

Friendship. The Kremlin has also thought to dismantle and put pressure a number on of international civil society organizations, including the Soros Foundation, the National Democratic Institute & British Council.

Mr. Chairman, I regret that Russia is moving in a direction that is contrary to Western values and traditions. This must be troubling to America as well. The question is what can America and other Western democracies do about it. Obviously, what does not work are casual refrains and diplomatic overtures. Given that the hardened and cynical forces in the Kremlin understand and respond only to sanctions that threaten their own interests, I offer two thoughts:

I applaud Senators MCCAIN and LIEBERMAN and Congressmen LANTOS and COX for their sponsorship of the G-8 Resolution. In examining the criteria for membership, it is clear Russia meets neither the economic nor democratic requirements for a seat at the G-8 table. Making clear that Russia's continued membership depends on its adherence to democratic principles and the rule of law will gain the attention of a leader who clearly relishes his position in the G-8 Club. At least America and other G-8 members should not allow Vladimir Putin to head the group given the circumstances in Russia today.

Russia aspires to be in the World Trade Organization for understandable reasons. But is it possible that a major country that uses extralegal means to seize control of private assets, selective prosecution, businessmen, renationalizes private enterprises, harasses companies with bogus tax charges and fails to erect a legal system that protects investments, shareholders and commercial contracts, deserves membership in the WTO? Capital outflows and the decline in investments are clearly due to perceptions inside and outside Russia that it is not safe for investment. If responsible nations ignore these trends and do not take effective action to combat them, it will only encourage Russian authorities to continue down the path of authoritarianism.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to make it clear I want to see an open, uncorrupted, prosperous and free Russia. On my last visit to Washington in June 2002, I was Deputy Chairman of the Russia Federation's International Relations Committee, president of the Russia Jewish Congress, a major shareholder in Group Menatep, the holding company of YUKOS oil, and heavily involved in education and philanthropic causes.

Today I am a proud citizen of Israel, the country whose democracy protects me from false accusations of undocumented crimes by a prosecutor who is on a political witch hunt. My sins, as viewed by the Kremlin, were to work with Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Yukos to promote greater freedom, an open civil society, business transparency and democratic values in Russia to help the Russian people. This is a dark time for those of us who cherish freedom and embrace democracy. If the Russian people had a greater faith in democracy and recognition of their power to demand it, there would be an uprising in the country. But their experience is too limited. Our only hope is that America, the author and inspiration of democracy, will use its prestige to convince Mr. Putin to change his ways.

Again, I thank the Helsinki Commission for maintaining its commitment to democratic values and willingness to confront Russia and other nations whenever those values are put into jeopardy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall vote No. 440. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I voted "no" on the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement, DR-CAFTA, in the vote last night. I informed the majority leader and the Appropriations chairman I was voting "no", as I had informed my constituents I was voting "no." Representative HOWARD COBLE and I voted "no" together. Due to an error, my "no" vote did not record on the voting machine. The clerks computer logs verified that I had attempted to vote, but it did not show my "nay". I am re-inserting my "no" vote in the record. But even with my "no" vote re-inserted, the bill still passed.

HONORING PRESIDENT JUDGE
THOMAS G. PEOPLES, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor President Judge Thomas G. Peoples, Jr., who after 25 years of distinguished service is retiring from his prestigious responsibility as president judge. President Judge Peoples has had a very prestigious career with many achievements and recognitions. Completing a bachelor of arts from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from Dickinson School of Law, Judge Peoples was admitted to the Bar of Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1965. Since 1965, he has practiced before all appellate courts of Pennsylvania and before the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

President Judge Peoples had a private law practice from 1965 to 1980 and he was first district attorney in Blair County from 1974 to 1980. From 1980 to 2005, he was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Blair County and during this same time he was the president of Blair County.

He has been involved in many public service and community activities including incorporator and member of the original Advisory Board of Blair County Legal Services Corporation. He has been the President of the Board of Trustees for Mercy Hospital, Altoona, PA, and Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital, Altoona.

Judge Peoples is an advocate for children and is presently a member of the Board and former president of Child Advocates of Blair County. He is also the co-founder and former

Advisory Board member of the Blair County Domestic Abuse Project. He was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award—Penns Woods Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Saint George Award of Scouting.

He resides in Altoona, PA, with his wife Maureen McManus Peoples. They have three children, Thomas G. Peoples III, Amy M. Dudukovich, and Jennifer A. Yourkavitch.

Mr. Speaker, President Judge Thomas G. Peoples, Jr. has been very active in both professional and personal activities throughout Blair County, PA. President Judge Thomas G. Peoples, Jr. is a great citizen of Blair County and we are honored to recognize him for all of his work and accomplishments. I congratulate him and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING ALAN E. MICHELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to congratulate Alan E. Michelson, principal of Cordill-Mason Elementary School in Blue Springs, Missouri on his recent election as President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Mr. Michelson has served the students, families and community of Blue Springs for a great number of years. He is a graduate of Tarkio College and received a Masters Degree from Central Missouri State University.

During his 27 years of service in the field of education, Mr. Michelson has been granted numerous awards in recognition of his outstanding skills and dedication as an educator. He was named one of the Heritage Who's Who in 2005. He received the Blue Springs School District Award for Leadership, Professionalism and Dedication in 2001. In 1993 he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Parent Teacher Association. Rounding out his list of distinctions, he was named one of 10 Outstanding Missourians in 1982.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Mr. Michelson. I personally look forward to a continued relationship with him as both Principal of Cordill-Mason Elementary School and as President of the National Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS (TOM) J.
WALSH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. Thomas J. Walsh of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Tom was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 3, 1932, son of Thomas E. Walsh and Clare E. Walsh. He attended Visitation Elementary School and Southwest High School. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Missouri where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity. After graduation, he served in

the United States Army as an officer in the Field Artillery. Upon his discharge from the service, Tom attended Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., where he received his juris doctor in 1958 and was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. While attending law school, Tom also worked in the office of Missouri Senator Stuart Symington.

Since 1958, Tom had been a member of both the D.C. Bar and the Missouri Bar and had maintained a full service law office in Lee's Summit, Missouri. During his years of practice, Tom served as attorney to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, vice chairman of the Missouri Counsel of Criminal Justice, and as chairman of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee. Tom was recognized in the inaugural edition of *Who's Who in American Law*, and in 1993, he was admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar. He was a gubernatorial appointee to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners from 1993 to 2001. Tom also was the original chairman of my Skelton for Congress Committee.

In 1956, Tom was married to Ellen B. Walsh. They also are the proud parents of three children: Carolyn Walsh Heinz, David T. Walsh and Katherine Walsh.

Tom made many significant contributions to the community. He was a member of the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, the Lee's Summit Optimist Club and the Lee's Summit Democratic Club.

Mr. Speaker, Tom was a valuable leader in his community who was respected by everyone who knew him. He was a dear friend of mine and will be missed by all. I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

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TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMEN-
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SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today Congress draws a line in the sand and says it has had enough of trade agreements that are unfair to America and harmful to our reputation across the world. Today we say enough with agreements that let our competitors reverse engineer our products, manipulate their currency and steal our intellectual property. Enough with agreements that ship good paying American jobs to regions of the world where wages are but a fraction of ours—where environmental and labor standards put already vulnerable families here and abroad at greater risk.

It has been said that this debate is about globalization. But by rejecting CAFTA, we do not reject globalization, Mr. Speaker. Rather, we set a new path for America—one that embraces globalization's capacity to raise living standards here and across the world, to strike at the heart of poverty, and expand markets that will serve as the foundation of the 21st Century economy.

Those are America's values, Mr. Speaker, and they ought to be central to this bill. But if

these last four years have taught us anything, it is that we do not spread our values by denying our trade partners' citizens the right to affordable generic drugs for diseases like HIV and malaria—this pact prevents developing countries from accessing lower priced generic drugs by granting drug companies new and extended patent protection and additional shelter from price competition. We do not spread American values by exploiting cheap labor, deepening income inequality in the developing world. Indeed, CAFTA's single enforceable workers' rights provision requires only that countries enforce their own labor laws—laws that fail to meet international standards.

Yet globalization marches on, and America stands idly by, missing one opportunity after another to shape globalization's rules to our benefit and the world's. Already 55,500 workers from my state's once-thriving manufacturing base have been left behind, their jobs shipped overseas. 2.8 million more have been sent abroad nationally, decimating our industrial capacity and leaving us with a \$617 billion trade deficit. No one expects this pact to bring these jobs back—the combined purchasing power of the CAFTA is no more than that of my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. But by including loopholes like one which could allow massive quantities of Chinese yarn, fabric and other products to displace U.S. products, it is hard to imagine this deal will make American companies and workers as competitive in this century's global marketplace as they were in the last. And that must be our goal.

This is a moment for unity, Mr. Speaker. By rejecting CAFTA, the Congress can say with one voice that how America responds to globalization is too important for the partisanship and divisiveness that have brought us to this point. Only then can we send negotiators back to the table with a clear mission and singular moral purpose. That is what this debate is about, and that is why I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

HONORING JAMES T. MOLLOY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James T. Molloy, former Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives who has been honored with the naming of a United States Postal Service facility located at 2061 South Park Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "James T. Molloy Post Office Building". Jimmy Molloy has been my friend since I first arrived in the House of Representatives back in January of 1989. He was the door keepers-door keeper, a special person simply beloved by everyone.

Six Presidents heard his thunderous announcements of their presence before joint sessions of Congress for the State of the Union address. When he said, "Mr. Speaker, The President of the United States," the chamber would erupt in applause reflecting the enthusiasm of the doorkeeper's voice. It was always a great moment to witness.

Jimmy always remembered his roots and the love he had for Buffalo, New York and its

people. He spoke with great affection of his childhood in western New York and the foundation he developed for life in this region. Hard work, long hours, true friendships, and honesty were the hallmark of his life.

To Jimmy Molloy, his family and friends, congratulations on the naming of the United States Postal Service facility on South Park Avenue in Buffalo. You deserve this special recognition. As your friend, I am very pleased.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington Animal Rescue League's, WARL, efforts to provide care and compassion for homeless and abused animals in our Nation's Capital and beyond, and to bring to the U.S. Congress's attention that Saturday, August 20th is National Homeless Animals' Day.

For over 90 years, WARL has worked tirelessly to promote humane treatment and eliminate the plight of homeless animals. Founded in 1914, WARL was the District's first animal shelter. Since its creation, this private, not-for-profit organization has expanded its mission from housing dogs, cats and horses to being a leader in implementing programs that promote animal welfare. WARL's policies and procedures were progressive from the organization's inception. From mandating home visits far potential adopters to providing low-cost or free veterinary care for animals in need, WARL is in a league all its own.

WARL's doors are always open to welcome an adoptable animal in need of care and compassion. Dedicated staff and volunteers work in many ways to promote animal welfare and find loving homes for these wayward animals. Throughout the week, WARL counsels potential adopters to match their cats and dogs in appropriate, loving, caring homes. WARL's medical clinic provides the highest quality care to the dogs and cats in residence and to companion animals of the District's low-income families. On weekends, while the shelter operates business as usual, WARL staff and volunteers hold off-site adoption events at animal-friendly businesses throughout the D.C. area.

Overpopulated animal shelters are a problem for too many communities. To help alleviate the stress of overcrowding in shelters as far as Florida and Arkansas, WARL created the Shelter Animal Relief Effort, ShARE, program. Shelters participating in ShARE use WARL as their resource when in crisis, eliminating the need to euthanize adoptable animals.

Additionally, WARL provides humane education to District school children using a curriculum that includes in-class lectures, activities, and trips to visit the shelter and medical center. This program strives to ensure the future of animal welfare in our society by teaching children to treat animals responsibly and with care and compassion.

Through these many efforts, WARL hopes to achieve its goal to eliminate the need to observe future National Homeless Animals' Day.