

Over 2009 and 2010, Human Rights Watch detailed 45 cases of alleged forced disappearances.

Pakistan decided to respond to complaints over how they rule with brutal force. Instead, they should give the Baluch people a voice in how they will be governed. They should not only listen to their complaints, but answer them with positive steps. Should the government of Pakistan continue to not only neglect but persecute the Baluch people, it is hard to argue with Baluchs who demand self-determination. In the end, a government is only legitimate as long as it has the support of its people. The government of Pakistan is dangerously close to that line.

Apparently, the Baluch people have been reading Thomas Jefferson's comments when he said in the Declaration in the Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government." History recorded what happened to the British when they forgot these truths. And that's just the way it is.

APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as the "Month of the Military Child."

In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established April as the Month of the Military Child. Since then, the communities that surround our military families have had the month of April as a time to focus on recognizing the important roles that military children play.

There is no doubt that we owe a great debt and gratitude to our military for the unparalleled freedom and opportunity we enjoy in this country. But, we need to pause and remember that this is also made possible through the dedication and sacrifices made by their families and children as well. While I understand it is important to show our support for the military and their loved ones every day of the year, I welcome the emphasis placed on the children of service members in the month of April.

As a way to offer my continued support and gratitude, I recently introduced H.R. 4341, TRICARE for Kids, which would help the Department of Defense and its TRICARE program develop and encourage health care practices and policies that are designed to address the specific health care needs of military children and families. The Department of Defense estimates there are approximately 1.9 million military children, and I believe we all need to work to ensure they have access to the resources and support that best meets their needs—including health care.

Without the selfless contributions our military and their families have made throughout history, our great nation would not have the freedom that it does today. Military children are a special part of that aspect of our history, as they are the young, brave, and often unnoticed heroes who have stood strong alongside their parents who have risked their lives and fought for our country and way of life. I thank every one of them for what they do, and I would like to ask every Member of Congress to join me in offering support throughout this Month of the Military Child.

HONORING DICK WYLIE

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dick Wylie for his 25 years of service as President of Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Receiving a bachelor's degree from Plymouth State College and a master's and doctorate from Boston University, Dr. Wylie has led by example as a professor and administrator at several notable institutions, including the University of Connecticut, Temple University, the University of Colorado, and Lesley University.

Thanks in part to Dr. Wylie's leadership and dedication to higher education, Endicott College grew from a small, two-year women's college into the esteemed four-year coeducational institution it is today. Specifically, when Dr. Wylie arrived in spring of 1987, Endicott College had an enrollment of fewer than 600 students. Its campus consisted of 28 buildings on 140 acres; the College's operating budget was \$7.7 million; and its endowment was \$3.9 million dollars. Today—25 years later—almost 5,000 students are enrolled at Endicott College, which now has 51 buildings on 235 acres of land. The College's operating budget is now over \$85 million, and its endowment is more than ten times what it was in 1987.

In 1996, Dr. Wylie helped found the Van Loan School of Graduate and Professional Studies, which currently offers Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Technology and Nursing (M.S.), Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, and Master of Education degrees as well as accelerated bachelor's degrees for adult learners. In December 2011, the College received approval to offer its first doctoral program, a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, which is reportedly the first approved doctoral program on the North Shore of Massachusetts.

Throughout his tenure at Endicott College, Dr. Wylie has never lost sight of the school's philanthropic duty to give back to its community. Mr. Speaker, it is worth noting that, just this past year, Endicott College's study body put in 15,000 hours of community service, an achievement which earned them recognition from the White House.

Dr. Wylie also established Endicott Colleges "Keys to Degrees" program. This forward-thinking program seeks to provide young, single parents the opportunity to receive a college education. Providing an environment that supports not only their needs but their children's as well, the Keys to Degrees program

allows our young parents to have a better life and in turn offer a better life to their children.

Dr. Wylie's vision for providing single parents the services they need and deserve did not begin and end with the "Keys to Degrees" program, but it continues with a variety of educational services including internships and mentoring programs as well as weekend retreats on campus for both the students and their children. His stewardship in intergenerational education has recently earned him the distinct honor of being named a fellow at the Aspen Institute.

On May 5, Endicott College will be formally celebrating Dr. Wylie's remarkable 25 years as president. I look forward to being with him and his colleagues that night. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Dr. Wylie as well as thank him for his efforts to educate and provide opportunities for students of all ages.

IN RECOGNITION OF EARTHFEST 2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Earth Day Coalition of Cleveland, as they celebrate EarthFest 2012 on April 22, 2012—a date that also commemorates the 23rd annual celebration of EarthFest in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland's Earth Day Coalition was formed in 1990 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day in Ohio. EarthFest is now Ohio's largest environmental educational event and the longest running Earth Day celebration in the nation. I stand in recognition of the staff and volunteers of the Earth Day Coalition for all their effort and dedication in creating such an innovative, exciting and educational event for the Greater Cleveland community to enjoy. This year, EarthFest's theme is "Year of Local and Sustainable Food." Over 175 environmental exhibits are expected from environmental and community organizations, government entities and businesses. EarthFest is just one of Earth Day Coalition's many nationally-recognized programs and promises once again to be a significant aspect of the world celebration of Earth Day.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the staff, volunteers, and members of the Earth Day Coalition as we celebrate EarthFest 2012 on April 22, 2012 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and The RainForest. EarthFest 2012 promises to educate, inspire and motivate all of us to join together as a community and work toward a more healthy Earth for future generations.

HONORING DR. ROBERT AGRELLA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the career of Dr. Robert Agrella, who formally retires from his position as president

of Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) on May 5, 2012, after 22 years. Just the fourth president in the 94-year history of SRJC, Dr. Agrella has overseen a period of substantial change in an institution now recognized as a national leader in community college education. His management and foresight have benefitted us all by bringing higher learning closer to the people of the North Bay.

Serving over 36,000 students each semester, and drawing on the expertise of some 3500 faculty and staff, Santa Rosa Junior College is amongst the oldest and most widely recognized two-year colleges in California. It is also a large and growing institution, with two main campuses and a number of career-specific facilities dedicated to public safety, agriculture, technology, culinary arts, and more.

It is a proud part of Dr. Agrella's legacy that many of the SRJC facilities have been built, expanded, or refurbished during his tenure. In the 1990s, classes first began at the Petaluma campus, and SRJC moved into several new buildings in Santa Rosa. In the past decade, during a time of increasing budgetary difficulty, the new Frank P. Doyle Library, a new student services center, and vast new improvements at the Petaluma Campus and elsewhere have all been completed or undertaken. These are the products of Dr. Agrella's tireless work to unite SRJC staff and a Sonoma County community committed to the funding and planning necessary for continued growth. SRJC has also become a model for environmental consciousness, supporting green construction and a thoughtful, collaborative approach to development.

As the North Bay has grown and diversified, so too has the training and education SRJC offers to meet the needs of our community. While opening new facilities in agriculture and public safety—areas of historic strength in Sonoma County—Dr. Agrella has also overseen an expansion into new areas that will strengthen our economic base and serve the needs of a modern workforce. High technology, green energy and green building, tourism and hospitality, and performing arts offerings have all been upgraded. At the same time, scholarships have been greatly expanded to serve a diverse and inclusive College community.

Dr. Agrella's role in realizing these changes has been widely recognized in Sonoma County. He has been named Santa Rosa Citizen of the Year, and he is the recipient of the Spirit of Sonoma County Award. In appreciation of his longstanding service to SRJC and Sonoma County, Dr. Agrella has also been named the College's first president emeritus.

Mr. Speaker, we ask you to join us in thanking Dr. Agrella for his contributions to Santa Rosa Junior College, and in wishing him all the best in his retirement. Dr. Agrella leaves SRJC with a remarkable legacy of service, and with a firm footing for a strong, progressive future.

HONORING THE BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS OF HACKLEBURG AND PHIL CAMPBELL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the courage and dedication of the

first responders of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell in the wake of the deadly tornadoes of April 27, 2011. Furthermore I want to honor the heroic actions of these volunteer firefighters, law enforcement officers and paramedics for their selfless devotion to their communities.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, the State of Alabama experienced the worst tornado outbreak since 1974 and possibly the deadliest the State has ever seen. The small Northwest Alabama towns of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell were completely devastated by the storms. The storms left a path of destruction through the towns at least half a mile wide, destroying numerous houses and businesses as well as both high schools, the fire and police stations in Hackleburg and severely damaging the city hall in Phil Campbell. Worst of all, the tornadoes took the lives of 18 people in the Hackleburg area and 27 people in Phil Campbell.

During the difficult hours and days immediately following the tornadoes of April 27, 2011, the first responders of Hackleburg, Phil Campbell, Marion County and Franklin County acted with the utmost professionalism and bravery when called to duty. Despite the carnage, they performed their duties with valor and perseverance. Many of them were working to assist others while not knowing whether their own families were safe. During the first frantic hours—and even days—of the search and rescue effort, sleep was not an option. They had a mission to do: to coordinate emergency work and retain order even while the debris-littered streets were the same route used to carry out the wounded and deceased and to welcome in relief workers from neighboring communities. But through it all, they never lost sight of the people they had sworn to serve and the spirit that has held their communities together.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama, I commend the brave men and women of the volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies and paramedics for their courage, selflessness and commitment to their communities. They, along with the resilient folks they serve, have begun to pick up the pieces of their shattered towns. I have every confidence that the Towns of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell will fully rebuild and be better than ever.

TO RECOGNIZE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STOCK MARKET GAME'S "CAPITOL HILL CHALLENGE"

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Battlefield High School's Participation in the Stock Market Game "Capitol Hill Challenge."

The Stock Market Game (SMG) program is an extension of SIFMA and the SIFMA Foundation for Investor Education and has provided financial literacy, including personal financial skills and global economic education, to 13 million students and hundreds of thousands of teachers. Through this program, students further their performance and understanding of such financial and economic topics.

The "Capitol Hill Challenge" (CHC) poses a challenge to participating student teams by having them manage a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio and investing in bonds, real stocks, and mutual funds. CHC would also engage Members of Congress with the constituents participating in SMG. The top five teams will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with their Congressman or Congresswoman. Again, CHC is an investment in our students' financial literacy for their future.

Battlefield High School will participate under the guidance of Michele Adkins and is among the more than 3,000 teams participating in the Ninth Annual Stock Market Game "Capitol Hill Challenge."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Battlefield High School on the occasion of its participation in the Stock Market Game's "Capitol Hill Challenge" and in congratulating the students, educators, administrators, and parents on working together as a team for the benefit of all.

A TRIBUTE TO DREW MINARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Des Moines Crossroads Park Elementary student Drew Minard, for his brave efforts to combat bullying in his school, state, and country.

Bullying is a problem for millions of school children every day in every corner of America. As adults we are well aware of the damage and pain that bullying causes, but it is the children of our country that live through this grim reality every day. Eleven-year-old Drew Minard understands the state of bullying firsthand and is using his talents, perspective and his big heart to motivate students across Iowa to change this reality, rather than accept it.

The 2012 documentary "Bully" is being viewed by millions as a heartbreaking look into our nation's bullying problem, but to Drew the film was his call to action. Drew knows that the solution to bullying does not lie with a select few, but instead lies with each and every one of us. When it comes to bullying, as Drew says, "There is no such thing as an innocent bystander."

To get his fellow students actively involved in combating bullying, Drew launched a student-led bully prevention initiative called ABC, or Anti-Bullying Club, for sixth-graders at Crossroads Park. ABC currently boasts roughly 30 members that gather to write and perform anti-bullying lessons that are presented at school assemblies. ABC also creates and places posters around the school to encourage students to speak out against bullying and report acts of bullying to an authority figure immediately when witnessed. The members of ABC are also readying a "Declaration of Non-Bullying" that they hope every student will sign to affirm their commitment to putting a stop to bullying in their school. Drew readily acknowledges that bullying is not just specific to Crossroads Park, and he plans to expand ABC to other elementary schools in his area and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, the actions Drew has shown to a cause greater than himself speaks volumes