

work force under his command, and helps them to produce at levels far above of expectations. He has always gained the respect, loyalty, and dedicated service of the managers and employees that have had the good fortune to work with or for him. When he retires on November 1, 1997, the Army will lose the service of a good man and a dedicated public servant. His contributions have been many, and the positive effect he has had throughout his career on those that he has worked with will long be appreciated. Colonel Coughlin has been an invaluable asset to the U.S. Army and the United States of America. I personally wish to take this time to thank Colonel Coughlin, his wife Kathy, and their two daughters, Karyn and Kelli, for the many sacrifices they have undoubtedly made in the service of our Nation. I wish them all the best of luck in the future.

CARL MAXEY: A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. McDERMOTT Mr. Speaker, our country has lost a true champion of justice. Carl Maxey, of Spokane, WA, died last week, on Thursday, July 16, 1997. An accomplished attorney, Mr. Maxey was a widely known, and deeply respected, civil rights advocate whose activism spanned his lifetime. Despite a difficult childhood that included placement in an orphanage and early years on an Idaho Indian reservation, Carl Maxey rose to prominence through his hard work and unwavering commitment to justice and fair treatment for all. Mr. Maxey was a longtime resident of Spokane, where he graduated from the School of Law at Gonzaga University. He then became the first African-American from eastern Washington to pass the Washington State Bar examination, and began a successful law practice that included defense representation in a number of well-known Washington State criminal cases.

A blossoming legal career did not deter Carl Maxey from lifelong civil rights activism. As the civil rights movement emerged in the South, he dedicated himself to its goals, working zealously for more than 40 years to realize them. His efforts included legal services to rights workers, political organizing and candidacy, and pro bono representation of poor, and often minority, clients.

A mentor and inspiration to many African-Americans, Carl Maxey long will remain a model for all Americans. His leadership sprang from a rare combination of undeniable personal magnetism, unswerving conviction, and unyielding determination. His loss is deeply felt because Carl Maxey enriched all whom his good work touched. We are profoundly saddened by his death, and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. BILL SIMMONS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Col. Bill Simmons for his extraordinary dedication to the defense of our Nation and our community.

Bill has moved throughout the ranks of the Marine Corps in a short period of time. In 1976 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant following graduation from the Naval ROTC Program at Iowa State University. Because of his distinguished and exceptional service he was soon promoted to company commander.

The words "promoted because of exceptional service" have followed Bill throughout his career. Therefore, today I call upon my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Bill for his exceptional service and congratulate him on his promotion to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs.

Bill is not honored here today solely for his service to the Marine Corps. He is also a distinguished community servant and a loving family man. Bill had developed, organized and implemented a drug intervention program in our community schools. This program sponsors dialogue between both students and their mentors truly convincing these students not to use drugs. Bill has also organized more than 200 Color Guards, the 1996 Taste of Encino Race and sponsored the Toys for Tots Program. All the while, Bill was tending to his duties as a battalion officer, father, and husband.

If I had to choose one phrase to describe Bill I would say he "can do". He has served to maintain relations between the people of our community and has served organizations such as the Encino Chamber of Commerce and the Van Nuys Police Department. His ability to ensure that everyone's interests and ideas are properly represented has enabled him to move throughout the ranks of the military and serve those in our community.

I join the family and friends of Lt. Col. Bill Simmons and citizens of Encino in honoring Bill today for his distinguished service to our community.

RECOGNIZING INDIA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding United States foreign involvement with India. Last December I visited India and spoke with some of the country's business leaders, and I discovered that businesses in India are entrepreneurial, active, and growing. Due to India's undying spirit to be a participant in the world's economy, Indo-United States relations and bilateral trade have grown during the past year. The United States is now India's largest trading partner and foremost foreign investor. Many U.S. companies are looking for opportunities for further expansion. Both the Indian market and gov-

ernment are working to secure a place for United States business in India. The economy, markets, and infrastructure are being reformed and liberalized. India needs foreign investment and technological development. Foreign aid from the United States is instrumental in implementing programs that help solve problems in the areas of health, family welfare, and education.

In light of India's current reforms, its strong democracy, and its devotion to the welfare of its people, it is clear that India has and will continue to put United States aid to good use. On August 15, India will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of independence and democracy. It is imperative that the United States recognize India's achievement at this time and renew its commitment to the country. I recently received a letter from the Ambassador from India, Naresh Chandra, who explained in detail India's past achievements and current goals. I have included the Ambassador's letter with my statement, and I encourage my colleagues to read it.

India is growing and expanding, and now it is time for the United States to participate in that expansion.

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA,
Washington, DC, July 11, 1997.

Hon. ALCEE HASTINGS,
U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HASTINGS, Almost a year ago when I had just about started my assignment as Ambassador to this great country, I had occasion to write to you on an amendment moved by Congressman Dan Burton on the Foreign Operations Bill. This amendment was not approved by a vote of 296 to 127. It now appears that the House would be moved to consider a similar amendment to the Foreign Operations Bill for FY 1998.

First, I would like to say that my year in Washington has been a most interesting and rewarding experience, the highlight of which has been the encouragement and support that I have received from Members of Congress, like yourself. We have witnessed during this period a further upswing in Indo-US relations and in the growth of bilateral trade making US our largest trading partner as well as the foremost foreign investor in India.

US trade with India which was a mere \$500 million in 1991 is now around \$9.5 billion. Many US companies are considering further expansion of their operations in India. Enron which had to cross many hurdles to commence the \$1.2 billion Dabhol power project is so interested in the opportunities emerging in the Indian market that it has plans to invest an additional \$10 billion over the next decade. Many processed foods with American brand names have become very popular in the Indian market. Automobiles of US design are increasing their presence on Indian roads. Banks and financial institutions too are taking advantage of recently created business opportunities. In the insurance sector also, the door has been opened for starting joint ventures in the field of health insurance.

The coalition of parties ruling at the Centre have not only continued with economic reforms but expanded it into many more areas. Custom duties and other taxes have been further liberalized to encourage foreign investment in infrastructure and other areas of the economy. The US Administration has included India among the 10 most important emerging markets and this is borne out by the number of major US companies operating in India. A list of these companies is enclosed.