25 years or more.

In addition to his work as a reporter and editor, Dick was the long-time president of the local unit of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. In this capacity, Dick successfully persuaded Illinois legislators to ensure that on-air employees had the freedom to move to competing stations.

I am sure Dick's wife, children and grandchildren will be glad to enjoy more time with him. The rest of us will miss his hard-hitting investigative work, insightful commentary, and engaging Sunday morning discussions.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dick and his family the best of luck during his retirement and throughout his future endeavors. Political reporting in Chicago will not be the same without Dick Kay, dean of Chicago political reporters.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAY W. JEFFERS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay W. Jeffers for his career as a teacher. Jay will be honored next week on Tuesday, March 21, at the dedication of Jay W. Jeffers Elementary School, which is named in his honor.

Born in Milford, UT, on May 7, 1921, he grew up along the railroad, the son of a locomotive engineer. In 1939, he graduated from Milford High School where he participated in extracurricular activities such as the yearbook,