EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the chamber today, Thursday, March 13, 2008, due to the travel schedule for my return to my district on account of official business. Had I been present for the three rollcall votes taken today in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union on the amendments that were offered in the nature of a substitute to House Concurrent Resolution 312, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, I would have voted as follows: ''aye'' on the amendment offered by Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (rollcall vote 137); ''no'' on the amendment offered by Ms. LEE of California (rollcall vote 138); and ''no'' on the amendment offered by Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (rollcall vote 140).

HONORING DAVID COURTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Courter a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Courter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is not often that I agree with the President and although I oppose overriding the President's veto of this bill, I still don't agree with him. I am opposed to the override because I am opposed to H.R. 2082, the Intelligence Authorization Act. However, I reject the President's reasons for vetoing this legislation.

I want to thank all of those who served in gathering intelligence to protect the American people. However, I voted against the veto override because I do not support the underlying bill. Through the emergence of several high-profile classified leaks to the media it has become apparent that our intelligence agencies need to be reformed.

From these media leaks, we became aware of the efforts to manipulate intelligence, to falsify a cause for war against Iraq. We became aware of the illegal NSA domestic wiretapping program without a court order. We became aware of the rumored CIA detention centers in Eastern Europe, and the CIA's extraordinary rendition program, used to transport suspects to other nations with less restrictive torture policies. It is regrettable that intelligence is often reshaped to fit doctrine instead of doctrine being reshaped in the face of the facts of intelligence.

The President's opposition to H.R. 2082 was focused on his objection to a provision in the bill that would have required adherence to the Army Field Manual (AFM) on Interrogations by all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA. This provision would specifically prohibit acts of torture and abuse. The President's veto of the bill demonstrates a disconcerting disregard for human rights.

I fully support banning the use of interrogation techniques that are not authorized by the Army Field Manual on Interrogation. This provision in the Intelligence Authorization shows a commitment by the United States and this body to end torture that is sponsored by the U.S. and restore the rule of law.

This body and the President have a responsibility to take action to end all U.S. sponsored torture, cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment. Our constitution, federal criminal statutes and Senate-ratified treaties compel us to meet this goal. Both the laws and values of America demand an end to the abhorrent practice of torture.

Requiring our intelligence agencies to abide by the proven interrogation methods of the Army Field Manual on Interrogation is a first step to restoring public confidence at home and abroad.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ROBERT A. WOLF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Robert A. Wolf is one of these individuals. On March 27, 2008 at the 108th Inaugural Dinner, the Riverside Chamber of Commerce will recognize Bob as the 2007 Citizen of the Year.

Bob is a principal in many firms active in the financing, development, building and sale of real estate both domestically and internationally, with banking and venture relationships in Western Europe and Japan.

Bob obtained a bachelors degree in business administration and concentrated his continuing education on the field of development. Areas of study and successful completion include real estate law and development, financing, marketing, syndication, business law, group investment and construction techniques. Bob has been successful in international financing, joint ventures and marketing programs. Bob has worked in all facets of development including superintendent, project manager, project engineer, sales manager, and broker before becoming a chief executive officer. This background has helped Bob to draw upon his experience when making any decision regarding a development or investment. He has also had ''hands-on'' experience in the approval processes at every level of government and is a recognized expert in the field of real estate development, infrastructure and financing. He is a nationally known and sought after speaker on these topics.

Bob has served as Vice Chairman of the City of Moreno Valley's Planning Commission, the County of Riverside Flood Control Commission for Zone Four, and Planning Commissioner for Riverside County. He has recently served as Undersecretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for California, and has served as Chairman of the California Transportation Commission.

Bob is the author of ''How to Become a Developer'', a step-by-step description of the development process and the people involved, which was written for people who wish to enter the profession. Published by Crittenden Books, the book received excellent reviews including one from the Los Angeles Times. Bob and his family reside in Riverside, California, where they continue to be active and respected members of the community.

Bob's tireless passion for community development has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside, California. Bob served his country honorably in Vietnam and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

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