

As with any ball, the occasion will be one for good friends to enjoy each others company, as well as some good music. But there will be a sad note to this particular ball because it will commemorate the death in July 1965 of Pvt. Edward Almeida, who was the first New Bedford resident to be killed in action during the conflict in Vietnam.

It is typical of the Cape Verdean veterans that they are honoring the memory of their fallen comrade on this occasion, and that they will be on this Veteran's Day tempering their good fellowship with a remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice made by Private Almeida, whose dedication to duty, honor, and country stand as a model for others. Because of a previous commitment I made some time ago to speak to university students, I will myself be unable to join the Cape Verdean Veterans and Auxiliary, and their friends in the Greater New Bedford community in this evening. But I believe with Veteran's Day approaching that it is important that all of us take this occasion to pay tribute to Private Almeida and all of those who, like him, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and their fellow Americans. The Cape Verdean American veterans deserve to be congratulated for their dedication to the memory of their fallen colleague, and to the important work they continue to do to make sure that America remembers both those who gave their lives for their country, and those who have returned from foreign wars and are entitled to our gratitude and support for their efforts.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM
AUGUSTINE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of William Augustine of Cleveland, OH, a dedicated father of seven children.

William Augustine was born in Cleveland. He was one of eight children. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, then joined the Air Force. He was a self-made man.

Mr. Augustine and his ex-wife, Ruth, raised seven children on a small farm in Seville, OH. He worked as a convention decorator for a large firm in Cleveland all day, then returned home for dinner with his family before working on the farm. Mr. Augustine dedicated his life to showing his children that having an education would make their lives easier. When his eldest son attempted to drop out of school, Mr. Augustine encouraged him to return. His son is now a lawyer in San Antonio, TX. His other six children have also prospered.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring William Augustine, a man who recognized the value of a good education. He wanted nothing more than for his children to enjoy an easier, more prosperous life than his own, and he instilled in them the significance of education. His efforts are reflected in the prosperity of his children who will, no doubt, pass this legacy on to Mr. Augustine's eight grandchildren.

HONORING GLORIA SHEAFFER, A CAREER OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OTHERS AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER HANOVER, CELEBRATING THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to honor a woman who has dedicated her life to the well being of others. Gloria Sheaffer, executive director of the American Red Cross's Hanover Chapter, will be retiring after 20 years of service to the people of Hanover, PA.

Since 1977, under the leadership of Mrs. Sheaffer, the Greater Hanover Chapter has been able to deliver many essential services to the surrounding community. Her dedicated staff and volunteers have provided food to families, health care related services to veterans, assisted seniors in the community, and provided services for children.

A dedicated mother, Gloria knows that the key to serving the community starts with serving the family. She initiated programs such as Home Alone which helped working parents who must leave their children unattended for a portion of the day, an HIV/AIDS education program to provide the facts on this disease, and reached out to families affected by Operation Desert Storm.

While these programs represent only a small portion of Gloria Sheaffer's accomplishments over the last 20 years, I believe Gloria's mark will be left in the heart and mind of each staff member and volunteer with whom she has served. I commend her on a successful career and know she will continue to serve throughout her retirement.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would also like to recognize the 80th anniversary of the American Red Cross of Greater Hanover. While we most often associate the work of the Red Cross with disaster assistance, we forget how they touch our lives on a daily basis. In fact for the last 80 years, they have been serving more than 20,000 area residents annually. This local chapter has worked above and beyond their basic mission and I am honored to associate myself with them on this important historical milestone. It is the work of many coming together with a single mission—to serve others in their immediate time of need—which has made this quality organization a longstanding national and local success story.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross of Greater Hanover and wish them continued success in years to come.

CHINA NUCLEAR CERTIFICATION
THREATENS UNITED STATES
TROOPS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration recently announced that it is

preparing to certify that China is in compliance with its international nonproliferation obligations and no longer exporting nuclear weapons-related material to countries such as Iran and Pakistan. According to United States law, such a certification is required before American corporations may trade in nuclear technology with China. Conveniently, this announcement came just a month before the United States visit by China's president Jiang Zemin, at which the certification would be the keystone of a successful summit. China's historical and current actions, however, indicate that it is still and will continue to pursue its dangerous nuclear proliferation activities. In an effort to score public relations points, President Clinton is willing to risk the lives and security of the American troops which will inevitably be called to deal with the crises created by China's nuclear trade in the world's hot spots.

In an attempt to justify this illogical and foolhardy plan, the Clinton administration claim that certification would engage China's nuclear and military elite into the international nuclear regime. The administration seems to have convinced itself that China's assertions that it is no longer supplying nations like Iran and Pakistan with nuclear technology are genuine. After even minimal analysis, these weak justifications prove themselves meritless.

The Clinton administration's engagement policy toward China has already proven itself a failure. In 1996, China sold ring magnets, used in centrifuges for the construction of nuclear weapons, to Pakistan. The administration accepted China's promise that it had recommitted to nuclear non-proliferation and decided, consistent with its engagement policy, not to sanction China. Despite this "promise," however, the Chinese then proceeded to sell a special industrial furnace to an unsafeguarded nuclear facility in Pakistan, falsifying the related documents. China has continued to persist in its dealings with such nations, including a recent incident in which a Chinese merchant ship was found to be transporting illegal chemicals intended for the production of missile fuel from China to the Middle East. China's "commitment" to non-proliferation remains a lie. There is no reason to think that this latest undeserved concession by the United States will succeed in curbing China's dangerous and irresponsible nuclear trade with unregulated nations.

The predictions of huge profits for the U.S. area is also misleading. China's own nuclear engineers admit that their interest in U.S. nuclear technology will last only as long as it takes them to reverse engineer the technology and produce the plants themselves. This short-term gain for one industry is hardly worth the enormous potential risk to international security and the U.S. troops which are charged with its protection.

Finally, and most important, certification is unacceptable because China and its nuclear proliferation activities have been and remain to this day a serious threat to the security of U.S. troops in the region. Through its irresponsible and illegal transfers of weapons of mass destruction to unregulated states such as Pakistan and Iran, China contributes to regional instability. As we all know, it is American troops, whether as part of a U.N. force, an Allied mission, or independently, which are committed to quelling regional conflicts in the very areas, including the Middle East and Asia, where