

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. RONALD REAGAN

**HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2000*

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in South Carolina yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the bills H.R. 1089 and H.R. 3591.

President and Mrs. Reagan stand as shining examples to all Americans. I have often told audiences around the nation that we should have a man as president whom everyday Americans can point to as a role model to their children, a man whom they can respect, and a man they can trust. Ronald Reagan was such a man. He played a key role in my own decision to get involved in politics. Ronald Reagan is a man that people trust, a man that made America feel good about itself again.

As First Lady, Nancy Reagan carried herself with dignity and grace and used her time in the nation's spotlight to focus America's attention on the negative impacts of drug abuse, especially among young people. Mrs. Reagan has been a brilliant example for all Americans who have loved ones that require long term care, and has continued her work to combat youth drug abuse.

I can think of no two people more deserving of our recognition of their dedication to public service, than Nancy and Ronald Reagan. That is why I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 3591, and deeply regret that I was not able to support it with my vote yesterday.

HONORING OUR 40TH PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND MRS. NANCY REAGAN

**HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2000*

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical emergency I missed Recorded Votes No. 96 and No. 97 on April 3, 2000. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on both bills.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, this House considered legislation to honor two of the finest people to ever grace our country with their service. These two individuals urged us to win one for the Gipper, and guaranteed us it was morning in America. They taught us to Just Say No. They brought economic security back to our country, and moral values back to our nation. And most importantly they slew the beast known as Soviet communism. Of course I refer to President and Mrs. Reagan.

President Ronald Reagan is more than just a great American President. He is more than a leader who gave the working family a much

needed tax break, while encouraging productive investment to create jobs. He is more than a leader who strengthened our national defense. He is more than a leader who made these United States of America the sole superpower on the face of this Earth. He is a man that took away the infliction of malaise, which filled us as a nation with fears and doubts, and replaced it with a sense of hope and a sense of pride. Ronald Reagan is more than just a great President, President Ronald Reagan is an American Icon.

Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan I say Thank You. Thank you for your patriotism, thank you for your service, and thank you for your leadership. Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan it is my honor to support awarding you the Congressional Gold Medal.

IN HONOR OF THE OHIO JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ohio Junior Classical League for their continued celebration of the classics.

Formed in 1936, the National Junior Classical League (NJCL) is an organization of junior and senior high school students sponsored by the American Classical League. Composed of local and state/provincial chapters across the United States, Canada, and Australia, it is the largest Classical organization in the world today with over 55,000 members. Its purpose is to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature and culture of ancient Greece and Rome and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity.

The NJCL holds a yearly convention in late July or early August. This year's convention will be held in Tallahassee, Florida, at the Florida State University. Similarly, the OJCL holds yearly conventions in Columbus, Ohio, in March. These conventions give a chance for students to compete and have fun with others who share their love for Latin. This year, during the weekend of March 10-12, 2000, over 900 Latin students and their teachers from across Ohio gathered in Columbus for the 50th OJCL State Convention. In addition to the competitions normally found on the schedule, the OJCL incorporated events to recognize fifty years of OJCL history.

In a period of diminishing participation in classical languages, the OJCL has been able to keep the classical enthusiasm alive with 55 local Latin clubs across the state. The OJCL has been able to keep young people interested in and appreciative for the language, literature, history, and culture of classical civilizations.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in honoring OJCL on their continued success.

35 SIKHS MURDERED IN INDIAN-CONTROLLED KASHMIR

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2000*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Monday, March 20, 2000, in a Sikh village located in the Indian-controlled side of Kashmir, several armed men roused Sikh villagers from their homes, lined up 35 of the men, and shot them to death. According to Associated Press (AP) reports, witnesses said the gunmen entered the village about 7 p.m., dressed in what appeared to be Indian army uniforms. They knocked on doors, forced the adult men to come out with their identity cards, lined them up in two groups and opened fire.

There has been much speculation about who is responsible for these gruesome murders. India claimed that Kashmiri militants were responsible for the massacre, and accused neighboring Pakistan of supporting the rebels. On the eve of President Clinton's visit to India, and considering Pakistan's current situation, it is difficult for me to believe that Pakistan would take this sort of a risk to their relationship with the United States.

That is why I am inserting into the RECORD a press release from Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. Dr. Aulakh, who has conducted a peaceful, democratic, nonviolent effort for a free and sovereign Khalistan, suggests that this, as the AP reported, may be the handiwork of the Indian government.

Mr. Speaker, the Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984; 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947; more than 65,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988; and tens of thousands of Assamese, Manipuris, Tamils, and Dalits. With a track record like that, I certainly believe that Dr. Aulakh's assertion merits a closer look.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT MURDERS 35 SIKHS

RAW AGENTS POSE AS KASHMIRI MILITANTS—CONTINUES PATTERN OF PITTING MINORITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER

WASHINGTON, DC, March 21—Thirty-five (35) Sikhs were murdered in Kashmir today by agents of the Indian government's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) posing as Kashmiri militants. There are over 700,000 Indian troops stationed in Kashmir, yet the murderers disappeared without detection. The murders were carried out during President Clinton's visit to South Asia.

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, strongly condemned the murders. "These murders are evil, cowardly, and stupid acts designed to pit one community against another and prop up India's image for the President's visit," Dr. Aulakh said. "Whoever carried out these brutal acts, they are cowards," he said. "They may escape justice in this world, but they will face the justice of God. That will be worse for them."

"Sikhs and Kashmiris are allies in the struggle for freedom," said Dr. Aulakh.

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