

Lundy himself ordered the killing of a senior Ministry of Interior official shortly after the coup. Lundy was never investigated for the killing.

Hok Lundy has been deeply implicated in those events and many other abuses, including drug trafficking allegations confirmed by our own DEA. But last year the FBI gave him an award for cooperating in counterterrorism efforts, the U.S. Ambassador praised him, and the FBI has now invited him here for discussions on bilateral cooperation.

In a 2004 Proclamation, the President unambiguously stated that foreign officials suspected of involvement in corrupt activities should be barred from entry. This clearly should apply to Hok Lundy. In addition, in 2006, the Trafficking in Persons office of the State Department overruled other offices and agencies and denied Hok Lundy a visa based on credible allegations that he had helped free human traffickers.

Madam Speaker, we are well aware that the war on terrorism entails dealing with some questionable characters. But it is my hope that should those characters prove to be guilty of abuses and crimes they at a minimum be barred from coming to the United States, and at a maximum be investigated by the FBI and other relevant agencies. But we should not be giving recognition to a man who has arguably done more to undermine American aspirations for Cambodia—to bring that battered country peace, justice, and a rights respecting government—than almost anyone else. It is counterproductive, hypocritical, and downright dumb to pursue such cooperation with someone with a demonstrated track record of terrorism, not someone who fights it.

Neither the State Department nor the FBI has articulated why they think Hok Lundy is a credible, reliable partner. To fall back, as the State Department's spokesperson did yesterday, on lame procedural rhetoric—that there is “no legal bar to denying him a visa”—or on some spurious administrative need—an unexplained “policy need” to attend “some meetings”—is a gross insult not only to the people of Cambodia but also the people of America. I believe the State Department and FBI must explain themselves—and that the visa should be revoked immediately.

EULOGY OF CORPORAL MARK
KIDD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I am here today with my colleague Mike Rogers to extend our sincerest gratitude to Cpl Mark Kidd—a son, grandson, brother, Marine and American—for his service to our nation, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. As a friend of the family it is very difficult for us to try to serve the dual roles that, in many ways, you helped give us on this sorrowful day.

Mark, as we all know, grew up cradled in the arms of his loved ones and strengthened here in the cradle of liberty. When he was called to serve he served in the defense of his nation, not by oppressing his fellow human beings in foreign lands, but by bringing eman-

icipation to them so that they, too, could yearn to breathe free. It is in such a way of service to our fellow human beings that we honor not only our nation, but more importantly, we honor the universal spirit of a loving God who created us all. Thus, it is important that we remember, even as we grieve today, how we are all frail ephemeral human beings, groping through this veil of tears toward the infinite eternal perfection of the loving God, who created and awaits us all. It is a daunting calling, then, that we must answer; to strive, suffer and serve on behalf of our fellow human beings,

But Mark was not daunted, Mark accepted this challenge and he devotedly, courageously, and honorably strove to help free an entire people. Now he is cradled in the arms of our loving God and, no doubt, having not slumbered through this earthly life he may truly say with joyous rapture; now God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour and caught our youth and wakened us from sleeping.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, Cpl Mark Kidd—beloved son, grandson, brother, Marine, American.

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY RAPERT

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Johnny Rapert of Hope, Arkansas, who passed away March 31, 2007.

Throughout his years of service to his community, to his students at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, and to the state of Arkansas, Johnny was a leader and an inspiration to many. His dedicated commitment to making his beloved state of Arkansas a better place to live was evident in everything he did.

Johnny was a former Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope and a former Arkansas State Representative. He was a devoted family man and a model civic leader. He was recognized as the 1996 Hope-Hempstead County Citizen of the Year and was a member of the Unity Baptist Church of Hope, the Lions Club and was a Gideon—all of which embodied his steadfast service and his dedication to giving back.

I send my deepest condolences to his wife, Pat; his sons Daniel Rapert of San Antonio, TX, Rick Dollins of Pochontas, AR, Robert “Bobby” Dollins of Pochontas, AR, and Michael Dollins of Granite City, IL; his daughters Debbie Yen of Memphis, TN, Patty Harrod of Strong, AR, Connie Zimmer of Hope, AR, and Donna Ragan of Pochontas, AR; his sister Rita Jackson of St. Louis, MO, and his 16 grandchildren.

Johnny will be missed by his family, his church, his community and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I will continue to keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GLENN
CHRISTENSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Glenn Christenson, who, retired on March 30, 2007, after serving as chief financial officer of Station Casinos for 17 years.

During his time as CFO of Station Casinos, Glenn was instrumental in helping the company dramatically increase its holdings and develop into an important gaming company. When Glenn joined Station Casinos the company held one casino. After 17 years of Glenn's guidance and leadership, the company now holds 16 casinos in southern Nevada and an American Indian casino in northern California.

For his efforts with Station Casinos, Glenn has been recognized as the Top Chief Financial Officer in gaming and lodging the past 2 years by Institutional Investor Magazine. He was also named to the Nevada Society of CPAs Hall of Fame for Business and Industry in 2001 and was recognized as one of the Most Influential Businessmen in southern Nevada by In Business magazine in 2002.

Glenn is very much involved with a number of important civic organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Board of Directors of the National Center for Responsible Gaming, the Board of Directors of Problem Gaming Consultants, the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Development Authority, the Board of Directors of the Nevada State College, the Board of Directors of Nevada Community Bancorp, and is an advisor to the UNLV Business School.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Glenn Christenson. His contributions to the Las Vegas business and civic communities are commendable and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES KOSSLER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Kossler. Dr. Kossler has served the community for more than 40 years in education. During this time, he devoted 19 years to Pasadena City College (PCC), 12 of which he served as President. Dr. Kossler has dedicated himself to the promotion of student success and educational achievement.

Raised in Lynwood, California, Dr. Kossler received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and english from Saint John's College, California, and later earned a baccalaureate in theology and canon law from Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. He then obtained his Master of Science degree in school management, and his Doctor of Education degree in institutional management from Pepperdine University.

Dr. Kossler taught at numerous high schools in the Los Angeles area and also held positions at East Los Angeles College, the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, and Long Beach City College before serving as Vice President of PCC in 1988. Since then, he has served as a member of the Chancellor's Task Force on the Community College Budget, the State Commission on Athletics, and the Community College League's Commission on Legislation and Finance. Along with his involvement in education, Dr. Kossler is also an active member in the Rotary Club of Pasadena, the Pasadena Senior Center, and the YWCA.

In October 1995, the Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Kossler as the 10th President of PCC. Throughout his 12-year tenure as President, he advocated a vision that PCC would be a learning-centered institution that focused on improving the performance standards for students. Dr. Kossler aspired to increase the success of students in the completion of courses, number of degrees and certificates awarded, and the number of students transferring to 4-year institutions.

I ask all Members to join with me in congratulating Dr. James Kossler for his dedicated service and commitment to the promotion of education. I am sure that each person positively affected by Dr. Kossler's service will also join me in wishing him much joy in the years to come and thank him for his time, his energy, and his efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that had I been present for the votes on H.R. 1677, the Taxpayer Protection Act, and H. Res. 196, supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, I would have voted in the affirmative for both bills. I was unable to vote for H.R. 1677 and H. Res. 196 because I was in an important meeting with constituents from Minnesota.

CELEBRATING WYNDMOOR HOSE CO. NO. 1'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Wyndmoor Hose Company No.1 in Springfield Township, PA on celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Since 1907, volunteer firefighters have contributed their time, expertise, and in some cases, lives, to aid members of the Springfield community and surrounding areas. I am honored to represent them in Congress.

In Philadelphia 271 years ago, Benjamin Franklin started the first fire department in America. Franklin's brigade, comprised entirely of volunteers, was dedicated to looking out for

their neighbors. Today volunteers constitute 73 percent of all firefighters nationwide, and Franklin's proud tradition of volunteerism is being continued by the brave men and women of Wyndmoor Hose Company just a few miles from where it began.

This fire company began as an in-house fire brigade for the Nelson Valve Company. Over the years it evolved from tin hats and push carts to a Company of highly trained and motivated individuals who have used their training in basic life support, firefighting, rescue, and hazardous materials containment to serve the public good everywhere from their own streets to Ground Zero in New York City after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

In the densely populated region of Southeastern, P A, the Wyndmoor Hose Company protects residential areas, commercial businesses, professional offices, and industrial plants, including the United States Department of Agricultural research facility, and most importantly the lives of the residents of Pennsylvania's 13th District. As part of these efforts, Wyndmoor has also established an excellent reputation for conducting educational programming to teach children and families the importance of fire safety.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate all of the volunteers of the Wyndmoor Hose Company for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. I look forward to continuing our work together and ensuring another 100 years of success, safety and security.

COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association on the auspicious occasion of the 85th Anniversary of its founding. For nearly a century, AHEPA has been a leading organization of Greek-Americans, today representing 1.3 million individuals.

On July 26, 1922 AHEPA was formed by eight visionary Greek immigrants to unite their community against discrimination, denigration, and violence perpetrated by hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

From its modest origins, AHEPA has grown into a bastion of philanthropy, education, humanitarianism, and family life. Its members are patriotic, civic-minded Americans enriched with a deep respect and admiration for the heritage and culture of their homeland, Greece, the cradle of democracy. Their members have served bravely in the armed forces, worked diligently in civilian life, and been elected to every level of American government.

Each year, AHEPA contributes more than two million dollars for scholarships, medical research grants, and other charitable causes. Since the 1940s, when its health centers first opened their doors, AHEPA has become a world-class benefactor of improved health care. From the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, which issues grants to medical researchers to

find a cure for the disease to the Bone Marrow Registry, established to help match those in need of marrow with compatible donors, Americans enjoy superior medical facilities and treatment thanks in part to AHEPA's assiduous efforts.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to the entire AHEPA family, including the Daughters of Penelope, the Sons of Pericles, the Maids of Athena, and AHEPA's chapters in Canada and Australia. May their next 85 years be as productive and inspiring as the last.

CONGRATULATING THE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AT THE COLONY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the girls soccer team at The Colony High School on winning the class 4A Girls Soccer State Championship.

The Cougars of The Colony High School defeated Friendship High School by a score of 1-0 to win the class 4A Girls Soccer State Championship on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Junior midfielder Amanda Fancher scored the winning goal on a 22-yard free kick near the end of the first half. Amanda was also named the championship game's most valuable player.

The Colony finished the season with a record of 23-3-4, including shutouts in 11 of their final 12 games. The team has also beaten every soccer record ever set by the school.

I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations to coach Nicole Jund, the team, the parents and all students of The Colony High School for their great achievement. I wish them success in the future, and I am very proud to have them in the 26th District of Texas.

THE PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce "The Patent Reform Act of 2007", a product of both bicameral and bipartisan effort to reform the patent system to meet the challenges of the 21st century. I would especially like to thank Senator LEAHY for his dedication to addressing many of the inadequacies in our current patent system. Furthermore, I appreciate my past and present partners in this area—especially Congressman RICK BOUCHER, with whom I've worked closely to increase patent quality for the past several years, and Congressman LAMAR SMITH, who championed this issue last Congress.

Introduction of this legislation follows a number of recent judicial opinions and many hearings conducted over the past several years by the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property which ascertained that the current patent system is flawed. Over the last 5 years, there have been numerous attempts to define the