

most are now resisting repatriation; 1,000 volunteers at camps in Indonesia have withdrawn their requests to return, and voluntary repatriation has also ceased in Hong King with 196 of 200 volunteers now refusing to board a scheduled flight to Vietnam.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and other objective observers lay the blame squarely on this legislation for this violence and for the collapse of orderly voluntary repatriation.

The repatriation of Indochinese boat people determined by the UNHCR to be economic migrants, not political refugees, was bound to be a contentious process under the best of conditions. But when this body refused to strike this dangerous and irresponsible provision, it gave the 40,000 plus boat people in the camps false hope of resettlement in the United States and, thus, created the conditions for violence that we see unfolding throughout Southeast Asia.

This Member fully understands and shares the desire to provide fair and humane treatment to those in the refugee camps. But instead this legislation has led to violence in the refugee camps, caused the collapse of voluntary repatriation, and will also likely encourage another wave of boat departures from Vietnam, putting people at great risk on the high seas and swelling the refugee camp population.

COMMENDING THE DEFENDING NBA CHAMPION HOUSTON ROCKETS

(Mr. BENTSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to commend the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets for their impressive win over the San Antonio Spurs and soaring back to the NBA final in a matchup against the Orlando Magic. The Houston Rockets, who traveled a long journey to this year's NBA finals have beaten the top three teams in the western conference, Utah, Phoenix, and San Antonio.

I believe there were a number of factors which lead this remarkable team to represent the western conference in the NBA finals, both the coaching staff and the players. However, it all starts with the players, Clyde Drexler, Kenny Smith, Robert Horry, Mario Elie, Sam Cassell, and of course, Hakeem Olajuwon, who are out there day in and day out giving it their all.

I would also like to give ultimate praises to the coach of the Houston Rockets, Rudy Tomjanovich. Although the team went through injuries, trades, and player problems, his leadership has enabled the team to stay focused and keep its eyes on the big prize, another NBA championship.

While this will be no easy task for the Rockets, for the Orlando Magic pose a credible challenge. The Rockets players have done what it takes to win, either playing good defense, hitting

treys or going to its heart and soul, in the middle, center, Hakeem the Dream. Everything the Rockets accomplish starts with that.

Needless to say, my money is on the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets.

CONGRATULATING THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate, once again, the Syracuse University Varsity Lacrosse Team for its victories over tenacious and skilled opponents from Virginia and Maryland on Memorial Day weekend in the 1995 NCAA Lacrosse Championships. This marks the sixth time that Coach Roy Simmons, Jr., his outstanding coaching staff, and the players from Syracuse University have brought this honor on themselves.

This has been a year of ups and downs for the Syracuse team and those of us in central New York who follow their prowess. The lacrosse program has sustained a national reputation worthy of the SU sports program and of any division I academic institution. We in Syracuse are very proud.

It was a poignant set of victories leading to this championship, in light of the death earlier in the season of Roy Simmons, Sr., a well-known Syracusan, the father of Coach Simmons and himself the only other lacrosse coach at SU since 1931. Additionally, Roy, Sr. was president of the city of Syracuse Common Council earlier in his career.

The sign of a true championship is the ability to overcome adversity. Syracuse University's team and coaches came through a rough start of the season and finished with a great win against a strong Maryland team on their home field. In the semifinal they eliminated Virginia, a team that conquered the Orangemen earlier in the year. We salute the 16 graduating seniors and thank them and their undergraduate teammates for some wonderful memories.

Good luck and congratulations, national champs.

EPIDEMIC OF DEAFNESS IN RIGHT EAR AMONG REPUBLICANS WHEN IT COMES TO THE ADVOCACY OF VIOLENCE

(Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am struck by a terrible national epidemic that appears to have settled on the land. Significant numbers of right-wing thinkers, politicians,

and advocates appear to all have gone deaf in one ear.

Recently, we have heard many of the Republican leaders and conservatives denounce violence, the advocacy thereof. People have talked about movies and other forms of entertainment in speeches which advocate violence. Strangely, however, they only seem to hear one kind of violence. When Gordon Liddy talks about how to shoot Federal law enforcement officials, he gets an award from some of these people. When entertainers who have Republican leanings make movies in which large numbers of people are shot for no apparent reason, that is apparently good.

When people on the left say things that might be equally offensive to many of us, that draws condemnation. Obviously, those who believe in civil liberties, those who believe in free speech, believe in it no matter what the politics of those who say it, so when we have this one-sided effort to criticize people who advocate violence or do not preach family values, but it is only aimed at one side of the spectrum, I am forced to conclude that there is some mysterious ailment in the land which has ended the hearing in the right ear of many of my colleagues.

I hope that the National Institutes of Health, if there is any money left in its budget when the Republicans are through cutting taxes, raising defense, and cutting NIH, I hope they will look at this strange disease which makes it impossible for people to hear the advocacy of violence on the right and condemn it only when it comes from people they disagree with.

TAKING ISSUE WITH STATEMENT THAT U.S. SOLDIERS DIED IN SERVICE OF UNITED NATIONS

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, last year when American soldiers were killed over Iraq, the Vice President of the United States had the temerity to tell the widows and orphans of those men that "they died in the service of the United Nations." Mr. Speaker, I can't think of a more outrageous statement made by any American official in years.

American blood has been spilled on countless battlefields around the globe. Americans have died to protect their homes and families and to save the world from communism not for some faceless U.N. bureaucrat. I never read that Douglas MacArthur told the men at Inchon to hit the beach for the United Nations or that marines at Khe Sahn endured hell wearing blue helmets. America must never surrender its sovereignty to the one world fantasies of Mr. Boutros-Ghali and his acolytes in the White House.