

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN,

Washington, DC, November 29, 2004.

Col. CARL R. BAKER,
Chief of Police, Chesterfield County Police Department, Chesterfield, VA.

DEAR CHIEF BAKER: As you know, on November 24, a gas station owned by Sarabjit Singh and Sukhjinder Singh, two Sikhs, was set on fire. Graffiti, including "Go back to Bin Laden," "F*** Arab gas," and "Never Again Indian Monkey N****," was sprayed on a dumpster behind the charred station.

This is clearly a hate crime and it is unacceptable. I urge you to prosecute this crime to the fullest possible extent. Do not let the people who perpetrated this crime think they can get away with it.

This would be an unacceptable crime if the owners of the stations were Muslims, as the perpetrators apparently thought they were, or members of any other group. But they are not. They are Sikhs. Sikhism is an independent, monotheistic, revealed religion that believes in the equality of all people, including gender equality. It is not part of either Islam or Hinduism. The perpetrator of this crime didn't even hit the target he intended to hit!

Sikhs are religiously, culturally, and linguistically distinct from any other people in the world. The Sikh Nation has declared its independence from India and is currently under Indian occupation. Sikhs are working to free our homeland, Khalistan.

The incident at the gas station is a setback for the American ideal of freedom for all people and those responsible must be fully and swiftly punished to protect these Sikh businessmen and protect the system of freedom under law.

I urge you to take all appropriate action to bring the criminals to justice.

Sincerely,

DR. GURMIT SINGH AULAKH,
President.

RECOGNIZING DONALD SHERMAN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donald Sherman of Independence, Missouri, 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 82, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. COLMAN PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of St. Colman Parish, of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate 125 years of faith, guidance and support, embracing generations of citizens throughout our westside Cleveland community.

In 1880, St. Colman Parish was formed to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of the Irish-American residents of this neighborhood. Since that time, St. Colman's has evolved into a parish community that reflects the racial and cultural diversity of the community it serves, wholly embracing and celebrating the brilliantly diverse mosaic that is the rich fabric of the people of this parish.

St. Colman's historical and bright legacy of social justice, community outreach, cultural preservation, educational programs and spiritual guidance, continues to emanate along these streets, offering tangible services and assistance to citizens of all ages. Restoring broken homes and broken hearts is the continuing legacy of St. Colman's Parish.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every leader and member of St. Colman Parish, as they celebrate 125 years of cultivating faith, hope and heritage for generations of families within our Cleveland community. We also rise in honor and memory of the struggle, sacrifice and triumph of the founding members of this parish, who journeyed to America with little more than faith, hope and the grit to survive. Love and faith still radiates from St. Colman Parish, encircling this neighborhood with light, strength and hope rising on the dawn of a brand new day.

OSSIE DAVIS AND RUBY DEE:
AMERICAN ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the life and work of Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, two prolific artists whose achievements have immeasurably impacted the livelihood of African American artists and the African American community as a whole. Together, they helped to knock down the exclusionary barriers placed upon minority artists, effectually ushering in a new age of American art and culture in which the contributions of African American artists have been, for the first time in our history, recognized and appreciated. The pair were recently honored at the annual John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in celebration of their life's work.

Appearing in more than 20 films, the talented Ruby Dee has enthralled audiences in notable stage appearances such as her role in *A Raisin in the Sun* and *The Balcony*. The recipient of countless cultural awards, Ms. Dee continues to push the boundaries of the pre-

conceived notions of women in film and theater. She has written plays, musicals and several books of poetry, eventually turning her stories into the 1998 critically acclaimed one-woman show, *One Good Nerve*. Truly a trailblazer in her own right, Ruby Dee has played a vital role in the progression of the arts in our country.

An actor, playwright, producer, screenwriter and director, the impressive career of Ossie Davis spans more than half a century. Having written and directed such memorable films and plays as 1970's *Cotton Comes to Harlem* and 1961's contentious exploration of segregation, *Purlie Victorious*, the works of Mr. Davis are long-lasting in depth and scope. A gifted actor, Ossie Davis has shown his versatile talents in a bevy of roles and memorable performances.

In a time of limited opportunities for African-American actors, both Ms. Dee and Mr. Davis sprung from the Harlem cultural scene before meeting on Broadway and forging their legendary partnership, later on pledging their lives to one another as husband and wife. Together, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee have appeared in more than 50 films, featured in several Spike Lee efforts, including *Jungle Fever*, *Get on the Bus*, *School Daze* and the classic *Do the Right Thing*. Also appearing in *Malcolm X*, Mr. Davis plays himself, reprising his passionate eulogy at the funeral of the slain civil rights leader.

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee have presided as vanguards of political activism. They have been tireless proponents of the civil rights movement in America as well as staunch opponents of the McCarthyism witch-hunts; the duo has unquestioningly worn the mantle of public defenders for the past several decades. They helped organize and then graced the dais of the first fundraising dinner held by the Congressional Black Caucus and gave us, in Ossie's speech, the direction we have since sought to follow. Ossie told us that "It's not the man, it's the plan," and that admonition has sustained us and created an institution that has grown and prospered through many changes in leadership over the years.

I am personally indebted to Ossie and Ruby for their many contributions to my own Harlem community, including Ossie's service as chairman emeritus of the Board of the Apollo Theater Foundation. Without their efforts, there is no question that our Nation would be less committed to the great moral challenges of our lifetime. The African-American community, as well as the country as a whole, owes them both a debt of gratitude.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JACK
QUINN

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Congressman JACK QUINN of Hamburg, New York, as he retires from the U.S. House of Representatives after 12 years of exemplary public service.

Throughout his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, JACK represented both his constituents and the institution with grace and integrity. He loved his country, his community

and his family, never straying from the strong values he was raised on.

Throughout his entire career, JACK always acted with the best interests of New Yorkers in mind. As the chairman of the House Republican Working Group on Labor, JACK was the "go-to guy" in our conference on a wide variety of labor-related issues. His positions on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee allowed JACK to do important work on behalf of our Nation's veteran community and passenger rail systems, employees and customers, issues that were of great importance to him.

While he distinguished himself as a Member of Congress and earned the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle, JACK was also notable for his esteemed academic career, his knowledge on a wide variety of issues, and his deep commitment to serving his constituents.

I salute JACK for all that he has done for western New York and New York State in his time in Congress. He has been a close personal friend of mine, and I am proud to have worked closely with him here in the House and back at home in western New York.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in thanking Congressman JACK QUINN of Hamburg, New York, for his years of service to western New York, New York State, and our Nation, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Luther King High School Soccer Team, which has achieved a New York City Public School Athletic League record 5th consecutive title this year. Part of the oldest High School sports league in the nation, the MLK soccer team has battled many of the top teams in the City and has continually prevailed.

Having been nationally ranked the last 6 years and boasting an overall record over the last 9 years of 221 wins, 14 losses, and three ties, a 93 percent winning percentage, the MLK soccer team has once again reclaimed a championship they have held for 8 of the last 9 years. This is the all-time record for number of championships held by any New York City public school. The team is coached by Martin Jacobson, who has been with the team during the entirety of this its impressive run. In addition to being recognized and written about in a number of local newspapers, the team's accomplishments have also been acknowledged by the Students Sports Soccer website, which ranked them 25th out of soccer teams in the country this year. Many players have not only been driven to succeed on the soccer field, but have gone on to renowned colleges around the country.

I am pleased to congratulate the Martin Luther King High School's Soccer Team. The team's Awards dinner, being held at the School on December 16th, will rightfully honor

a group of talented people who I am proud to represent in the 8th Congressional District of New York. I wish them all a joyous celebratory dinner and many more successful seasons.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARITA HUNT-TEJADA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated her life to serving the people of her community. Mrs. Margarita Hunt-Tejada, District Manager for Community Board #4 in the Bronx, NY will be retiring after 40 years of service.

In her role as District Manager for Community Board #4, Mrs. Hunt-Tejada oversees the delivery of city services to over 140,000 people. She assists in the development of long range strategies as well as plans for their implementation. Under her strong leadership many of the programs and projects advocated by the board are coming to fruition, such as the Bronx Community Court House, the High School for Law, Government and Justice and the East 153rd Street Bridge. In addition, Mrs. Hunt-Tejada can take great pride in the fact that she has helped to get the Bronx Terminal Market Project underway. This project will provide for a large scale shopping mall, a hotel and a much sought after conference center. More importantly, it will create hundreds of new jobs for Bronx community residents.

Prior to her role as District Manager for Bronx Community Board #4, Mrs. Hunt-Tejada served the people of the Bronx in various other leadership positions, including Director of Community Affairs at the Bethel Christian Church, Assistant Office Manager at M. Singer and Sons, located at the Bronx Terminal Market, and Associate District Manager for Bronx Community Board #4.

Believing that there can be no greater vocation than caring for and serving the needs of others, Mrs. Hunt-Tejada has worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of people throughout the Bronx. As a result of her unyielding dedication and hard work over the past four decades, hundreds of thousands of people in her community have been able to enjoy a higher standard of living.

Mr. Speaker, for her many years of outstanding service, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this remarkable woman.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN REYNOLDS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Justin Reynolds of Independence, Missouri, 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 82, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF DR. HENRY T. KING, JR., CANADA'S FIRST HONORARY CONSUL IN CLEVELAND AND NORTHEAST OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dr. Henry T. King, Jr., as Canada's First Honorary Consul in Cleveland and Northeast OH, and of the opening of a Canadian consulate office in Cleveland.

Dr. King has been a long-time friend of Canada. As U.S. Director of the Canada-U.S. Law Institute, he has hosted the Institute's annual law conference at Case Western Reserve University School of Law for the last 19 years. Dr. King is a member of the American Bar Association and former chairman of its Section on International Law and Practice. He is currently U.S. Chairman of the Joint ABA/CBA/Barr Mexican Working Group on the Settlement of International Disputes.

Dr. King is a founder and co-chairman of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group. He is also a member and former chairman of the Northern Ohio District Export Council. In addition, he is a member of the Corporate Counsel Committee of the American Arbitration Association and is an advisory board member of the Institute for International and Comparative Law of the Center for American and International Law, formerly the Southwestern Legal Foundation.

Dr. King's strong interest in international law and justice goes back to his days as a young lawyer shortly after the Second World War when he joined with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson as a prosecutor at Nuremberg. This experience had a strong effect on his views of international law and relations, as is evident from his writings on global justice, international human rights, national and international security, sovereignty, and international courts.

Henry King is a graduate of Yale Law School and has an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from the University of Western Ontario. He was awarded lifetime membership in the Canadian Bar Association. He is a Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law and Of Counsel to the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly pleased that the people of Canada, in their wisdom, turned to Dr. Henry T. King, Jr., to be the Honorary Consul for Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. Canadians as well as the people of Greater Cleveland will be well represented in this most important international relationship.