

the greatest honors of my life was attending Christmas midnight mass celebrated by Bishop Belo, one of the two 1996 Nobel Peace Prize winners, and spending Christmas Day with him. My visit there has made me truly redouble my efforts on behalf of the people of East Timor and Indonesia.

There is no question that the attacks and abuses are escalating throughout Indonesia. Since Christmas Eve, there have been numerous roundups by security forces. A recent New York Times editorial cited the effects of this crack down on nongovernmental organizations. This latest instance of violence against the people of East Timor and Indonesia requires an immediate response from the U.S. Government.

As a former Portuguese colony, the concerns of the Portuguese-Americans for the human rights situation in East Timor have been great. Indeed, as I travel across the country, it is primarily in the Portuguese communities, and of course the large Portuguese communities in Rhode Island, that I hear concerns over the plight of these people half way around the globe. Senator Pell and former Representative Ron Machtley both raised my awareness of this issue. Unfortunately, things have not changed. What was true then was true now, human rights in East Timor have not improved.

This year's U.S. Department of State human rights report clearly classifies the country of Indonesia as one of the worst violators of human rights. The report highlights those actions based on authoritarian efforts to suppress dissent, enforce cohesion and restrict opposition groups and nongovernmental organizations. The report has over 30 pages dedicated to the intolerable human rights situation in Indonesia.

The bill that I am introducing today, the Indonesian Military Assistance Accountability Act, will attempt to confirm a commitment from Indonesia to cease the human rights violations throughout the country. The bill imposes military sanctions on the country of Indonesia if its human rights record fails to improve.

I have worked closely with numerous human rights groups, and nongovernmental organizations, to establish the most effective way to protect the people of East Timor and other parts of Indonesia, such as Aryan Jaya, where human rights atrocities are being committed.

Specifically, the bill conditions United States arms sales and transfers on a few achievable policy reforms by the Government of Indonesia in the areas of free and fair elections, labor rights, protection of nongovernmental organizations, including human rights, environmental, and religious foundations, rights and protections for the people of East Timor, release of political prisoners, and fair trials for such persons.

Indonesia repeatedly denies that there is a problem. If this is true, the Indonesians have nothing to fear by a close investigation of their human rights practices.

Unfortunately, they do have much to fear and they have been very vocal about any possible legislation that I or other congressional Members may introduce.

The bill I am introducing is clearly for military sanctions only. But it will send a message to Indonesia and it will take away the \$26 million in military assistance that it receives every year if it does not change its ways. We have waited too long for change and it will not come

without a law on the books to impose change on Indonesia. I look to the rest of my congressional colleagues to support this legislation, in order that we send a clear and unmistakable message to Indonesia—that they must cease violating the human rights of the people of Indonesia, particularly in East Timor.

PARTNERS IN ACHIEVING LITERACY

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Vacaville Reporter, Solano County businesses, the students and kids who participate in the Partners in Achieving Literacy Program.

I am proud to say that more than 100 businesses throughout Solano County have come forward to join Partners in Achieving Literacy (PAL) with the Vacaville Reporter in helping local kids stay on top of their school work and their citizenship.

More than 5,000 students in Travis, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield/Suisun School District participate and benefit from this year's program alone. Teachers from more than 120 classrooms use the Reporter as a teaching tool in subjects ranging from geography to economics to civics to current events. Thanks to lesson plans that have been suggested to local teachers by the Reporter, reading and math skills have been heightened. We need more interaction between business and students like Partners in Literacy if we are to prepare our children and students for the challenges of the 21st century.

Weekly features in the Reporter like Kids Tech, Rooster Tails and Kids Talk have gotten even more kids involved in learning about the issues of the day and the issues that affect their community.

Programs like the Reporter's PAL Program is an essential component to our overall national education strategy. As employers in our community come to depend more and more on a skilled and technical workforce for tomorrow's economy, it is critical that we have the educated labor pool to fill those jobs.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring The Vacaville Reporter, the businesses of Solano County and most of all the kids and schools who participate in the Partners in Literacy program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the RECORD for Thursday, March 13, incorrectly listed my declared intention to vote on rollcall vote Nos. 49 and 50 regarding moving the previous question and final passage of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 49 and "yes" on rollcall 50. I was present and voted on rollcall No. 48.

UPS: BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight a monumental achievement accomplished by one of America's premier deliverers of mail and packages, the United Parcel Service [UPS]. As part of a national mandate, UPS has become the first major North American airline to fully comply with stage 3 aircraft noise reduction regulations, 3 years before the federally mandated deadline.

Indeed, this ambitious and expensive initiative undertaken by UPS speaks volumes about the company's commitment to promoting quieter and more efficient transport of parcels. Today, all 197 jets in the UPS fleet will comply with the stage 3 noise-reduction rule. The number of residents in noise-impacted areas will be reduced by 80 percent. Clearly, UPS has set a standard that other airlines should strive to emulate.

Using current technology, UPS planes will now utilize 18 percent less fuel. Additionally, instead of a 22-square-mile area being affected by noise, the area will now be 6.5 miles.

1997 marks the 50-year anniversary of the historic flight in which Capt. Chuck Yeager exceeded the speed of sound. UPS has now broken a new sound barrier that will provide long-term benefits for the environment, the airline industry, and citizens. Other airlines should follow the lead of UPS and achieve early compliance with stage 3 aircraft noise reduction regulations.

MARY MULHOLLAND: THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Mulholland, an extraordinary woman from Morris County, NJ, for her years of dedicated service to the people of our county and State.

Mr. Speaker, there is hardly a person in Morris County who has not been touched by the innate kindness of Mary Mulholland. Over the years, she has been ever present in the many volunteer and service organizations that make our county one of America's most wonderful places to live, work and raise a family.

Educated at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, Mary went on to work for the New York Telephone Co. soon thereafter. By the 1950's she was married and raising six children with her husband, the late Dr. Robert E. Mulholland. Yet somehow, Mary found the time to become involved in community service. True to form, Mary jumped in with both feet and before long she helped found the Morris County Aftercare Clinic and the Dope Open, Inc., which became the first in a long line of public service commitments she would lead.

Mary devotes her time to numerous organizations, including St. Clares Riverside Foundation, Dover General Hospital and Medical