

the larger struggle with jihadist terrorism and those tempted to support or harbor them, the perception that the United States has a certain moral authority is invaluable. Moral authority was a key factor in the long, twilight struggle with aggressive communism we call the Cold War. Using torture undermines that moral authority."

For the information of our colleagues, I am attaching the full text of the editorial in the April 3 edition of the Rocky Mountain News.

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NOT ABOVE THE LAW, DESPITE THE MEMO

The Justice department has released the full text of the infamous 2003 "torture memo" brushing aside the legal restraints on military interrogators. The memo, which originated in the department's Office of Legal Counsel, argues that the president's inherent powers in wartime overrode any federal law or international treaty, raising in the layman's mind the point, Why bother to have laws and treaties?

Our government is supposed to be one of checks and balances but the Office of Legal Counsel saw no check on the president's powers. The courts had no jurisdiction on what Americans did overseas and in any case "Congress cannot interfere with the president's exercise of his authority as commander in chief to control operations during a war."

This was one step on the path to the Bush administration's unfortunate assertion, until the courts knocked it down, that the president had the power to snatch an American citizen on U.S. soil and hold him incommunicado in solitary confinement indefinitely, without charge, trial or counsel.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's National Trademark Expo. After a 10-year hiatus, I am excited to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role that trademarks play in the global economy.

This 3-day event, beginning on April 10, 2008 will turn the USPTO's campus into a "Trademark Theme Park," featuring themed displays, company booths, costumed characters, and much more. During the expo, costumed trademarked characters, including the Pillsbury Doughboy, Sprout, Hershey Kisses, and the Chocolate Bar will parade about the USPTO campus, and large inflatable characters including the "Cat in the Hat," "Thomas the Train," the "Jolly Green Giant," and "Shrek" will decorate the grounds.

Trademarks are valuable symbols of quality in our increasingly competitive global marketplace. On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day and more than 30,000 if they make a trip to the grocery store. The exposition will feature celebrity trademarks, which are often subject to counterfeiting, unusual trademarks, the evolution of certain trademarks, the people behind the names of trademarks, and century-old registered trademarks.

Exhibitors will include many of America's leading corporations, whose exhibits will high-

light some of the benefits of Federal trademark registration. These exhibitors include the American National Red Cross, Burberry, The Travelers Companies, Inc., Starmaker Products, Microsoft Corporation, Owens Corning, Callaway Golf Company, Caterpillar, Inc., CMG Worldwide, NASCAR, YKK Corporation of America, UPS, Bridgestone Firestone, the International Trademark Association, INTA, and the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition, IACC.

The expo will emphasize the essential role the USPTO plays in approving Federal trademark registrations. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses. Trademarks protect words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods of one party from those of others. The USPTO, an award-winning leader in handling electronic filings, will showcase the impact of electronic filing and processing of trademark applications.

I applaud the USPTO for its efforts to educate the public on the role of trademarks during the National Trademark Expo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO at a time when trademarks and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy.

GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1187, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act authored by my friend Representative WOOLSEY.

I am proud to say that I represent the 2nd largest National Marine Sanctuary in the system, which also includes the longest stretch of coastline. I can attest to their value in preservation of some of the most stunning seascapes in the world and in education of the public. The Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries are adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and they have national and international significance. These sanctuaries exceed the biological productivity of tropical rain forests and support high levels of biological diversity.

The sanctuaries were established "to maintain the natural biological communities in the national marine sanctuaries, and to protect, and, where appropriate, restore and enhance natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes." They are the "National Parks" of our ocean. As such, they were the first application of ecosystem-based management to our oceans. This type of management is recommended by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, which we in Congress created and charged with the study of the state of the oceans and the management of this shared, valuable resource.

The expansion of the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank Na-

tional Marine Sanctuaries will protect a vital part of the California Coast and the upwelling zones, which form the basis of the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean. Expanding these boundaries will also help to preserve these exceptional underwater environments. We are the stewards of our oceans and coasts, and we are failing them. The oceans belong to all the people of the United States, and we must protect them and manage them for everyone's best interest.

Madam Speaker, with our oceans in crisis, the Sanctuaries are a beacon of hope for future generations. I support H.R. 1187 and urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES YOO

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James Yoo, an incredible man who has worked in my district office as a constituent advocate for nearly 7 years, and who, sadly for me, will soon be leaving.

I want to first let others of my staff describe what James has meant to them and to the constituents of the ninth Congressional District.

Cathy Hurwit, Chief of Staff: When I think of James, I think of someone who has the strongest, most finely-tuned moral compass of anyone I know. It is evidenced in terms of his compassion and understanding of the problems facing our constituents—particularly those caught up in a draconian immigration system. In dealing with constituents, he is always calm, professional and dedicated—but in talking about the unfairness of the system and the indignities that so many faced, his moral outrage is evident. His sense of justice led him to law school to learn the skills and get the degree necessary for him to represent them. But it also is evidenced in the way he deals with his colleagues and everyone around him—modest about his own outstanding accomplishments but always willing to praise the efforts of and look out for others.

James is a role model—the standard of what a constituent advocate should be. Fun to be around, collegial and thoughtful.

Leslie Combs, District Director: James is such an integral, essential and special part of our district office, that it truly is hard to imagine the office and team without him. He makes us all laugh daily with his dry sense of humor and his fascination with Malcolm Jamal Warner (Theo on the Cosby Show). He is an extraordinarily generous and compassionate person, both towards his colleagues and the constituents who he has helped. James has helped over 2,600 constituents since he started working for Representative SCHAKOWSKY 7 years ago on July 1, 2001. He has helped reunite families that have been separated due to immigration backlogs. He has helped explain the complicated nuances of the immigration process to hundreds of families and to his fellow constituent advocates. He has made sure that immigration applications are processed quickly and that people get their oath ceremonies and green cards. James is extremely intelligent, thoughtful, and warm, and he will be missed. He is going to be an excellent immigration lawyer.

Taina Rodriguez, Constituent Advocate: James "Malcolm Jamal Warner" Yoo James

is definitely one of a kind. He has an outstanding ability to see the good in a person. He is supportive, caring, kind, honest, strong and hopeful. His views on many issues are a little nutty, but I never said he was perfect. He always tells me the truth, even when I hate to hear it because chances are 9 out of 10 times he's right. He told me once that he hates it when people say "I can't", and I find that to be very inspirational.

James calls our relationship "love and hate" relationship, but I see it more of a big brother, pain in the neck type of relationship. (But in a very good way). Who is going to lecture me about school and my study habits, and who is going to lecture me about how I choose my dates! It's very difficult to see myself coming into the office and not having James around. It's going to be a sad day on April 11, 2008. However, I know that he will go on and accomplish great things. Who knows, he might even get to meet Malcolm Jamal Warner!

Kim Muzeroll, Executive Assistant: James is one of the most selfless and thoughtful people I know. He is smart and he is savvy. He works under the radar but he is immensely effective. He doesn't seek the spotlight and he never wants credit for his accomplishments, but he deserves recognition for his commitment to social justice and his tireless work on behalf of the constituents of the 9th Cong. district, Illinois, the nation and in fact the world.

Abbey Eusebio: The ninth congressional district has been lucky to have James Yoo as a tireless advocate for almost a decade. He worked with constituents one on one to assist them with immigration matters and provided outreach to different ethnic groups in the district. James was the go-to person for immigration matters and was a constituent advocate that constituents and colleagues could always count on. He set a high standard for his colleagues for substantial and efficient constituent service. He is a great role model and always kept the needs of constituents and the office as a priority.

As a friend, James is like our big brother. He is a humble man who is down-to-earth and has a great sense of humor. James was a great asset to Team Schakowsky. We will be very sad to see him go but know that he will continue a career of advocacy as an immigration attorney.

Paola Castano, Constituent Advocate: James is very knowledgeable and a great source of information. I am always impressed about the wealth of knowledge that he has on various subjects. James is the type of person you can talk to about just about anything under the sun. And whenever we would discuss subject matter that we weren't exactly sure of, off to internet we went, and it was Wikipedia once again to the rescue! If it weren't for Wikipedia, we would have never learned the names of the 3 Chipettes (Brittany, Eleanor, and Jeanette), the Chipmunk's female counterparts. If we didn't know that, then where would we be?

I am most grateful to him for other reasons too. When I started working in this office in December of 2006, it was taking me a bit of time to adjust to all the transitions taking place within the office. However, the most difficult aspect for me, the thing that was holding me back was that I had just come from an unpleasant work experience in my previous law office job, so I wasn't allowing myself to warm up to my new surroundings. However, from the very beginning, it was James who helped me to feel very welcome and tried to make me feel like I was part of the office. I soon came to realize that if he was taking the time and making an effort to make me feel at home here, the least I could do was to try too. And because of these efforts, I have made friends

with some truly great people in this office, including James.

I also thank James for taking the time to train me on immigration these last few weeks. He has been very patient and understanding with me. Though it was intense, I believed at times that it was all too much at one time, and I felt as if I could never, ever, come close to taking on the role he has had in this office and this community. James reassured me and helped me to believe that I could take on this new role as a CA.

Ann Limjoco, Suburban Director: I have had the privilege of working with James for more than 6 years now. Over the last 6 years, I have seen him become a master at immigration casework. He is the immigration guru in our office. James is the one we would all go to with any questions on immigration. He was able to grasp such an understanding of immigration law, more than any other Constituent Advocate I've seen in the last 6 years in this office. It is so fitting that he is leaving this office to become an immigration lawyer. I think the time he has spent in this office has prepared him to do this.

I can also call James a good friend. He is the type of person I can rely on at all times. When I moved into my apartment in Glenview, James was right there helping me move boxes into my parents' minivan and unloading them into my new place. We have also spent countless hours going out to dinner or having drinks. I will miss him greatly. Not only will the constituents of the 9th Congressional District be losing a great asset, but we will be losing a great co-worker. However, I know our friendship will continue on and that we will keep in touch. I will miss working with him dearly!

Kris Sadur, Constituent Advocate: It's been an honor to know and work with James Yoo. His calm demeanor and steadfast dedication to assisting our constituents is unwavering. He is an excellent and patient teacher, assisting all staff on the intricacies of immigration and always willing to listen to questions regarding a case. I will miss his sweet smile, composed nature and astonishing intelligence. We are losing an extraordinary staff member and thoughtful advocate for constituents in the 9th Congressional District.

I join all of my staff in praising James for his remarkable service to our district and to the thousands of people he has helped. I will never be able to thank him enough for his extraordinary work and for the standard of excellence that he set for our office. I am confident that James will continue to make this world a better place and a happier place to be. Though I will miss him in the office, I fully expect that he will never desert Team Schakowsky.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KIM DOTTS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments and civic contributions of my friend, Kim Dotts, whose commitment to her community and to the students of the Clark County School District is an inspiration.

Kim graduated with honors from Penn State University in 1988 with a degree in music education. While at school, she performed with the Penn State Singers, the Concert Choir, and the University Choir. After graduating from

Penn State University, Kim began teaching music in the Catskills region of New York. During this time she was introduced to the method of motivating students through musical studies. Kim then relocated to Las Vegas and began a musical program for elementary school students in the Clark County School District.

At William Lummis Elementary School, Kim holds extracurricular guitar classes, Honor Choir, and Percussion Ensemble classes in the mornings before the start of the regular school day. These free lessons are an opportunity for the students to expand upon their normal schedules and learn something new and to develop an appreciation for the musical arts. She encourages students to express themselves creatively through the arts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Kim Dotts, an inspirational teacher and motivator. Her dedication to the Clark County School District is commendable, and I wish her and her students continued success in their music lessons.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, on April 2nd I was unavoidably delayed and unable to be present for three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 154, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1605, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act, I would have voted "no."

I would have done so because defeating the previous question would have allowed the House to consider an amendment dealing with the appropriations earmark process. I support reforming that process and think that the House should at least debate changes to it, although I reserve judgment on whether I would have supported the specific language of the amendment since it was not debated.

On rollcall No. 155, adoption of H. Res. 1605, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 156, the Carson of Indiana Amendment to H.R. 5501, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 157, the motion to recommit H.R. 5501, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 158, passage of H.R. 5501, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING T.C. WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the T.C. Williams men's basketball team upon becoming this season's Virginia AAA state champions.