

rock structures, and by several rare plant populations that are indigenous to the area. This area is also recognized for its high density of cultural and archeological sites, including sites that have religious significance to Pueblo Indians. Many paleontological specimens have been found in the area, and large areas of exposed dinosaur bones are currently visible on the surface of the land. As such, the area is a veritable outdoor classroom for people of all ages.

This legislation has special significance to the Pueblo of Zia. The Pueblo's reservation lands currently lie in 2 noncontiguous sections. Zia has made a concerted effort over many years to adjoin its reservation lands by acquiring adjacent parcels of land. This legislation will help make this longstanding goal a reality.

To facilitate the acquisition of this land, the Pueblo has worked in cooperation with other interested parties and the environmental community to reach a mutually satisfactory arrangement for protection of these important wildlands and to assure that the lands will be open to the general public. As part of the agreement, the Pueblo has developed a series of proposed conservation measures for the acquired lands including a requirement to manage the land as open space; a guarantee of continued public access to the lands for scientific, recreational, and educational purposes; a strict limitation on road vehicle use; and a ban on commercial development within the designated area.

It is important to stress that all lands acquired by the Pueblo of Zia will be preserved as undeveloped open space with continued public access. Members of the public will have access to the acquired land for recreational, scientific, and educational uses, and for access to the Wilderness Area over existing roads. The legislation would prohibit new roads, buildings, mineral and oil and gas extraction, and ATV use. Therefore, the combined Zia acquisition and establishment of the Ojito Wilderness will enable approximately twice as much land to be protected than the establishment of the Wilderness Area alone.

The Pueblo of Zia has waited many years to link the portions of its reservation lands that are separated by the Ojito Wilderness Study Area. The proposed land acquisition is the result of collaborative effort of many to assure that these important lands are protected forever. And, in an additional gesture of good faith, the Pueblo has waived its sovereign immunity from suit for matters arising under the provisions of this bill.

Considering the above, I believe it is time to ensure the preservation, protection, and public access to this special area of New Mexico for future generations of Americans to enjoy forever. It is my pleasure to help facilitate this process, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY PRICE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding student from my district. Anthony Price, a recent graduate of Centen-

nial High School, was recently named the National Champion for Computer Applications by the Future Business Leaders of America. I am honored to pay tribute to the many accomplishments of this young Coloradan here today.

Anthony set a goal for himself and he worked hard to achieve that goal. After an impressive fourth place finish in the Future Business Leaders of America competition last year, Anthony decided that this year he was going to win. He studied hard and never gave up on that goal. Anthony's efforts paid off when he won not only the Colorado competition, but the national competition as well.

I know that Anthony will make good use of the lessons he has learned as he goes on to study business management at Johnson and Wales University in Denver. With his drive and determination, Anthony is sure to excel at whatever he puts his mind to.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Price exemplifies how, with hard work, determination, and perseverance, any goal is attainable. Anthony has a bright future ahead of him, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in congratulating him on his accomplishments thus far. Good luck, Anthony.

COMMENDING PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the people and government of Taiwan for their democratic achievements, their economic accomplishments, and their significant advances in healthcare, the sciences, business, and many other fields.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT M. LYNCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Robert M. Lynch, the patriarch of one of California's premier publishing dynasties. Mr. Lynch passed away Sunday, September 21, 2003 in Sonoma, California with his family at his side.

Bob Lynch was a treasure to our community and to his family. He was an old time newspaperman in the very best sense, who used the pages of the Sonoma Index Tribune to make his hometown a better place. There was nothing he relished more than crusading for the passage of a school bond measure, building new ball fields, constructing the senior center, the swimming pool at the high school or the boys and girls club. It was a role he played for 57 years.

Bob's grandfather was editor and publisher of the Index Tribune from 1884-1915. His aunt Celeste took the reigns after that and Bob joined his aunt in Sonoma after graduation from high school.

It was during this period that the newspaper business got into his blood but his plans were

interrupted when he answered his country's call at the outset of World War II. Bob joined the Navy and spent 4 years in service away from his new bride, Jean and his beloved newspaper.

Bob and Jean purchased the Index Tribune in 1946. During those early years, Bob did it all. He was the editor, publisher, reporter, photographer and even covered all the sports and society events.

The paper flourished and grew under Bob's stewardship. One of his proudest moments was when his three sons joined the family business. This moment was only surpassed this year when two grandsons came on board.

Though officially semi-retired, he still wrote a weekly column and all of the obituaries because he knew everybody in town.

His newspaper won numerous State and national awards during his 57 years at the helm. He was also recognized by his peers on many occasions, most notably as the California Press Association's Newspaper Person of the Year for 1989, the California Press Association's Philip N. McCombs Achievement Award winner for 2003 and as one of the first three people inducted into the Sonoma County Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Lynch has had a long and distinguished career in journalism and it is appropriate that we honor him today. He has made his community a better place in which to live and has passed on his passion for the newspaper business to his sons and his grandsons. He leaves his wife of nearly 62 years, his sons, six grandchildren, two step grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He will be missed but his memory will live on forever in the pages of the Index Tribune.

IN HONOR OF PETER TROXELL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter Troxell on his recent retirement as the station manager at KUSP. For 10 years he has run this Santa Cruz-based community radio station, making changes and improvements, and never forgetting the people whom it serves.

When Peter took over as the station manager in 1993, KUSP was in serious debt and he had some hard decisions to make. While he may not have always done what was popular, he managed to bring the station out of debt within a year, and used the new money to make some much-needed improvements. KUSP doubled the number of signal translators, and added another station, KBDH in San Ardo, so that today their signal is reached in 5 counties. Last year the station underwent a major remodeling, making the space professional and comfortable.

Peter's first commitment at KUSP has always been to his employees. He trusts in their abilities and works with them to foster their talents. The many employees and volunteers at KUSP regard Peter as a father figure whom they can depend on and trust. He takes this commitment seriously and understands that the station cannot function without its dedicated employees. This is a welcome change from many businesses that see employees as the first to go when times are tough.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Peter Troxell's achievements and accomplishments. He has shown an outstanding commitment to both KUSP and the community of Santa Cruz during his decade as the station manager, and his service will be greatly missed. Running a non-profit, independent radio station is not an easy task, but through his hard work and dedication, Peter has guaranteed that we will not lose this valuable resource. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his achievements at KUSP.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE MOONEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Louise Mooney of Glenwood Springs, Colorado volunteers countless hours to her local community, helping adults and children learn to read. She routinely spends time with people who are sick or injured and frequently helps out her neighbors who are in need. Louise is a valued member of her community, and I am honored to pay tribute to her here today.

Louise has dedicated her life to helping others. As a young mother, Louise answered a crisis line at Valley View Hospital and volunteered at the area's first hospice. When her children grew up, Louise joined the Peace Corps, where she helped the people of the Philippines for two years. Today, Louise teaches adults to read and write as a tutor for Literacy Outreach. She volunteers at Sopris Elementary School, where she reads to the kids in order to help them improve their reading and writing skills. Louise also volunteers at the Frontier Historical Museum. For her efforts and her impressive dedication to her community, Louise was recently awarded the Garfield County Humanitarian Service Award, a recognition she has certainly earned.

Mr. Speaker, Louise Mooney is an exemplary neighbor and a great citizen. Throughout her life, she has sought out opportunities to give back to her community. Her example of determination and hard work are an inspiration to us all, and I am honored to join with my colleagues today in thanking Louise for her service. Thank you, Louise. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WRITE TO STATE DEPARTMENT: WITHDRAW OFFENSIVE TERRORISM VIDEO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have co-sponsored with the gentleman from Indiana a recent letter to the State Department asking them to withdraw the offensive video "Terrorism: A War Without Borders," which characterized all Sikhs as terrorists. This is offensive and against America's principles. As a

minority, I take special offense at this kind of characterization of any minority group.

While the video may have had some usefulness in reminding Americans what they can do to help combat the threat of terrorism, its stereotyping of Sikhs as terrorists is unacceptable.

Let me quote from the letter, Mr. Speaker: "This video should be corrected or withdrawn immediately. The United States government should not be in the business of spreading inaccurate information, especially when that information is offensive to a hard-working, honorable people and serves only to promote the interests of a foreign regime."

The Sikhs are hard-working people who have been involved in every aspect of American life. One Sikh American, Dalip Singh Saund, even served in the U.S. Congress. Back in the subcontinent, they are one of many national groups, along with predominantly Christian Nagas, Kashmiris, and others struggling for their sovereignty and independence from India, which is run by militant Hindu nationalists bent on imposing Hinduism on all aspects of Indian life. The Sikh leadership has committed to carrying out this struggle by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means. Yet it is for seeking their freedom at all that India labels them "terrorists." In fact, shortly after India's independence Prime Minister Nehru issued a directive calling Sikhs a "criminal class" and ordering police to keep special track of them, despite the fact that the Sikhs, who were less than two percent of the population, gave the majority of the sacrifices in India's freedom struggle. I am very distressed to see the government of the United States repeating this offensive description.

That is why withdrawing this video is so important, Mr. Speaker. There were more than 300 cases of hate crimes or actions against Sikhs in the wake of September 11, 2001. For the United States to give support in an official production of the government to the characterization of all Sikhs as terrorists merely encourages more of this kind of hate against loyal, hard-working, honest Americans. It also unfairly supports the position of a repressive regime that has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since the Golden Temple attack of June 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human rights groups, as well as over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, over 85,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and others. It encourages a government that admits to holding 52,268 Sikh political prisoners and holds tens of thousands of other minorities as political prisoners as well, according to Amnesty International.

Mr. Speaker, we should not be endorsing the party line of such a repressive regime. Instead, we should be working to support freedom by stopping U.S. aid to India until all people there enjoy full and equal human rights and by supporting self-determination for the Sikhs of Khalistan, the Kashmiris, the Nagas, and everyone seeking freedom. That is the democratic way and it is the only way to bring real peace and freedom from terrorism to everyone in South Asia.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the letter from Members of Congress to Secretary Powell into the RECORD at this time for the information of my colleagues.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, September 18, 2003.

Hon. COLIN POWELL,
Secretary of State,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY POWELL: As Members of the United States Congress, we are very concerned about your Department's video, "War Without Borders." Your depiction of the Sikhs is discriminatory, unfair, and offensive.

The video is offensive to Sikhs around the world and to all people who support non-discrimination and freedom. The video inaccurately broadly labels all of the world's 25 million Sikhs—500,000 of whom live in the United States—as terrorists. This is offensive and inaccurate.

The video's description of the June 1984 Indian military attack on the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the most sacred of Sikh shrines, misrepresents the circumstances of that unfortunate incident. Every terrorist act cited in the video is described as either the work of an individual or a group of a certain nationality or a group, such as Al Qaeda or the like, which honorably refrains from labelling an entire people as terrorists. Yet with the Sikhs it takes a different approach, referring to the terrorists merely as "Sikhs," thus implicitly creating the impression that all Sikhs are terrorists. But there were no terrorists in the Golden Temple complex. The book *Chakravayuh: Web of Indian Secularism* reprints letters showing conclusively that India planned this attack in order to kill Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and other Sikh leaders who spoke out for a sovereign Sikh state. Labelling all Sikhs who support an independent, sovereign Khalistan as terrorists is the propaganda line of the repressive Indian regime. We share your desire to have good relations with India, but good relations must not trump truth.

India is a repressive government. Over 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian government since the Golden Temple attack, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human rights groups and reported in *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjit Singh Jaijee. According to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), the Indian government admits to holding 52,268 political prisoners under the brutal, repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA), which expired in 1995. In addition, India has murdered over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, over 85,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and others. An Indian Cabinet minister said that everyone who lives in India must either be a Hindu or be subservient to Hinduism.

This video should be corrected or withdrawn immediately. The United States government should not be in the business of spreading inaccurate information, especially when that information is offensive to a hard-working, honorable people and serves only to promote the interests of a foreign regime.

Sincerely,

DAN BURTON.
ED TOWNS.
WALLY HERGER.

MAYOR KALISZ SPEAKS WISELY ON FISHING REGULATIONS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, we face a very difficult situation regarding the