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HONORING THE SMYRNA RESCUE
SQUAD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Smyrna Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a four to six-month period which includes instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their service especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community volunteerism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

TRIBUTE TO BRIG. GEN. ANDREW
P. GROSE

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brig. Gen. Andrew P. Grose upon his retirement from the U.S. Air Force after 33-years of exemplary service. General Grose is currently the Air Force Reserve mobilization assistant to the director of legislative liaison for the U.S. Air Force. Since assuming this post in 1991, General Grose has demonstrated sound judgement and a keen sense of priority. His in-depth knowledge of the Air Force and the Congress has been of great benefit to Members of the House of Representatives as we have deliberated issues relating to our national security interests.

General Grose has served with distinction in demanding positions. The leadership and commitment that he has demonstrated throughout his career have earned for him the respect and gratitude of those who have had the privilege of working with him. Mr. Speaker,

on behalf of my colleagues on the Committee on National Security, I bid General Grose a fond farewell and wish he and his family the very best as they move on to face new challenges and rewards.

CARRYING THE TORCH FOR THE
1996 OLYMPICS

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the individuals in my district who have been honored to carry the torch in the Olympic Torch Relay.

These individuals have distinguished themselves in the community by helping others who have been less fortunate. This group combines people of all ages, men and women for one purpose, to help bring the Olympic flame to Atlanta.

The Olympics are held only rarely in the United States. We should take advantage of this great opportunity to showcase true patriots of this country. Once again I congratulate these individuals on their achievement.

The individuals from my district are: James Barefoot, Sauquoit; Darrell Bruder, Rome; John Cribbs, Sidney; Judith Greiner, Clinton; Leo Hofmeister, Utica; Carlton Jarvis, III, Barker; Jeffrey Jost, Wampsville; Derek Macero, Utica; Dick Mattia, Utica; Robert Merritt, Utica; Allen Pylman, New Hartford; Kristina Rico, Rome; Sandy Shivas, Iliion; James Suriano, Sidney; Russell Brooks, II, Utica; Tim Catella, Oneonta; Eugene A. DiFondi, Jr., Utica; Dustin Hite, Camden; Scott Huges, Herkimer; David Jones, Utica; Joe Kelly, Whitesboro; Ward Mack, Sidney; Steven Mac, Utica; Thomas Mirabito, Jr., Sidney; David Rich, Utica; Williams Rys, New Hartford; James Simpson, New Hartford; and Bob Wood, Sauquoit.

PRINTING ALL THE NEWS THAT
FITS AN AGENDA

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, just when I thought that Wes Pruden could not be more incisive in his commentary, he out does himself again. I submit for the RECORD his column which was printed in the June 11 Washington Times.

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(By Wesley Pruden)

Bill Clinton and his boys on the bus are getting a hard lesson about how times have changed.

They can't any longer decide what news is fit to print—and more to the point, they can't any longer prevent news they think is not fit to print from getting printed anyway. This will become even more important three months hence.

The story about how the White House was building an enemies list from secret FBI files first broke on Thursday, with the revelation that Bernard Nussbaum, or someone using his name, asked the FBI to supply its dos-

siers on Billy Dale seven months after Mr. Dale, the head of the White House travel office until Hillary Rodham Clinton ordered the president's men to delivery his head, was beheaded.

This was the main, or lead, story in this newspaper, stretched across the top of Page One. The Washington Post put it on Page 4, a decorous announcement to the reporters around town, who imagine The Post to be the arbiter of what's news, that it wasn't much of a story. The New York Times, couldn't find any room at all for it on Thursday or Friday. But in fairness to the New York Times, there was a crush of other stuff of compelling interest to its constituency, mostly news about how maybe you can, too, catch AIDS by taking unclean foreign objects in your mouth. There was even a story about how monkeys, if forced to by lab attendants, can catch AIDS this way.

The Associated Press, no doubt influenced by The Post and the New York Times, at first paid grudging attention to the story. But when the story grew, and it became clear that the White House had more in mind than merely seeking dirt on Billy Dale, the story sprouted legs.

By Saturday morning it was in full gallop, with the disclosure that the White House had obtained FBI dossiers on 339—or 341, the figure grew by the hour—Republicans. The White House explanations grew from improbable to unlikely and then to fanciful: It was of course "an innocent mistake," made because maybe they needed to know just who these people were, men like James Baker, the former secretary of state; Marlin Fitzwater, the press secretary for both President Reagan and President Bush; and Tony Blankley, the press secretary for Newt Gingrich. They might want to offer them jobs. Mr. Clinton is determined to keep the unemployment rate down, and you never know when these guys might be out of work.

By now the story was getting out of hand. The silence of the lambs at the New York Times and the reticence of the wolves at The Post was supposed to tell everyone that this was not news fit to print, but some people (like us) never seem to get the word. The New York times put it plain enough for everyone but people like us on Saturday: "Senior White House officials said tonight that they have discovered new facts about a White House request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for information about a fired employee, showing that the request was an innocent mistake." (Emphasis mine.) Everybody could now go back to sleep, and send your apologies to Bill and Hillary.

Too bad for Mr. Clinton and his pals, but now the story was racing on its little baby legs to front pages across the country, and by Sunday morning the TV talk shows couldn't get enough of it. Even Ann Lewis, the deputy director of the Clinton re-election campaign, in a fit of uncontrolled candor, likened the Clinton list to the enemies list compiled for Richard Nixon.

"That's the point we've been trying to make," said Tony Blankley.

"I was trying to be funny," replied Miss Lewis, frostily. (The resident wit, she's famous for cracking everybody up at the White House.)

"Oh," said Mr. Blankley. Being one of nature's gentlemen, he obliged with a laugh.

President Clinton, no doubt irritated that his pals had not contained the story, attempted a diversion on the weekend with his radio speech decrying—as he should have, but in a less blatantly political way—the torching of black churches in the South. He told reporters that the torchings particularly upset him because when he was just a little shaver in Hot Springs he was saddened by the smoking ruins of black churches in Arkansas.