

Mike, National Headliner Award for Best Documentary to name but a few. Just this past August he was honored with the Spirit of America Award by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

In spite of his accomplishments, he never lost the value of humility or the heartfelt treasure of friendship. He was my dear friend and mentor. My heart goes out to his wife, Judy, and his sons, Mark and Christopher. His absence in my life and in the Asian Community is irreplaceable.

But his body of work will live on and inspire generations of aspiring young Asian Americans to dream big dreams, and then go on to realize them.

It has been said that Asian American men are some of America's best kept secrets. Sam Chu Lin helped to change that. There is a story of a short man who was in the midst of some tall men. One of the taller men said to him, "You must feel pretty small right now." The man replied, "Yes, I feel like a dime in the midst of nickels."

Sam Chu Lin was no dime amongst nickels. He was a silver dollar amongst dimes. For in fact, the lifetime body of accomplishments of Sam Chu Lin has forever changed the face of American journalism.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST STEP TO REDEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2006

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, our security depends on the President changing the course in Iraq. Last November, I released a plan to do just this by carrying out a phased redeployment of U.S. troops starting with bringing the National Guard home and refocusing our political, diplomatic and reconstruction efforts. Today, having received a good deal of support for my plan, I am introducing the First Step to Redeployment Act of 2006 which would put my plan into practice by beginning the redeployment of U.S. armed forces from Iraq. This legislation will begin the redeployment of our troops with the National Guard because they also have an important role here at home, fighting forest fires, providing hurricane relief, and keeping our country safe.

Our challenge now is to learn from our mistakes in Iraq and make the appropriate adjustments to our strategy. However, the Iraq conflict is only the beginning of our challenge. We face very real strategic threats from North Korea to Iran and we need thoughtful, moral, and honest efforts to deal with them.

TRIBUTE TO BOB JENNINGS

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has had a tremendous positive effect on the political landscape of California for more than 30 years. For the

past three years Bob Jennings has been my District Director. I could not have chosen a better person to fill this role as I sought to lay a solid foundation for my Congressional career. Bob's knowledge and guidance has made all the difference in helping establish an effective office that meets the needs of my constituents and anticipates opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents in my area.

Bob is no stranger to the San Joaquin Valley and its many challenges. He started his career as a District Director for former Rep. Bob Mathias in 1969. He served in that position until 1975. He went on to form California Data Marketing with then Assemblyman Bill Jones. The two formed a unique friendship and partnership in business and politics that endured through Jones' career as a State Senator and eventually as California's Secretary of State. Bob served as Chief Assistant Secretary and later Undersecretary of State for Bill and was instrumental in establishing the Golden State Museum in Sacramento.

During his time on my staff, Bob spearheaded efforts at the district level to address a wide range of issues through community summits and workshops, including the shortage of health care workers and professionals; affordable housing needs; leading the charge for a Congressional Research Service study on the 8-county area of the Valley and most notably, fostering a greater sense of unity and cooperation among federal and state district staffs across party lines.

For more than five decades, his quiet leadership and vision have made an indelible mark on the communities he has served. His guidance and mentorship of my staff will pay immeasurable dividends far into the future.

As he ends his career at the end of March, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him all the best in a well-deserved retirement, and in offering up many thanks for his hard work and dedicated service over so many years. Thank you, Bob.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 (H.R. 2829).

I am proud to have been involved in the creation of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in 1988. Legislation I introduced became part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, which created the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Along with creating the office of the White House "Drug Czar," my legislation also permitted the U.S. military to help interdict drugs, called for the seizure of aircraft involved in drug smuggling, sped up the interdiction of foreign vessels carrying drugs, required minimum sentences for crack cocaine users, and required drug testing of key transportation workers.

The ONDCP is responsible for establishing policies, priorities, and objectives for our na-

tion's drug control program. The reauthorization of ONDCP and its programs are essential to continue the reduction of illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking, drug-related crime and violence, and drug-related health consequences.

The ONDCP Reauthorization Act of 2006 improves the ONDCP and its programs in many important ways. The bill requires that the Director of ONDCP to have the same rank and status as other executive department heads. This will ensure that the "Drug Czar" will be able to interact with other executive department heads to coordinate with them on anti-drug policies and programs.

The bill also preserves and strengthens the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. The HIDTA program is ONDCP's principal law enforcement program.

Two counties in my district, Broward and Palm Beach, are part of the South Florida HIDTA. The mission of the South Florida HIDTA is to measurably reduce drug trafficking, related money laundering, violent crime and drug abuse in South Florida, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in other areas of the country. The extensive shoreline of the Florida peninsula and the Florida Keys, combined with 3 major seaports and a close proximity to the Caribbean basin, make South Florida a prime target for maritime smuggling operations.

The South Florida HIDTA designation makes the local law enforcement agencies in Broward and Palm Beach Counties eligible for federal grant funding in order to facilitate the attack and the dismantling of high-value drug trafficking and related money laundering and violent crime organizations working throughout South Florida.

Mr. Chairman reauthorizing the ONDCP and its programs will help us stay ahead of the war on drugs and drug abuse. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Nevada Women's History Project for their contributions to the community in promoting awareness of the historical contributions of Nevadan women.

The Nevada Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in the fall of 1994 to provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every race, class and ethnic background. The NWHP is a statewide organization, with active regions in the North and South. Currently the group has over 200 members.

On March 5, 2005 the second statue from the state of Nevada, that of Sarah Winnemucca, was placed in the United States Capitol. The NWHP was the main factor in placing the statue, by raising the funds to make the statue and lobbying the Nevadan Legislature to give Sarah this honor. The NWHP has gone further to recognize Sarah by placing a replica of the original statue in Reno, Nevada. A second replica statue, which will