

feathers of his Akali bosses. The recent call for a boycott was not what Vedanti wanted—as evidenced by his silence at the meeting—instead pressure from Jathedar Balwant Singh Nandgarh and the Sikh Sangat left him no other option. Observers predict ultimately it would be the Sikh Sangat that will rise up against the onslaught of derawaad that has been flourishing in Punjab under the Akali administration. Photos such as the above should be ample proof for the agitating Sikh Sangat which side of the fence the Akalis and their puppet Jathedars are really standing on.

HONORING COLONEL KATHLEEN M. SPENCER ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Kathleen M. Spencer, a soldier who has served her country with honor and distinction. Colonel Spencer is retiring at the end of this month following 30 years in the United States military.

First commissioned in the U.S. Air Force on June 23, 1977, Colonel Kathleen M. Spencer received her B.S., cum laude, from the University of Massachusetts. Upon her entry into the Air Force, she was commissioned a munitions officer.

Colonel Spencer served honorably in 16 different assignments throughout the United States, including a 3-year stint in Germany. She will complete her military career as the Chief of Munitions at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii.

During her career, Colonel Spencer served as a munitions maintenance officer and supervisor, as a munitions staff officer and an instructor to Squadron Officer School. She has also held multiple commander positions, served as a military assistant to the Executive Secretary in the Pentagon, as a chief of logistics, and deputy director.

Retiring with numerous decorations for her years of service, Colonel Spencer is especially proud of her Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, her Air Force Commendation medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, it is service members like Colonel Spencer who help make our military the finest fighting force in the world. This Congress congratulates Colonel Spencer on her retirement and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING STEPHEN E. MILLARD

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Stephen E. Millard, who passed away on Saturday, May 19th, 2007, and to offer his family and friends my sympathies as they grieve and reflect on their time spent with him. In his passing, Steve leaves us all with occasion to consider our

own pursuits of integrity and honesty as we remember a life distinguished by both.

Steve Millard came to Colorado's Second Congressional District late in life and, at the age of 40, began a career in professional journalism with the Boulder Daily Camera. In a fairly quick manner Steve transitioned to the editorial staff of the paper and then to a well-suited perch as the editorial-page editor, which is perhaps the professional position for which he will be best remembered. Steve's editorial writing was remarkable not only for its deep well of knowledge and insight, but also for its adherence to logic and restraint. His arguments were the results of intellectual curiosity and clear thinking, not the pursuit of a political agenda. Steve chose to provoke thought with reason and forceful writing which, in a time of increased media and political sensationalism, is a sobering reminder of the public trust held in our journalists and public servants.

As his family reminds us in a May 22 eulogy in the Boulder Daily Camera, Steve Millard lived his life by those same terms, setting an example of integrity, honesty, and intellectual curiosity for those who had the pleasure of knowing him. For members of the Boulder community and readers of the Boulder Daily Camera, he reminds us of the importance of engaging in issues as an informed, thoughtful citizen. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I hope my colleagues will join me in praising Stephen Millard's example and recognizing his contribution to the public discourse.

CONGRATULATING CASEY LEEK

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Casey Leek. Ms. Leek is a student of anthropology and a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Leek and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ELENI P. KALISCH

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the exceptional work of Eleni P. Kalisch at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It has come to my attention that she will be stepping down as assistant director of the Office of Congressional Affairs and I want to take this opportunity to rec-

ognize her leadership within the FBI, and dedication to her work with the Science-State-Justice-Commerce (SSJC) Appropriations subcommittee, which I chaired during the 109th Congress.

FBI Director Robert Mueller recently stated that Eleni "has been directly involved in every issue facing the FBI over the past five years. . ." and that "as an advocate for the FBI and its mission, Eleni's abilities and professionalism have earned her the respect of both lawmakers and colleagues." I could not agree more with Director Mueller. Eleni worked with the SSJC subcommittee not only to increase resources for the FBI, but to help transform the FBI from an organization focused on arresting criminals to one focused on terrorism prevention after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that forever changed America. Eleni's public service deserves to be recognized.

During her tenure as assistant director of Congressional Affairs the FBI received funding from Congress to establish more than 100 joint terrorism task forces; increase the number of translators by 82 percent, including a 284 percent increase in Arabic translators since FY 2001; enhance the FBI's capability to communicate classified information with the intelligence community and state and local law enforcement; increase the number of legal attaché offices from 44 to 57; increase training for new agents to include classes on terrorism investigation techniques; establish field intelligence groups in every field office, and hire thousands of new agents and analysts.

While I was chairman, we also conducted vigorous oversight of the FBI and Eleni was cooperative and essential in preparatory work to help facilitate FBI transformation hearings each year in addition to the annual budget hearings. Her professionalism and willingness to ensure that the committee had all appropriate information was superior. I also want to recognize Eleni's work with Congress to help enact the PATRIOT Act Reauthorization and Intelligence Reform acts.

In short, Eleni has been a great asset to the FBI, has served the director well, and been an excellent resource for Congress. I wish Eleni the best in her future endeavors and ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Eleni for her hard work and dedication.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY J. CRADDOCK, MARGUERITE GABRIELE, JESSICA E. SHAY, AND AVI M. WOLFSON AS THE RECIPIENTS OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the accomplishments of Timothy J. Craddock, Marguerite Gabriele, Jessica E. Shay, and Avi M. Wolfson as the recipients of this year's Undergraduate Research Fellowships at the University of Texas at Austin. They have been selected to receive scholarships to pursue research in their respective areas of interest.

The University of Texas in Austin offers financial support for students who undertake

scholarly research projects through Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Since its inception in 1996, the fellowship has remained committed to enriching academic experiences by providing 236 students with over \$200,000 over the past 10 years to support efforts in their area of study.

After competing in a rigorous application process that included resume submissions, itemized budget proposals, and faculty recommendations, these four outstanding students from the 32nd District of Texas were selected. They were chosen with the anticipation that their efforts would assist in future studies of the field and contribute to the researchers' disciplines. The high caliber of these students' achievements is truly impressive and for that I wish to acknowledge them to my congressional colleagues.

It is my honor to recognize these students. The people of the 32nd District of Texas are proud of their successes. I wish the recipients the best of luck in both present and future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSE LUIS FLORES, SR., 1922-2007

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the passing of a distinguished Texan and member of the San Antonio community, Mr. Jose Luis Flores, Sr. Mr. Flores passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at the age of 84. He was a friend, a husband, a father, and an inspiration to many in San Antonio, and he will be missed.

Mr. Flores's life was devoted to service to both his community and our country. He was an active parishioner of his church for 47 years, worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others by serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and courageously served our nation during the Second World War. For these reasons, we'll forever be grateful for all that he did on behalf of others, and San Antonio will deeply miss one of its native sons.

His life of service epitomizes the word "American." He gave back to his community and served his country to the best of his ability with the hope that he could better the lives of others. His life and legacy provide a great example for all that we as a Nation to strive to accomplish, and he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

HONORING CITY TILE AND FLOOR COVERING COMPANY'S 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doug Young and City Tile and Floor Covering Company on its 50th anniversary. The Murfreesboro, Tennessee, store began with fewer than five staff and now has about 20 employees and 30 subcontractors.

Doug's father, Andrew Young, was a partner in the business and brought Doug in as a partner shortly before he passed away. In 1978, after college and a tour in the U.S. Army, Doug became the sole proprietor of the business while in his late 20s.

Today, Doug's son, Andrew; brother, Rule; and son-in-law, Jerry Clark, are future partners-in-training. Doug says the tremendous amount of trust that exists in having a family business is the way to go. That trust exists not only inside the business, but also for City Tile and Floor Covering Company customers, as well. Doug's family has provided any type of flooring you can imagine for current generations, their parents and grandparents.

Doug lived down the street from me as we were growing up, so I have had the opportunity to watch and admire as Doug has developed his business and raised his family. Doug, I wish you and your family business many more happy milestones.

CONGRATULATING AMY KUENKER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Amy Kuenker of the College of William and Mary. Ms. Kuenker is a teaching student and a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Kuenker and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO ANDREW R. RENEAU

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and work of Mr. Andrew Reneau, a highly-respected and deeply principled Milwaukee attorney and Family Court Commissioner. Mr. Reneau died on May 6, 2007, at the age of 90.

Andrew R. Reneau was one of two African Americans to graduate from the University of Wisconsin in 1942. Upon graduation, the only work he could find was as a metal chipper at the Allis Chalmers foundry. After sustaining a serious eye injury, Mr. Reneau went back to school. A coin toss determined whether Mr. Reneau should become a mortician or go to law school. In 1946, Andrew Reneau earned a law degree and was the only African American in his Marquette University graduating class.

Mr. Reneau began a successful private law practice serving people from all over the city, conversing both in Polish and Italian with his clients. In 1976, Reneau became an Assistant Family Court Commissioner. He was named the first African American Family Court Commissioner in 1978, serving until his retirement in 1995. Andrew Reneau was a NAACP chapter president, the first editor of The Globe newspaper, and was active with the Boy Scouts of America Council and the YMCA. He was a founding member of St. James United Methodist Church and involved in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A proud graduate of UW and Marquette, he lectured on family law at both law schools.

The grandson of slaves, he was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi in 1916, the youngest of eight children. The family moved to Beloit, WI, when he was 2 seeking better opportunities. Due to ill health, Mr. Reneau was unable to attend grade school for several years thus delaying graduation from high school until age 21.

Mr. Reneau met the former Phyllis Cabell at a church convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and they were married after he graduated from UW. Phyllis Reneau supported the family by working at a foundry while he attended law school. Phyllis Reneau passed away in 1995. Reneau family survivors include sons David, Paul, Joseph, and Peter; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, in Andrew Reneau's death Milwaukee has experienced a profound loss. Today, I thank him and his family for their immeasurable achievements, I mourn his loss and I salute his legacy.

FREEDOM FOR NORMANDO HERNÁNDEZ GONZÁLEZ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform Congress about Normando Hernández González, a valiant prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Hernández, an independent journalist and the director of the Camagüey College of Independent Journalists in Cuba, has been a chronicler of truth amid the lies and deceit of the Cuban totalitarian regime. Because he is a journalist who exposed the deplorable conditions, ruthless repression and failed policies of the totalitarian tyranny, Castro's thugs have continuously harassed Mr. Hernández. He has been detained and released miles from his home on various occasions and his telephone service has been cut off since June 15, 2002. In Cuba, men and women who seek truth or freedom are considered enemies of the state.

In March 2003, as part of the tyrant's heinous island wide crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Hernández was arrested by the tyranny. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 25 years in the totalitarian gulag, for the crime of preparing reports, in which he attacked the health system, and the education provided in this country, questioned the justice system, tourism, culture, agriculture. Following his incarceration, Mr. Hernández has been kept in solitary confinement and allowed only