

Hamas and other Palestinian militants. His report accused both sides of committing war crimes and called on the Security Council to compel Israel and Hamas to conduct credible investigations.

Human rights advocates urged the United States to back Goldstone, saying it would show that the United States is willing to hold even its closest ally to account for abuses. But Rice rejected his recommendations, saying the "weight of the report is something like 85 percent oriented towards very specific and harsh condemnation and conclusions related to Israel. . . . In that regard it remains unbalanced, although obviously less so than it might have been."

TROUBLED ABOUT DARFUR

Jerry Fowler, executive director of the Save Darfur Coalition, said the administration's approach to Darfur has been troubling. In recent months, Obama's special envoy, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. J. Scott Gration, has pursued a more conciliatory approach toward Sudan, saying that genocide was no longer taking place in Darfur and that it was time to ease some sanctions.

"We have been pushing consistently for a balance of incentives and pressures, and so far we haven't really seen that balance," Fowler said. "Publicly, there has been more of an emphasis on incentives."

Rice said Gration's "vitally important" efforts to pursue a political settlement to crises in Sudan should not be interpreted to mean "that we are any less concerned" about Sudan's commission of atrocities "or that we are prepared to wield carrots in advance of concerted and very significant steps on the ground. That's not the policy of the United States."

SILENCE ON SRI LANKA?

The other major concern of human rights advocates monitoring developments at the United Nations is Sri Lanka.

When the government launched its final offensive this year against the country's Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), it was Mexico and Austria that first raised the alarm in the Security Council. France and Britain sent their foreign ministers to the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, to press the government to show restraint.

The United States supported those efforts to draw attention to the crisis in the Security Council, which China and Russia opposed. It backed a compromise that allowed for discussion on the Sri Lanka conflict in the U.N. basement.

"The U.S. government remained relatively silent on the Sri Lankan crisis, especially in the early stages of the fighting," said Fabienne Hara, vice president for multilateral affairs at the International Crisis Group. Its response to Sri Lanka "did not seem to match the commitment to preventing mass human rights abuses stated during the presidential campaign," she said.

Rice challenged that assessment, saying "my perception is that we spoke out very forcefully." She said that the United States had a strong ambassador on the ground in Sri Lanka, conveying American concerns, and that the assistant secretary of state for refugees traveled there to conduct an assessment mission. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rice said, had been personally focused on the issue.

"I think that is an instance where our stand was clear, consistent and principled," she said.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KYRA TUCKER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Kyra Tucker showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Kyra Tucker was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kyra Tucker always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kyra Tucker on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING ENVIRONMENTAL TECTONICS CORPORATION

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and to honor Environmental Tectonics Corporation on their 40th anniversary. Through innovation and determination, ETC continues to help our local economy grow and prosper, with new jobs, despite the tough economic times.

ETC has been a leader in simulation technologies, from creating entertaining simulation safari rides for amusement parks, to their state of the art aerospace training simulators. Their simulators have prepared civilian and military personnel for real life emergency situations, while keeping our heroes out of harm's way. They have saved countless lives by using the most technologically advanced training systems available anywhere in the world.

Starting with their partnership with United States Navy in 1971 creating rapid high-altitude decompression chambers and eventually evolving into the leading provider of aerospace simulation training, ETC is a world leader and today I am honored to recognize them on 40 years of exemplary work.

Madam Speaker, ETC has provided training to make the world a safer place and created jobs to spur the local economy. They are a welcome example of a civic minded corporation, dedicated to our national security. I highly value their commitment to our community, and I am proud to work with them as they develop cutting-edge technology to serve our nations best and brightest.

HONORING SCOTT HAMILTON

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in hon-

oring world recognized, figure skating star and cancer prevention activist, Scott Hamilton, as he receives the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award from the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program today in Washington.

At the age of 13, Scott began training with former Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Pierre Brunet, and was only able to continue his training because an anonymous couple volunteered their financial sponsorship. By 1980, Scott was taking the ice skating world by storm.

Over the years, Scott has claimed over 70 titles to include: national and world skating champion, 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist, professional ice skater, Emmy nominee, best-selling author, actor, and television commentator. A member of the United States Olympic Hall of Fame and a member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, he was the first solo male to receive the Jacques Favart Award from the International Skating Union, and also the first figure skater to ever be inducted into Madison Square Garden's Walk of Fame.

Scott has accomplished many notable achievements in his skating career, yet he has also overcome significant challenges. Scott courageously battled and survived testicular cancer in 1997, and he is successfully recovering from his 2004 diagnosis of a benign pituitary brain tumor.

Scott is the official spokesperson for Target House at St. Children Hospital in Memphis and is very involved in the Scott Hamilton C.A.R.E.S., Cancer Alliance for Research, Education and Survivorship, Initiative at the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Center. He promotes his informative and educational website, www.chemocare.com, and he also serves on the board of directors for the Special Olympics. In his leisure time, Scott can be found on the golf course or spending time with his wife and two sons, Aidan, age five, and Maxx, age one, at their home in Nashville.

Madam Speaker, Scott is a true testament to determination and the human spirit, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his life-time of achievements and notable contributions to cancer prevention.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING TIFFANY HERBERT FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Tiffany Herbert showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Tiffany Herbert was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Tiffany Herbert always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Tiffany Herbert on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

UNITED NATIONS' GOLDSTONE
REPORT ON ISRAEL**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in April 2009 the United Nations (UN) set upon an "investigation" and "fact-finding" mission into the recent Israel-Gaza border conflict and released a report on findings on September 15th. Although the facts clearly showed that the terrorist Hamas government in Gaza had launched thousands of rockets on Israel prior to any Israeli response, the UN Goldstone Mission came to a surprising conclusion. It found "violations of international human rights law . . . by the occupying power, Israel." This outrageous conclusion was predetermined by the originating mandate's anti-Israel bias.

After lasting six months and producing a 575-page report, the Goldstone Mission apparently had no interest in fairness or engaging in a real investigation. This "fact-finding" mission was nothing more than a charade that demonizes a nation for protecting its own citizens, all the while protecting terrorist organizations and damaging any chance of true peace in the Middle East. The Goldstone Report is just another example of the UNHRC's dismal track record.

The Goldstone Report is the epitome of what is wrong with the United Nations in general and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in particular. Dominated by anti-democratic, anti-Semitic nations opposed to any semblance of human rights, the UNHRC has proven itself to be lacking objectivity and interest in truth or advancing the real cause of human rights.

My central concern with the Goldstone Report is the lack of recognition of Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from the internationally-recognized terrorist organization, Hamas, which currently controls Gaza. Despite video documentation, the report alleges no conclusive evidence of Hamas's extraordinary use of civilians and civilian infrastructure for military purposes, and accuses Israel of war crimes. The Goldstone Report shamefully accuses the victims with little mention of the aggressors. It even leaves open the possibility of Israel's prosecution at the International Criminal Court for simply protecting its citizens.

No nation can sit idly by while its people are killed, its children are traumatized, and the daily life of its citizens is severely disrupted by terrorism. Ask yourself, would America tolerate 10,000 rockets being launched against our homeland? No, we would protect our people. Israel has the same responsibility to protect its people as it did in Gaza. To suggest otherwise is a failure to accept the facts.

Americans look forward to peace in Israel and the Middle East; but until Hamas and its terrorist allies relinquish their arms, renounce violence, and acknowledge the right of Israel to exist, the hope for peace can not be realized. Israel can not do it singlehandedly. The UN must recognize Hamas for what it is—a terrorist organization that prevents peace in the Middle East. The Goldstone Report, by rejecting truth and objectivity, brings us no closer to that ultimate goal. It is a disgrace and should be viewed as such by the international community.

HONORING ELAN CORPORATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Elan Corporation which this year will celebrate four decades of extraordinary work dedicated to advancing neuroscience, developing disease-modifying treatments that are defining the future of therapy for degenerative neurological conditions, and playing a significant role in the drug delivery and technology field.

On September 21 the world marked World Alzheimer's Day 2009. It is therefore fitting to acknowledge Elan Corporation's research, development, and commercial activities for neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's. An estimated 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including one in eight Americans over 65 and nearly half of Americans over 85. A new Alzheimer patient is diagnosed every 71 seconds and 1 in 10 Americans have a family member living with the disease. In Pennsylvania, more than 500,000 individuals suffer from Alzheimer's and there are nearly 431,000 family caregivers. Elan's work in this area has the potential to dramatically improve the quality of life for those afflicted with that terrible disease as well as the tens of millions of caregivers the world over, who struggle with the physical and emotional burden of seeing their loved one grow more distant and disabled each day throughout the course of a very lengthy affliction.

The dedicated team at Elan also is working to overcome a host of other devastating and debilitating challenges including Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, and severe chronic pain. The commitment of this corporation to defeating so many destructive conditions affecting the human brain is impressive. As our nation continues to discuss the future of health care, it is vital to remember that the development of therapies that will free millions of minds from the shackles of neurologic impairment offers incalculable value to our collective well-being, our economy and could inspire us to tackle even greater challenges in science, medicine, engineering and other vital aspects of life.

I am proud that King of Prussia, Pennsylvania is home to an office of the Elan Corporation. The exceptional employees of that office are actively contributing to Pennsylvania's reputation as a center of innovation in the life sciences. From King of Prussia, PA, leading edge pharmaceuticals are enhancing the lives of millions of patients worldwide.

I join all of the residents of the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania in wishing the 1,500 employees of the Elan Corporation four times forty more years of successful research, development and delivery of life changing pharmaceuticals to patients throughout the world. That you "view the human brain as the last great frontier in scientific research and therapy development with no greater challenge and no greater opportunity to make a meaningful difference in patients' lives" is noble and appreciated.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
SARAH RIGGS FOR WINNING THE
GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFT-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:
Whereas, Sarah Riggs showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and
Whereas, Sarah Riggs was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Sarah Riggs always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Sarah Riggs on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

RECOGNIZING ENVIRONMENTAL
TECTONIC CORPORATION'S 40TH
ANNIVERSARY**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.
Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special company located in my district in Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. This Saturday, September 26, 2009, Environmental Tectonics Corporation will celebrate its 40th anniversary of producing world-class technology for a variety of markets.

I am proud to say that Environmental Tectonics Corporation, ETC, is located in my congressional district in Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They employ more than 260 employees and subcontract with dozens of local suppliers throughout Pennsylvania creating hundreds of jobs and generating millions of dollars annually in local economic development.

On Monday, February 2nd, ETC announced a \$20 million contract with the United States Navy for the manufacture of a next-generation, motion-based research device that will improve the health and safety of pilots. ETC estimates that the contract will generate three hundred jobs in our region.

Founded in 1969, ETC is a cutting-edge, high technology manufacturing and integration company that services the requirements of a broad base of customers. As one of the most important innovative manufacturers in Bucks County, ETC remains a driving force of our economy and is at the forefront of technology manufacturing. ETC provides high-paying jobs to local employees in the areas of manufacturing, engineering, software development and other high-tech careers. ETC has partnered with local technical and engineering institutions of higher learning to provide hands-on training for local students pursuing careers in the science, technology and manufacturing fields. ETC's NASTAR Center is truly a global leader in preparing for the next generation of sub-orbital space flight guaranteeing local economic development for decades. It gives me a