

sentenced to 15 days' administrative arrest. On the day of the protest, a number of websites that cover social and economic affairs in Belarus, such as Charter '97 and Radio Liberty, were partially or fully blocked by the authorities.

These most recent repressive actions follow the sentencing of opposition activist Artur Finkevich to 18 months in prison; the arbitrary use of judicial power to put out of business independent newspapers such as "Novi Chas"; steps to liquidate the opposition Belarusian Communist Party; and the fining of Baptist pastor Yuri Kravchuk for unregistered religious activity. Belarus is the only country in Europe with compulsory registration before religious activity can take place.

Unfortunately, the indications in just the first few weeks of this New Year are not encouraging. Lukashenka's presidential administration has recently rejected the opposition's proposal to hold talks on the upcoming 2008 parliamentary elections, refusing an offer by the Belarusian opposition to consider joint proposals on conducting parliamentary elections in accordance with democratic standards.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and as someone who has long been involved in the OSCE process to promote security, cooperation, democracy and human rights among the 56 OSCE countries, including Belarus, I am deeply disappointed in the Belarusian Government's continual flaunting of freely undertaken OSCE commitments. It is my strong hope that Mr. Lukashenka will cease the self-imposed isolation of his country—threatening, most recently, to expel U.S. Ambassador Karen Stewart—and will give serious thought to the offers of cooperation that have come from the United States and the European Union if Belarus releases political prisoners and displays respect for basic democratic norms. In the meantime, the Lukashenka regime can be assured that my colleagues and I on the Helsinki Commission are determined to stand by Anatoly Lebedka, Dzmitri Fedaruk and all those in Belarus—young and old—bravely struggling for freedom, democracy and respect for human rights.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE M. MOORE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Moore's 10 years of service as chief of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Anne leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

For three decades Ms. Moore has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing. She began her career with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, SHRA, in 1985 and since then has helped to improve the lives of low-income people, seniors, the disabled and the homeless, across the greater Sacramento region. During her time with SHRA Ms. Moore also served as president of the California Redevelopment Association, CRA, Board. In addition, she has served on

the Sacramento Workforce Investment Board, the Sacramento Downtown Partnership Board, the Del Paso Boulevard Partnership Board and Friends of Light Rail's Board of Directors. Ms. Moore's leadership and dedication to improving housing choices in Sacramento led to her appointment as executive director of SHRA in 1998.

During her time with SHRA, Ms. Moore has overseen many successful and award-winning projects that have improved neighborhoods and commercial areas, while preserving and creating affordable housing options for low-income residents of Sacramento. One of her most notable achievements was her leadership in transforming the former Franklin Villa neighborhood, which had been historically plagued by crime, drug activity and high unemployment into the award-winning Phoenix Park community. It is now a safe and affordable neighborhood for families and seniors. In addition, Ms. Moore has been instrumental in the development and implementation of a Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness for the City and County of Sacramento. Ms. Moore has also been involved in partnering with community members to address unmet needs such as a full-service grocery store in the Oak Park neighborhood and successful development of new Boys and Girls Clubs in the Alkali Flat and Lemon Hill neighborhoods.

Ms. Moore's hard work and dedication to solving the problem of affordable housing in the Sacramento area resulted in an increase in affordable housing production in 2006. In addition, Sacramento has adopted nine redevelopment areas over the past 10 years and many of these areas have already seen great progress in being revitalized. In addition, Ms. Moore's efforts in administering the Housing Choice Voucher program, which provides safe and decent housing for more than 51,000 low-income individuals in Sacramento County, has increased housing assistance from 6,000 to 11,000 in the past decade. Personally, Ms. Moore has been a pleasure to work with. Her thoughtfulness and intelligence has helped allow many neighborhoods to thrive.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Anne Moore's distinguished commitment to Sacramento and our housing needs. Ms. Moore's outstanding leadership and dedication to SHRA has helped preserve and improve many of our neighborhoods and has increased housing options for our low-income residents. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Ms. Moore's colleagues, family and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA C. SADLER

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding employee of one of the great companies located in the State of Iowa. Linda C. Sadler, who has been a valued employee of Rockwell, and subsequently, Rockwell Collins, will retire on February 1, 2008. Linda Sadler's career spans over 39 years, during which she has distinguished herself as a leader, scholar,

businesswoman and staunch friend of all civil aviation issues.

A Pennsylvania native, Ms. Sadler graduated with a BS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and subsequently, a JD from Duquesne University, in addition to earning a certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a fellow in their Foreign Politics, International Relations and National Interest program.

Ms. Sadler began her career at Rockwell as a secretary in the Patent Department, while pursuing an undergraduate degree at night school. She continued to hold positions of increasing responsibility within the Legal Department, while completing her law degree at night school. Upon graduation from law school, she became assistant general counsel in the Rockwell Legal Department, specializing in intellectual property law, advertising, international law and regulation and antitrust issues. She also served as the primary Legal Department attorney for Rockwell Communication Systems Division.

Following that assignment and just prior to coming to the Washington office, she became director of government affairs for Rockwell's Automotive Operations, where she directed the State, Federal and Canadian governmental affairs and regulatory functions for Rockwell's automotive businesses, including product compliance activities with the National Highway Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

Presently, as the senior director of Federal affairs for Rockwell Collins, Inc., she has been singularly responsible for public policy and governmental affairs activities for the commercial avionics and communications businesses and for technology marketing on behalf of the Advanced Technology Center and the business units with non-military Federal agencies. In this position, she has planned, directed and managed the Federal policy and regulatory affairs agendas that affect Rockwell Collins commercial businesses' domestic and international interests, including activities before the Congress, the White House and administration agencies, to include the Departments of Commerce, State and Transportation—in particular the FAA—and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Ms. Sadler has also served as the chairperson of the Aerospace Industrial Association Commercial Aviation R&D Committee, the Air Traffic Control Committee of Government Electronics Industry Alliance, and in addition, she has served in leadership capacities in every industry-related group in which she has participated.

She also has directed and managed the Washington technology marketing support, particularly for Advance Technology Center, as well as the commercial businesses of Rockwell Collins. Ms. Sadler also has corporate-wide responsibility for directing the licensing, regulatory and communications-related policy initiatives at the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the International Telecommunications Union and other U.S. and international regulatory and standards bodies. In addition, Ms. Sadler provides Washington support for the corporate patent function on issues relating to intellectual property laws and regulations. In recognition of her vast contributions to the aviation industry, Aerospace Industry Association has presented her with their Emilia

Earhardt award as “woman of the year” in the aviation industry for 2004, which has only been given to two other women since its inception.

Throughout her career, Ms. Sadler has demonstrated her profound commitment to all aspects of aviation business, as well as a dedicated commitment to excellence. With my many dealings regarding aviation issues as a Member of Congress, I have come to know Ms. Sadler’s abilities and realize that she is the consummate professional whose performance in over 39 years of service to one of our Nation’s leading businesses has personified those traits of competency and integrity that we have come to expect from business professional leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Linda C. Sadler for her honorable service to business and our great State of Iowa. Please join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

HONORING JOE ANN COUSINO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Ann Cousino of Toledo, Ohio.

A newspaper once headlined, “Name any art media, and chances are good that Mrs. Cousino has had experience in it.” Joe Ann Cousino blessed Toledo with her artistic talents, beautifying the world she touched. Mrs. Cousino passed from this life Wednesday, December 19, 2007 due to ailing health. She was one of the most eminent artists in the Toledo area for more than 50 years and a renowned sculptor. Mrs. Cousino’s sculptures can be seen in public spaces, buildings, and private collections throughout northwest Ohio, in surrounding states, and as far away as Cairo and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Her figurative bronze pieces have won national acclaim and her work has appeared in more than 100 shows nationwide.

Born Joe Ann Bux, she was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George Carl Bux. She graduated from Scott High School in Toledo, Ohio and later the University of Toledo, where she majored in art and minored in English literature. To finance her education, she taught classes in mural painting and glass etching at Toledo’s YMCA and YWCA. She was accepted to study at the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York, but chose to stay in Toledo with her fiancé, Wayne Kenneth Cousino.

Among her most visible sculpture projects are the 6-foot-tall “Woman with the Birds” at Toledo Botanical Garden, the 7-foot bronze Outreach of a “Woman and a Dove” at the University of Toledo Medical Center, the former Medical College of Ohio, and the 6-foot, 3-inch “St. Clare” at the Franciscan convent’s gardens in Tiffin. “She has been such a prominent figure in the Toledo art world, and a lot of that has to do with so many of her pieces being public art,” said Greg Jones, former director of the School of Art and Design at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Mrs. Cousino was a founding member and later a president of the Toledo Potters’ Guild. She focused on sculpture but her work in-

cluded interior decoration, fashion design, jewelry, ceramics, painting, and architecture. In the early 1950s she designed her family’s Otawa Hills home. Mrs. Cousino traveled the world to research art and cultures, going as far as a village in Egypt in search of tapestries made by Bedouin children.

In March 2007 Mrs. Cousino presented her last major sculptural work in Bowling Green, Ohio: a stoneware bust of local silent film star Lillian Gish. It was a capstone achievement to a distinguished professional career that began to take shape in the late 1940s. Through the years she became known for her industrious work ethic, indomitable spirit, and outspoken nature—traits which availed her rise to prominence during the 1950s in what was then a largely male-dominated sculpture field. “She was like a dynamo,” said Tracey Ladd, one of Mrs. Cousino’s art instructor colleagues. “There just weren’t a lot of female sculptors [in the 1950s], and she had to struggle a bit to make her artwork.”

The Toledo Blade interviewed Mrs. Cousino in 2000, providing a glimpse of her persona in which she explained her approach to instructing students. “I’m fussy. I’m a taskmaster, and for myself too,” she said. “People run all over artists. You learn. I learned the hard way. I sometimes get on the case of these young artists because they just get abused.”

She taught sculpture for most of her life, and until a few months ago gave private lessons from home while teaching adult continuing education classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. “She had the ability to teach them exactly what they need to sculpt a human figure, and to do that out of a lump of clay is very, very difficult,” Mr. Jones said.

The Toledo community deeply will miss the loss of this artistic treasure. Her talent and the generous nature of her public work remain irreplaceable. The Toledo community will remember her courage, skill, and spirit every time they pass by and view her momentous and beautiful creations.

TRIBUTE TO HEAD COACH HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER AND THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY OWLS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger, his coaching staff and the Florida Atlantic University Owls Football Team for their momentous win in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on December 21, 2007. Their 44 to 27 victory over the University of Memphis Tigers marked the first bowl victory in FAU’s history, setting an NCAA record as the youngest program in NCAA history to win a bowl game.

In only its seventh year, the Florida Atlantic University football program has ascended quickly under the leadership of Coach Schnellenberger. Known for his success at rebuilding programs at the University of Miami and the University of Louisville, Schnellenberger was hired as Director of Football Operations in 1998 to build a new program at FAU, and he immediately set the goal

of building a program that would eventually compete for a National Championship. The program’s string of successes to date shows the Owls are on their way to reaching that goal.

Beginning with an upset victory over Bethune Cookman College in only its second game in 2001, FAU’s short football history is full of accomplishments. In 2003, its third season in Division 1-AA, the Owls reached the national semifinals and finished the season ranked fourth in the nation. Following four seasons in Division I-AA, FAU jumped to Division I-A in 2004 and joined the Sun Belt Conference, where it was immediately competitive and took on a schedule of tough non-conference opponents from the Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC. This season, FAU defeated its first Big Ten opponent, the University of Minnesota, as well as defending Sun Belt Conference champion Troy University to win the 2007 Sun Belt Conference Championship and a berth in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

The Owls jumped to an early lead in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, which was never relinquished behind Quarterback Rusty Smith, who won the Most Valuable Player Award after completing 25 of 32 passes for 336 yards and five touchdowns. FAU was also well-decorated at the Sun Belt Conference Awards, where Smith received the Player of the Year Award, Coach Schnellenberger received the Coach of the Year Award, and six players including Smith were named First-Team All-Conference.

This win is one that brings great pride not only to those affiliated with Florida Atlantic University, but to the entire South Florida community, and I am proud to recognize their historic achievement.

CONGRATULATING JERRY SEALY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Sealy on his retirement as the Executive Director of Okaloosa Regional Airport in Okaloosa County, Florida.

Jerry has been a role model for not only his colleagues, but also to those in northwest Florida. He served the county for just short of 14 years and during that time he was an active member of the American Association of Airport Executives and served as the President of the Florida Airport Managers Association in 1999. Not only was he selected as the 1999 Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation, but he also received the highest accreditation available from the American Association of Airport Executives as an Accredited Airport Executive, A.A.E.

Through his leadership and vision, Okaloosa Regional Airport was awarded the 2005 Commercial Service Airport of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation and the 2006 National Excellence in Construction Merit Award from Balfour Beatty Construction through the Associated Builders and Contractors for the construction of a new airport terminal.