with local, State, and national organizations to provide academic courses, workshops, consultation, entrepreneurial training, mentoring, and more, the Francis Institute has improved the skills of thousands of child care providers and students. At the same time, its qualified staff fosters a lifelong love for learning and personal growth.

It is common for people to talk about the problems our children face today. It is rare for organizations such as the Francis Families Foundation and the Francis Child Development Institute to work hand in hand toward a common goal with so much success in such a short period of time.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Francis Families Foundation of its vision and tremendous generosity, and I wish the Francis Child Development Institute great success in its efforts to change the way we think about child care to the benefit of families.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, on October 23, 1956, students in Hungary protested against the Russian and Marxist-Leninist classes which had been imposed by the Soviet Union. The Hungarian Revolution had begun. Students and the Writers' Union then publicly supported the Polish anti-Soviet movement, and workers joined them in calling to reinstate as Premier the Communist Party reformer Imre Nagy. Within days, despite hard-liner Premier Hegedus' plea to the Soviet Union for assistance, the Communist Party reinstated Nagy and his reform efforts were allowed to resume. The Hungarian people wanted more, and pushed for an end to the dominance of the Communist system itself. With Soviet troops and tanks entering Budapest, a new government was formed as fighting spread across the country. Revolutionary workers' councils and local national committees demanded attention be given to political and economic demands, including calls for free elections, free speech, press, assembly, and worship.

Imre Nagy, siding with the people, announced the end of the one-party system, and called for free elections. He even criticized the Warsaw Pact and indicated his intention to make Hungary a neutral state. The Soviet Union quickly reacted to this secession with a crushing military advance on strategic locations throughout Hungary in mid-November. Imre Nagy was ousted from office. For his loyalty to his people and to their revolution, he was executed by the Soviets in 1958.

Mr. Speaker, despite courageous efforts, the revolutionaries were ruthlessly and bloodily suppressed while a sympathetic but ineffective international community stood by. In the end thousands were killed in the fighting, and hundreds of thousands fled the country to avoid imprisonment and repression after the revolution. Many settled in the United States.

The 40th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution is an appropriate time to reflect upon the historical contribution made by those who valiantly fought for freedom. Although the revolution did not succeed in freeing the Hungarian people, its influence on Hungarian life has been strong. To Hungarians, East and Central Europeans, and the rest of the world, the Revolution served as a reminder that the Soviet Communist bloc was an artificial edifice which would crumble without the support of Soviet military strength.

Hungary and Poland led the way in 1989 to cast off Communist rule, and Hungary remains in the forefront of those East European nations working to consolidate democracy and build market economies. In 1990, Hungary was the first East European country to become a member of the Council of Europe, reflecting Hungary's advances in human rights. Indicative of the country's progress in establishing a democracy, Hungary is currently among the first-tier countries to be considered for membership in an expanded NATO.

In fact, acknowledging the need for security and cooperation with their European neighbors, the Hungarian Government—led by Gyula Horn—made a significant step toward historic reconciliation with Romania by signing a bilateral treaty just a few weeks ago. Hopefully this treaty will be a useful mechanism for handling future concerns peacefully and in a constructive manner. In its ongoing transition, Hungary continues to face the complex tasks of sustaining newly-developed democratic institutions, furthering the growth of civil society, and managing the hardships associated with privatization and economic reforms following decades of Soviet domination and centralization.

Hungary's commitment to a free and democratic system are deeply rooted in the legacy of those who valiantly fought in 1956. With history as a measure, Hungary has great staying power. This year, Hungary commemorates not only the 40th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution, but also the 1100th anniversary of Hungary as a nation. Mr. Speaker, in this 40th anniversary year we honor Hungary's legacy of a love for freedom.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, since 1980, the Girl Scout Gold Award has been the highest award that a Senior Girl Scout can earn. In the Sixth District North Carolina, we are proud to announce that 88 members of the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council have earned this prestigious honor.

The Gold Award is the most highly valued honor in Girl Scouting. The potential honoree must spend 2 to 3 years committing herself to hard work in order to obtain a Gold Award. Her efforts must express a special dedication to personal growth, helping her community and her world, and to her future.

To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four Interest Project Patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Leadership Award, and the Girl Scout Senior Challenges. She must also design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project that takes a minimum of 50 hours to complete. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout, an adult advisor, and the community in which she lives.

We are pleased to state that the following Girl Scouts from the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council of North Carolina have achieved the ultimate success—the Gold Award.

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS—1995–96 Troop Year

Kathryn Abel, Anna Antonowicz, Kendall Bain, Anne Beatty, Renee Blackburn, Kerstin Blomquist, Jennifer Bowman, Dana Braddy, Karen Bright, Hana Brown, JoNelle Bruff, Anna Bulluck, Melissa Burgess, Hillary Craven, Jocelyn Crawford, Aarika Cupp, Janet Dawson, Jennifer Dickson, Kristen Dowler, Jennifer Duncan, Anne Duquette, Danette Farmer, Kristin Felts, Ashley Finn, Erin Florence, Christianna Floyd, Jillian Fulbright, Leta Jo Gardner, Heather Gillaspie, Elizabeth Grabasky, Jessica Grandon, Nyia Gravely, Sikia Gravely, Lara Hensley, Robin Huckabee, Mary Kathryn Jester, Julie Johnson, Laurie Jones, Emily Knott, Heather Lloyd, Heather Long, Katherine Love, Kelly Lowry, Erin Lutz, Whitley Maner, Kara Marcus, Kelly McBrayer, Tonia McCaslin, Erin McClure, Jennifer McGinnis, Amber McKinnon, Rowena McNairy, Hawanya Miller, Kristina Miller, Charita Moore, Lindsey Moxley, Erin Murphy, Carrie Navey, Meredith Newlin, Lauren Pate, Amanda Patty, Monica Pedelty, Katie Potts, Katie Raines, Katherine Redding, Kate Roskelly, Mary Kathryn Ross, Elizabeth Rowland, Jerilyn Shaw, Valerie Smith, Drema Snedeker, Dawn Sneed, Dawn Snider, Katherine Spencer, Meredith Stewart, Lindsey Strickland, Aisha Taylor, Jinger Thies, Margaret Tilley, Mary Elizabeth Waddell, Wellsley Wallace, Mary Weatherly, Anna West, Dana Wiley, Valerie Williams, Vachelle Willis, Meredith Wood, and Patty Yu.

We often hear about the negative achievements of today's youth. I am pleased to share with my colleagues the positive developments of a group of young women in my district. On behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we offer our congratulations to every recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

INDIA FINALLY PUNISHES MURDERER INVOLVED IN 1984 MASSACRE OF SIKHS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the September 16 issue of the New York Times reported that, thanks to a personal crusade by a magistrate named Shiv Narain Dhingra, some of the people responsible for the 1984 Delhi massacre of Sikhs are being punished. Over 20,000 Sikhs died in those massacres following the assassination of Indira Ghandi. All the while, state radio and television called for more bloodshed and the Home Minister locked Sikh policemen in their barracks.

The New York Times called this ''one of the darkest chapters in the country's half-century of independence.''

According to the Times, ''despite evidence implicating politicians, police officers, and officials in the anti-Sikh rioting, not a single person had been convicted for the killings that followed the assassination,'' until this year. This year, a butcher who was involved in at least 150 of those murders, Kishori Lal, was sentence to death by Judge Dhingra. This crusading magistrate has also sentenced 89 people involved in the massacres to 5 years of ''rigorous imprisonment,'' the harshest punishment