

AMAVEX, a group of Venezuelan exiles who work, along with more than thirty non-profit organizations, in support of the "Bring Chavez to Justice" campaign. This campaign aims to highlight the troubling associations between Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez and the Marxist-terrorist group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC.

The FARC has been listed as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States government since 2001. Between 1996 and January 2008, the FARC kidnapped 6,877 people including three U.S. citizens who were recently liberated by the valiant efforts of Colombia's government. Mark Gonsalves, an American contractor kidnapped and held by the FARC for more than five years, described his ordeal at the hands of his captors and declared that the FARC are "terrorists with a capital T."

Chavez supports the FARC unashamedly proclaims his admiration for this violent terrorist group. He described the FARC in January 2008 as "a real army." While his praise is sometimes peppered with halfhearted criticisms of the FARC's narco-trafficking, kidnappings, and violence, his actions betray his true intentions. He welcomes the FARC to conduct operations along Venezuela's border with Colombia and does nothing to cooperate with Colombia and the U.S. to combat the terrorist group's drug trafficking within its borders.

The computers and evidence that came from the raid that killed the FARC's second in command, Raul Reyes, also resulted in the discovery of evidence showing FARC-Chavez associations. Seized computer files reveal high level connections between the FARC and senior officials in the Chavez administration. These files, authenticated by INTERPOL, reveal hundreds of millions of dollars in payments from the Venezuelan government to the FARC. And, as recently as June of this year, Colombian officials captured four men, one who was a sergeant in Venezuela's national guard, for transporting 40,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition to the FARC in Colombia.

It is often said that one can judge a person by the company he keeps. In this context, we should all take note that just last Thursday, while Americans observed the anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Chavez rejected all semblance of solidarity with the U.S. and our battle against terrorism by expelling the U.S. ambassador from Caracas. Chavez chooses the company of terrorists, drug traffickers, kidnappers and murderers, and severs diplomatic ties with the U.S. Chavez is a dictator who harbors terrorists.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of AMAVEX and the efforts of all Venezuelans to bring the terrorist associations of dictator Hugo Chavez to the world's attention.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL McNULTY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congressman MICHAEL McNULTY on the occasion of his retirement from Congress and also to wish him a happy birthday. For 20 years, MIKE has

represented New York in the House of Representatives, now in the 21st District. For nearly 40 years, MIKE has served in public office at the local, state, and national level. This Congress, MIKE announced that he would not seek an 11th term in the House.

MIKE has had an impressive career. He first served as Town Supervisor of Green Island, New York at only 22 years old. He was subsequently elected Mayor of Green Island and then to the New York State Assembly. MIKE was elected to Congress in 1988 and has been known for his honesty and integrity. He has served on a number of important committees, including the Armed Services Committee, the Executive Committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and the Ways and Means Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security. He has traveled to all seven continents.

While MIKE's service to his community and nation has been meritorious and incredibly valuable, what I have always admired most about him is the way he has gone about doing his job here in Congress. Among his colleagues, MIKE has often been referred to as "the Quiet Gentleman" due to the manner in which he does business. MIKE has managed to be an effective and fair legislator while treating people with respect and acting with dignity, which is no small feat in Washington. MIKE has always stayed above the fray and shunned the kind of partisan bickering that is far too often associated with the work of Congress.

MIKE is universally admired by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle and has served this body with distinction and I know that I speak for all Members the U.S. House of Representatives when I say that we are honored to have served with him.

I want to join MIKE's wife Nancy, his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him today on his impressive career and wishing him well. The United States of America owes a debt of gratitude to MICHAEL McNULTY for the public service he provided. We will miss him from the New York delegation and from the Congress as a whole. We wish him good luck in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAIRY AND SHEEP H-2A VISA ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2008 (H.R. 6885)

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, on September 11, 2008, I introduced legislation, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008 (H.R. 6885), which is designed to ensure that American dairy farmers and sheep ranchers can legally hire the employees they need. Very simply, it would provide dairy farmers with access to the H-2A visa program and codify longstanding regulatory practices that currently allow sheepherders such access.

As I have previously mentioned, one cannot overstate the importance of the dairy industry to the United States economy. In 2007 alone, nearly 60,000 commercial dairy farmers produced 185 billion pounds of milk worth \$35.5 billion. This generated more than \$140 billion in economic activity and 1.2 million jobs. In New York's 23rd District, which I have the

privilege of representing, dairy is an integral component of the economy, as there are approximately 2,000 dairy farms with some 190,000 milk cows dispersed across the 11 counties that comprise the District. Likewise, in 2007, national retail sales of sheep products were nearly \$768 million. These retail receipts supported an additional \$1.4 billion in economic activity for a total economic impact of \$2.2 billion.

For all of its importance, the dairy industry simply cannot continue to operate at its current capacity, let alone expand, without immigrant workers. Increasingly, the U.S. dairy workforce is relying upon those born outside of the United States, with some estimates indicating that at least 50 percent of all current labor is now foreign-born. Without access to a stable workforce, many American farms could well go out of business. According to an analysis completed by the Farm Credit Associations of New York, over 445 New York dairy farms are highly vulnerable to this situation. In recent years, I have seen this vulnerability first hand as dozens of constituent dairy farmers have repeatedly shared with me the toll that the uncertainty associated with the status quo is extracting from them.

There is a similar need for year-round sheepherders. Given that the U.S. sheep industry was unable to secure sufficient domestic labor to herd range livestock beginning decades ago, a regulatory provision was created allowing the industry to utilize the H-2A program to employ foreign sheepherders. This measure has proven to be extremely successful. For more than 60 years, more than one-fourth of the nation's entire sheep flock has been produced by ranchers utilizing sheepherders born outside of the United States.

Unfortunately, due largely to its "temporary or seasonal in nature" employment requirement, dairy farmers are currently unable to utilize the H-2A visa program. Thus, it is imperative that Congress act now to provide American dairy farmers access to this program through enacting the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008. This measure would codify existing regulatory practices and allow American sheep ranchers to legally hire foreign workers for an initial period of three years and additional terms of three years without requiring intervening periods of absence. It would also allow dairy farmers to hire foreign workers on a similar basis.

Put simply, American dairy farmers need workers now. They can ill afford to wait for Congress to complete its long delayed attempts to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to work with me to help American dairy farmers and bolster our nation's economy by enacting the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008.

REMEMBERING LEONARD B. "BUD" DOGGETT, JR.

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on August 13, when the Congress was in recess, the Washington, DC, region lost one of its great civic leaders when Leonard B. "Bud" Doggett, Jr.,

passed away at the age of 87. Bud will be remembered by all for his steadfast dedication to community, especially through "Heroes," the non-profit organization he founded to support the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed on the job. His legacy of civic involvement should be an inspiration to all of us. I ask that an editorial in the Washington Post about Bud's life, as well as the obituary about him from the same paper, be inserted in the RECORD. We offer our sympathies to his family.

L.B. DOGGETT JR.; PARKING TYCOON, CIVIC LEADER

(By Adam Bernstein)

L.B. "Bud" Doggett Jr., 87, a publicity-averse D.C. commercial parking magnate who emerged in the 1960s as a major civic leader and a central backstage figure in politics and community development, died Aug. 13 at his home in Washington after a heart attack.

Mr. Doggett was president and chief executive of Doggett Enterprises, the parent corporation of Doggett's Parking, which was founded by his parents in 1926.

It was the city's first private parking company, and the younger Mr. Doggett guided it quietly to greater prominence after taking over in the 1950s. For decades, he was a force in preventing the District from building municipally owned parking garages and challenging private firms, a rarity for a large U.S. city.

Mr. Doggett, who also amassed a large portfolio of real estate interests, was a dominant business figure in the city under the old federally appointed District Commissioners system and during the emergence of elected leaders in the mid-1970s.

He liked to joke privately that he was "Shanty Irish," but he was an effective fundraiser for politicians on Capitol Hill and in what was then known as the District Building as well as a trusted power broker between the political elite in the city and the federal government.

His support was considered crucial to the completion of large ventures, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the old Washington Convention Center, heralded as the country's fourth largest after it was built in 1982. It was demolished in 2005.

A key legacy was Mr. Doggett's belief in keeping business in the city despite the devastating riots of 1968 and later tax increases. He held high offices with what is now the Greater Washington Board of Trade—he served a term as president in 1967—and led many efforts to rejuvenate downtown.

While leading the board, he helped donate thousands of dollars' worth of equipment for training courses in typing and hairdressing as well as sports uniforms and toys for residents of the Valley Green housing complex in Southeast.

Longtime broadcasting executive Andy Ockershausen said Mr. Doggett was "a good negotiator and believed in downtown Washington. He always felt if downtown was thriving, the whole metropolitan area would thrive. He kept his business here, refused to move it out of city."

Leonard Brent Doggett Jr. was born Aug. 25, 1920, in the District and attended Georgetown Preparatory School.

He entered World War II as an Army Air Forces pilot, then transferred to the Army infantry after he was reprimanded for flying under a bridge during training in Texas.

As an infantryman, he received decorations for heroism. They included the Bronze Star for organizing a defense unit as others evacuated wounded soldiers from a besieged French village.

He took over his family's parking business in the 1950s and began a large push into real estate. He bought old rowhouses, which he rented as rooming houses before razing them for parking lots.

He also won federal parking concessions, including lots for the State Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. He later focused on major hotel chains, such as Sheraton and Hilton.

With other parking barons, such as Dominic F. Antonelli Jr. of Parking Management, he forged important business ties to Capitol Hill. They made campaign donations to legislators including Rep. John L. McMillan (D-S.C.), the longtime chairman of the House District Committee, to prevent the creation of a municipal parking authority.

He also was board chairman of several Washington banks and a director of Pepsi-Cola Bottling.

Ockershausen said Mr. Doggett prohibited publicity for his extensive charitable work.

In 1964, Mr. Doggett founded a nonprofit organization, Heroes, that dispenses financial aid to families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

John Tydings, a former Board of Trade president who is involved with Heroes, said Mr. Doggett gave millions of dollars out of his pocket to help 225 law enforcement families in the Washington area.

"He set the bar high for civic leaders," Tydings said.

His wife of 57 years, Gladys Denton Doggett, died in 1999. A son from that marriage, Leonard Doggett III, died last year.

Survivors include his wife of eight years, Cherrie Wanner Doggett of Washington; a daughter from his first marriage, Frances Foster of Boca Raton, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Kristine Harrington of Arlington County; a sister, Rose Marie Melby of Gaithersburg; and three grandchildren.

[From the Washington Post, Aug. 16, 2008]

BUD DOGGETT

Leonard B. "Bud" Doggett Jr., the parking lot tycoon and D.C. power broker who always had the best interests of the city at heart, probably wouldn't have liked us writing about him in this space—he shunned publicity. But Mr. Doggett, who died Wednesday at the age of 87, exerted a powerful, mostly unseen and highly beneficial influence on the District during more than half a century. When he became president of what is now the Greater Washington Board of Trade in 1967, most businesses discriminated against minorities; Mr. Doggett urged his colleagues to accept diversity. He spearheaded projects that helped rejuvenate the city's downtown slums. City leaders advancing a worthy cause knew that they could count on Mr. Doggett. He would ask, "Are you sure that's all you need?" and end the conversation by saying, "The check is in the mail." Most recently, Mr. Doggett was a driving force behind the District's impressive Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Mr. Doggett's friends say that his concern for the city stemmed from his humble roots. He was born in 1920 and grew up in an Irish tenement in an area near Union Station that immigrants affectionately called "Swampoodle." After serving in World War II, he went to work for his parents, who owned a small number of parking lots downtown. Mr. Doggett started out working as a valet, often babysitting jalopies filled with children while their parents took in a show. He eventually took over the parking lot business from his father and expanded aggressively, amassing a lucrative portfolio of real estate.

But Mr. Doggett's most lasting legacy will undoubtedly be Heroes, a nonprofit organiza-

tion he founded in 1964 that supports families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed on the job. "As a police officer with four kids of my own, I can't even put into words how important this program is," Patrick Burke, D.C. assistant police chief, told us. Heroes has given millions of dollars to the families of slain public servants and has helped put hundreds of children through college. Not bad, for a self-described shanty Irishman from Swampoodle.

THE DAILY 45: CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER KILLS HIMSELF AND DAUGHTER

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. It is with a heavy heart that, today, I offer my condolences to the people of my community as I mourn the senseless loss of life of Chicago Police Officer Dannie Marchan, 29, and his daughter, seven-year-old Alizay. Police report these gun-related deaths as a murder suicide with Officer Marchan alleged to have taken his own life after shooting his two children.

This incident happened yesterday morning and, as of this time, Marchan's 9-year-old son, whose name has not been released, is still fighting for his life with his mother, Officer Marchan's ex-wife, at his side.

This senseless loss of life should not happen to anyone. In an instant that can't be taken back, Officer Marchan handled his stresses with a loaded weapon leaving devastating loss in its wake.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

INTRODUCTION OF THE BRUCE VENTO BAN ASBESTOS AND PREVENT MESOTHELIOMA ACT OF 2008

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today marks a milestone for the U.S. House of Representatives in the fight against asbestos-related disease. The Bruce Vento Act is strong and comprehensive legislation to prohibit asbestos-containing products in commerce.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, I believe action to eliminate asbestos-containing products from the U.S. economy and prevent asbestos-related disease is long overdue.

We are proud to have the support of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, the AFL-CIO, the American Public Health Association, the Environmental Working Group, and other asbestos organizations.