

While there, we had the opportunity to meet with Col. Mohammad Qaddafi and members of the Libyan People's Congress to discuss Libya's recent renouncement of state sponsored terror and their development of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Speaker, this prospective opening to the West is not a mystical revision, but a practical decision by the Libyan Government. It must be met with an equally practical policy of one very wary step at a time.

While there, it became clear the Libyan possibility for peaceful regime conversion and rehabilitation gravely underscores the inherent stakes of succeeding in the Iraqi regime change and reconstruction. If the latter fails, the former fades, and we are all worse than we were at square one.

Unfortunately, my participation in this trip forced me to miss a few votes.

During this time I missed six recorded votes. If I was present I would have voted the following way:

On H.R. 3769, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Ben Atchley Post Office Building". Roll Number 32, I would have voted "yes."

On H. Res. 526, expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives for the victims of the devastating earthquake that occurred on December 26, 2003, in Bam, Iran. Roll Number 33, I would have voted "yes."

On H. Res 530, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce a resolution calling upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China, and for other purposes. Roll Number 34, I would have voted "yes."

On H.R. 912, Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Act. Roll Number 35, I would have voted "yes."

On H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations. Roll Number 36, I would have voted "yes."

On H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003 Roll Number 37, I would have voted "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICK ALLEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Rick Allen, the founder of the Christians Reach Out Ministries in Grand Junction, Colorado. His actions are all the more remarkable when one considers that he has overcome a crippling disability and his own homelessness, hurdles which he sees as God's way of preparing him for his path of service. His tireless efforts have motivated others in the community to join with him to give hope to those individuals, that society views as hopeless.

In 1992, after nearly 20 years as a successful truck driver, Rick Allen developed debilitating carpal tunnel syndrome. Losing the use

of his hands precipitated the loss of his job, home and family within a matter of months. Through the years of surviving under the harshest of conditions, Rick came to see his plight as God's way of educating him for his special mission to the homeless.

In 1997, while still homeless and living in a church basement, he began preparing meals and serving them every Sunday at the park where many homeless spend their days. Soon, church members began to join Rick and the program became the Christians Reach Out Ministries. When Rick was awarded long term disability in 1998, he moved into a modest apartment, which he promptly put into use preparing meals for an ever increasing number of people. Rick is currently working on plans for a larger shelter, giving those in need access to healthcare and employment services, in order to make it possible to climb out of the pit of homelessness, which Rick knows firsthand.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring the service and vision of Rick Allen to the attention of this body of Congress, and to commend him for his outstanding dedication to his community. His mission to serve does not end with simply feeding the homeless, but rather in giving the homeless hope for a better life. I would like to wish him the best and sincerely thank him for his service.

IN HONOR OF CAMP RAMAH IN THE BERKSHIRES

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. NADLER. I rise today to honor Camp Ramah in the Berkshires as the Ramah family celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Camp Ramah provides our community's youngsters a unique opportunity to interweave exposure to the beautiful countryside of the Berkshires with education in Jewish values and practice. The benefit of such experience is precious, and I commend Camp Ramah's continued efforts to extend that benefit to all children, regardless of economic limitations. The future of our community depends upon programs and experiences like those provided by Camp Ramah, which has a long history of cultivating knowledge and leadership in our community's youth.

As Camp Ramah prepares to open its doors for the 40th time, I would like to commend those special honorees, Dr. Charles and Barbara Mann and Rabbi Paul and Martha Resnick, who have done so much for the camp and the values that it embodies. It is from teachers like Mr. Mann and Rabbi Resnick that the leaders of tomorrow gain the encouragement, enrichment, and values that they will need to make our future the best it can be. I send my warmest congratulations to the honorees, and thank them for their years of service.

I wish Camp Ramah's extended family of friends and supporters a wonderful evening of entertainment and celebration, and I join you in wishing for the camp 40 more successful years.

A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL DON "BOBO" SCHILPP

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute one of the many brave men and women who serve all of us in our great military. I would especially like to pay tribute today and offer my personal thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Don "BoBo" Schilpp, of the United States Air Force, for a job well done.

Many of us in Congress know Lieutenant Colonel Schilpp because of his dedicated service during the past four years as the Appropriations/Budget Liaison for the Air Force. This is an important role, at a time when many significant national security decisions were being made in the Congress, affecting the Air Force as well as our nation's ability to fulfill our constitutional role of "provid(ing) for the national defense." The Air Force, through Colonel Schilpp's leadership during the past four years, has given us timely and thorough responses to our requests for information, and I want to take this opportunity as he retires from active duty to express our appreciation to him for all of his efforts. I have also had the pleasure of traveling with BoBo on several occasions, and each time his professionalism and personal attention to detail were the keys to a smooth and successful congressional delegation mission.

Before this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Schilpp was an accomplished leader and combat pilot with more than 3,400 hours in the F-15 and T-37 aircraft. He served overseas during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Southern Watch accruing more than 260 combat hours.

While I have relied upon Lieutenant Colonel Schilpp's military advice, I have valued his friendship even more, and I know many of my colleagues on defense related committees in the House share in that sentiment. In this regard, I wanted Colonel Schilpp to know that all of us in Congress who have known him and worked with him wish him the very best of luck in all his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DORIS CHERRY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a warm and generous soul who takes pride in brightening the lives of countless Capitol Hill employees and visitors each and every day. Doris Cherry has worked in the Longworth House Office Building cafeteria for 28 years. Doris is an enthusiastic and friendly face amidst the hectic cafeteria environment. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her tremendous years of service to the Capitol Hill community.

This year Doris was recognized as Employee of the Year by Guest Services for her longtime dedication to customer service. Doris