

Indonesia's central island of Java, and its leaders are Suharto supporters. In the television footage, many of the Muslim militants can be clearly heard speaking Javanese as they plan their attack on Christian parts of Ambon.

"In television footage shot over the weekend . . . Indonesian soldiers are seen fighting alongside hundreds of Muslim militants in Ambon. Many of the extremists were filmed carrying military-issue assault rifles."

Mr. Speaker, out of desperation, many community leaders from Ambon have urged the international community to help stop these continued killings by bringing in U.N. observers and peacekeepers and boycotting Indonesian businesses involved in supporting the destruction of the Maluku.

Mr. Speaker, we should not stand idly by and watch while the death count continues to rise. Our Nation should not do business with businesses supporting this bloodshed. We are starting our military assistance again. We should not lend our military expertise to military officers who approve of the killing of innocent women and children. We have laws that impose sanctions on Nations that allow persecution of ethnic and religious groups.

I call on Members to join me in sending a letter to President Wahid and President Clinton. I call on the Indonesian and U.S. Governments to act immediately to stop the killings and bring to justice the parties responsible for this reign of terror.

A TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DILLINGHAM III

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of the most outstanding citizens of San Diego, California.

Benjamin Franklin Dillingham III, or Ben as he is known to his many friends in San Diego, will be honored this Sunday at a community tribute banquet in San Diego. A community leader and philanthropist; former chief of staff to our mayor, Maureen O'Connor; a captain in the United States Marine Corps; Ben is currently serving as chief financial officer for Patient Care Incorporated, reflecting his deep interest in providing quality health care for all.

Ben was born in Honolulu, a fourth generation islander. His father, Ben II, was the general manager of the Oahu Railway and Land Company. His mother, Frances Andrews, is the daughter of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews of Denison, Texas.

Ben received his B.A. degree cum laude and his master's in business administration both from Harvard University. Upon graduation from Harvard Business School with distinction, he was commissioned a second lieutenant

in the Marine Corps; and while in Vietnam, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

When he returned to the United States, he began training recruits at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and was promoted to captain while at MCRD. He was given orders to Advanced Armor School conducted by the United States Army at Fort Knox and graduated, typically, at the top of his class before returning to duty with the Marines. Ben finished his service as a division training officer and then drove across country to establish residence in San Diego, California.

Here in San Diego, he was recognized as a true community leader. Prior to his work as chief of staff for the mayor, he also worked for General Dynamics, Convair Division, and the Metropolitan Transit Development Board.

Mr. Speaker, his service to the community is broad and spans a number of organizations. He has served as a member of the Marine Corps Association, the United States Armor Association, the Navy League, the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, the Center for Social Services, the Greater San Diego Business Association, the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego, the United Way, the Diversity Committee, the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, the San Diego Scholarship Foundation, and the County AIDS Service Advisory Panel.

He has been a board chair of the AIDS Foundation of San Diego and the County of San Diego AIDS Services Advisory Panel, and he has served as a board member of the Episcopal Community Services, L.I.F.E. Foundation, AIDS Project, and the San Diego Scholarship Foundation.

Aside from all of these memberships and board leaderships, he has numerous honors from across the city. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for Vietnam Service and the Army Commendation Medal at the Armor Officer Advance Course at Fort Knox. His civilian recognition includes Man of the Year, the San Diego Lesbian/Gay Pride Festival; the Human Rights Campaign Fund Crystal Torch Award; the Log Cabin Club Pursuit of Happiness Award; the Brad Truax Presidential Award; the Stan Berry Award; and the Harvey Milk Memorial Award at the Nickys; the Harvey Milk Democratic Club Human Rights Award, and the San Diego AIDS Project Celebration of Life Award.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank Ben Dillingham III for his tenacity in the fight for progressive causes; his commitment to the struggle for human rights; his belief in the importance of access to government, education, and health care for every member of our society; his outstanding service to the City of San Diego; and his significant contribution to our community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to call Ben my friend.

CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we are now celebrating the 10th year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I rise this evening to not only celebrate this landmark occasion, but also to acknowledge my unwavering support of the Americans with Disabilities Act, known as ADA, and the future of this legislation.

Just a few days ago, I signed a pledge of support for the American Association of People With Disabilities, thereby affirming my belief that we need an America that lives up to the promise of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all.

The ADA advocates for our Nation's more than 43 million citizens with disabilities. In the Seventh District of Illinois, there are over 35,000 people with disabilities under the age of 65, and over 20,000 people with disabilities 65 years or older.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share a few thoughts regarding the principles of the ADA and its successes over the last 10 years.

First of all, the ADA seeks to break down stereotypes and misconceptions about people with disabilities by including them in the progress and prosperity of our Nation. Equal opportunity, full participation in society, employment opportunities, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency are the guiding principles of the ADA.

Today, we are seeing a more inclusive and integrated society as a result of the ADA. People with disabilities are getting jobs that they want and for which they are well qualified. The Global Strategy Group Survey found in October of 1995 that 75 percent of companies with 51 to 200 employees are now hiring people with disabilities. From 1991 to 1994, 800,000 persons with severe disabilities joined the workforce. Public transportation changes and curb cuts are widespread. Accommodations in hotels, restaurants, and stores are becoming more and more accessible. Telecommunications for people who are deaf and hard of hearing is becoming a reality. People who are blind can receive information in a format they can use.

So successes from the ADA are visible today, and I hope that we continue to use these gains as a baseline for future work to liberate those who live in confining conditions and who want to be more integrated into society.

Mr. Speaker, along that line, I am pleased to note that I am the sponsor of the MiCASSA bill, which would bring our Nation's Medicaid system into accord with the principles set forth by the ADA. This bill will allow individuals with developmental and other disabilities to use Medicaid funding for home-based and community-