

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOREIGN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS: AN UGLY TALE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member is greatly disturbed by recent revelations that substantial sums of Chinese money found its way into the coffers of the Democratic National Committee. It is clear that campaign operative Johnny Chung collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from individuals and organizations with direct links to the top echelons of the People's Liberation Army.

Such activity confirms our worst fears, and is a threat to this nation's collective soul. This Member urges his colleagues to rise above politics and address this problem in the serious manner that the situation demands.

Mr. Speaker, this Member would insert into the record an editorial from the Omaha World-Herald of May 16, 1998, entitled "Johnny Chung's Shocking Tale Puts Focus Back on Donations." This entire body should reflect on the sober lesson expressed in this editorial.

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JOHNNY CHUNG'S SHOCKING TALE PUTS FOCUS BACK ON DONATIONS

The get-it-any-way-you-can ethic of Democratic National Committee fund raising for the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign has come into more focus. Johnny Chung has reportedly told federal investigators that he channeled money from the government of communist China to the DNC.

This should be a shock to America. It would be if the Clintonites had not apparently been successful in convincing the people that they should be interested more in the Dow Jones Average and federally subsidized day care than in old stories about unproven scandals.

Chung pleaded guilty in March to campaign-related bank and tax fraud and is cooperating with investigators. Most of the \$100,000 he provided the DNC in the summer of 1996 came from the Chinese military, Chung said.

His contact was Liu Chao-ying. She was a lieutenant colonel and a vice president in charge of international trading for China Aerospace International Holdings Ltd. Liu's father was China's top military commander and a Communist Party leader. American companies were prohibited from doing business with China Aerospace in 1991 and 1993 because the company had illegally sold missiles to Pakistan.

The Justice Department reportedly has documents to verify the relationship described by Chung, who arranged for Liu to be photographed with President Clinton when she was in the United States. Chung was able to get Liu and another Chinese national into an exclusive Clinton fund-raiser in July 1996 after sending the DNC a check for \$45,000. That same month, Chung set up a California corporation for Liu and himself. This allegedly was a vehicle through which donations could flow from China to the DNC.

Liu's aerospace company benefited from U.S. policies in 1996 that allowed American

civilian communication satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets—despite China's sale of missiles to Iran and nuclear equipment to Pakistan that year and its perennial threats against Taiwan. The Chinese military also benefited in that it buys missiles from companies like China Aerospace and relies on the health of the industry.

Chung's attorney and officials of the Clinton administration and the DNC deny that Chung-related donations had any effect on U.S. policy toward China. But even if there was no policy quid pro quo, federal law bans campaign contributions from foreign sources.

DNC and White House spokesmen say that there was no way to know the origins of Chung's donations and that suspicious donations were returned. Yes, they were returned—after exposure in the press and intense public pressure.

And what of the documented concerns of White House staffers that Chung was a "hustler" bringing disreputable characters into the inner circle of the presidency? Why was he allowed into the White House 49 times? Why were he and his guests allowed to attend exclusive fund raisers?

Disclosures of the activities of Chung make the efforts of House Democrats to shut down the House portion of the investigation even more alarming. If the House investigation collapses, as it appears about to, the public is left with the Justice Department to investigate the matter. The Justice Department is headed by Attorney General Janet Reno, whose refusal to recommend an independent counsel to investigate these matters has become a national disgrace.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN P. SACKSTEDER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a truly outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, John P. Sacksteder. John recently accepted his offer of appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

John, who is from Fostoria, Ohio, will soon be graduating from St. Wendelyn High School, and beginning one of the most educational, rewarding, and challenging experiences of his life: his four-year commitment at West Point.

While attending St. Wendelyn High School in Fostoria, John distinguished himself as an outstanding student and a very fine student-athlete. In the classroom, John has attained a 3.88 grade point average, placing him among the tops of his class. John and his family can certainly be proud of his academic achievements.

In addition to his excellent scholastic record, John has proven himself to be a talented stu-

dent-athlete. He was the Captain of the Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball Teams, and earned varsity letters in Track and Field. John has been very active in the National Honor Society, Concert Band, Student Council, Mock Trial, and Drama Club. John was also a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State, and participates in the Big Brother program.

Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the opportunity to nominate young men and women from my district to America's military academies. I am pleased that John has accepted his appointment, and will be joining the West Point Class of 2002. He is a gifted student and a fine young man. I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to John Sacksteder, and in wishing him well at West Point and in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL FINALISTS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to students and teachers of Mt. Carmel High School, in San Diego, California, who recently came to Washington as national finalists in the first annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is an academic competition among teams of high school students designed to increase their awareness and understanding of the oceans and ocean sciences. It provides an opportunity for U.S. oceanographic research laboratories, like the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, to develop strong connections with their local primary and secondary schools. And it creates a unique national education event in honor of the International Year of the ocean, which is this year, 1998.

I am particularly proud of the team from my congressional district, at Mr. Carmel High School. This past spring, they won well-contested Southern California Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl. The regional competition drew the cooperation of the Birch Aquarium, the San Diego County Office of Education, the San Diego Science Alliance, the San Diego Science Educators Association and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, all of which I want to recognize for their support.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that the teachers and students of Mt. Carmel High School have distinguished themselves in the field of oceanographic studies as national finalists in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. In tribute to their hard work, I insert into the RECORD a summary of the Mt. Carmel team provided by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, whose President, Adm. James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), has provided extraordinary leadership in this and many other fields.

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MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL

Team Coach: Harold W. Dorr teaches Introduction to Oceanography and Zoology. He also teaches college courses at Palomar College in San Marcos. Mr. Dorr has a BS in biological sciences from San Diego State University and a MS in marine science from the University of San Diego. Prior to teaching he enjoyed 5 years working as a biological technician (fisheries) for the National Marine Fisheries Service and 5 additional years working various diving activities including teaching SCUBA, working as a diver at an oceanarium, and collecting marine biological data on various research projects. Mr. Dorr shares his life with his lovely and patient wife and never gets his fill of sharing the ocean, mountains and deserts with his three children.

Team Members: Senior Julie Fero enjoys swimming on both the school swim team and PQ Aquatics. She is also involved in dance at school. She hopes to attend Humboldt State University and pursue a degree in marine biology, and eventually a graduate degree in oceanography. Senior Shawn Nesbitt enjoys motorcycle riding, fishing and diving. His favorite school subjects are oceanography, and a course called work experience. His extracurricular activities include participating in the Oceanography Club activities and playing hockey for his school. Shawn is also an Aquarist intern at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. He would like to thank you for taking the time to read his biography and say hello to all his family in the audience. Senior Nathan Niemi moved from Minnesota to San Diego when he was seven and promptly fell in love with the beach. Physics is his favorite subject. He aspires to drive his parents bankrupt. He works as a waiter which allows him money to spend but no time to spend it. Body boarding and ice hockey are his first loves. Nathan's career goal is to do something that makes him happy. Senior Shadi Ghandchi is the youngest child in his family. About 3½ years ago he and moved to the US with his mother and sisters in search of a good education. Not speaking English made the first year difficult but the second year was better. Since sophomore year he has been an avid member of the Key Club, Math Club, California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and the Ecology Club. In his Junior year he became the President of the International Ski Club, and the Secretary of the Computer Club. Shadi's Senior year saw him awarded membership to the National Honor Society. He currently is the secretary of the Math Club. His favorite subject is science, especially biology, chemistry and physics. He hopes to become a Biological Engineer. Senior Keith Gretlein has marched in the award winning Mt. Carmel Band for four years and is currently in the nationally renowned Wind Ensemble. He has held a steady job for four years in the field of child development. His future education will be carried out through many prestigious schools and will probably focus on oceanography. Keith would like to thank his parents, teammates and coach, Mr. Dorr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall vote 156 through 161. Had I been present, I would have

voted "no" on rollcall Nos. 156, 157, 158 and 159. I also would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 160 and 161.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CA

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers of the City of San Bernardino Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), who are celebrating more than twenty-three years of service to San Bernardino. This celebration also coincides with "Older Americans Month." The RSVP is a grant program funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and the City of San Bernardino. RSVP provides my congressional district with volunteers over the age of fifty-five who are diverse in experience, interest, economic and educational backgrounds.

In our community, RSVP volunteers work assisting the frail and elderly, mentoring youth, assisting the homeless, and caring for developmentally disabled children and adults, as well as tutoring children and renovating homes. The program matches problems to be solved with people willing to help, and has a national membership participation of 450,000.

Programs such as RSVP provide an opportunity for people to give of their time and energy in a way that benefits the community by providing services to those in most need. I am proud to have an RSVP program in San Bernardino and, once again, I thank the volunteers for all of the time and hard work they commit to making our city a better place.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD METZENBAUM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Howard Metzenbaum, former Senator from the State of Ohio. Serving nineteen years in the United States Senate, he represented his constituents with passion and guile, demonstrating both a fierce dedication to justice and a keen understanding of legislative procedure. It is these qualities that will be commemorated with the renaming of the U.S. Courthouse in Cleveland, Ohio as the Howard Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse.

Howard Metzenbaum's long career of public service began with his election to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1943. After serving two terms in the House and two terms in the State Senate, he sat on the Judicial Council of Ohio and the Ohio Bureau of Code Revision. In 1976, Howard Metzenbaum was elected to the U.S. Senate. Ohio voters would later return Senator Metzenbaum to Washington for two more terms.

During his nineteen year career, Senator Metzenbaum would establish himself as an outspoken leader for the principles and causes

in which he strongly believed. The Washington Post called him "an uncompromising, indefatigable and often irascible champion of liberal causes." Initially gaining notoriety for his skillful use of the filibuster in blocking legislation, Senator Metzenbaum became in later years an important coalition-builder and legislator. He authored or co-authored countless amendments and bills, including the Plant Closing Notification Act, the Nutrition and Food Labeling Act, the Brady Bill, the Alzheimer's Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Senator ROBERT BYRD of West Virginia once said of the Senator, "I have often felt that if we did not have a Howard Metzenbaum in the Senate we ought to make one."

My fellow colleagues, I can think of no more fitting a symbol of Howard Metzenbaum's legacy than his serving as namesake to the U.S. Courthouse. May the Senator's high standard of justice, fairness, and dignity for all men and women serve as an unyielding challenge to all those who enter the Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY GRAZIOSO'S FOUR DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished gentleman, Mr. Anthony Grazioso, who with more than twenty-five years of dedicated public service is retiring. He will be honored at Don Pepe's Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey on May 21, 1998.

Mr. Grazioso has served as the Director of Public Affairs for the New Jersey Transit Corporation for nearly 16 years, with the Transport of New Jersey for 10 years, and as a Community Relations Representative for The Port Authority of New York/New Jersey for six years. In 1964 he accepted a temporary position as Special Assistant to former Congressman Robert A. Roe, then Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development. Mr. Grazioso also served as Deputy Director and Public Relations Assistant for the Jersey City Department of Public Works.

Mr. Grazioso graduated from Saint Peter's College in 1956 where he majored in Economics and minored in English Journalism. He has pursued studies in public relations, communications, urban affairs, community relations, public administration, political science, decision making, management effectiveness/organization, and finance/budget at the New School, New York University, the American Management Association, and the Public Relations Society of America.

Community involvement has been a consistent theme in Mr. Grazioso's life. Since 1956, he has been involved in volunteer work serving on the boards of civic, community, cultural, and church organizations in Hudson County. His accomplishments in the community and at work have been praised but he has also made time for his family.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding and dedicated individual in my home state of New Jersey. I am certain my colleagues will