

December 20, 2003 that many members of the Kazanjian family and friends gathered to remember this beautiful girl and a horrible, tragic loss.

Kaitlin Kazanjian was taken from us too soon. Her sudden loss has devastated her family and friends. Despite this terrible tragedy, a wonderful outpouring of support has helped Kaitlin's loved ones cope and continue on with their lives.

On Friday, May 14, 2004, and each year following, the Kazanjian Family and friends will continue to honor the memory of Kaitlin with the establishment of the Kaitlin A. Kazanjian Charitable Foundation, which will benefit local charity organizations.

But the true tribute to Kaitlin will lie in the hearts of family and friends and the unflinching commitment to honor her life and preserve her legacy and memory.

DEPLORING ABUSE OF PERSONS
IN UNITED STATES CUSTODY IN
IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H. Res. 627.

We could have passed a resolution with unanimous support today. American abuses of Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison are deplorable. They are inhumane. They are immoral. They are inimical to everything America stands for. We universally condemn them.

And there is also unanimous support that every perpetrator of these crimes must be punished, that their superiors must be held accountable, and that our government must ensure that such atrocities never happen again.

This resolution would not be on the floor today, and our international standing would not be in tatters, if the administration had acted differently. The administration's instinct to ignore bad news and suppress evidence of mistakes is fundamentally wrong. It is telling that just a few days ago, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and General Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that they hadn't even read Major General Taguba's March 9 damning report on the abuses.

This administration has failed the military, the American people, the Iraqi people, and the international community. A congressional investigation is critical to get to the bottom of this scandal and to attempt to salvage what is left of our standing in the world.

That is why H. Res. 627 is so disappointing. We were presented with a resolution that "urges" the Secretary of the Army to investigate abuses at Abu Ghraib prison and "reaffirms the need for Congress to be frequently updated."

This resolution asks the Bush administration to investigate itself. Yet this is an administration that does not even acknowledge mistakes, let alone accept responsibility to correct them. It has never found the person responsible for leaking the identity of a covert CIA agent to the press. It took no action against Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin, deputy under secretary of defense for intelligence and war-fighting, for his egregious anti-Muslim statements.

It responded to Richard Clarke's revelations with an all-out assault on his character and reputation. To this day, the administration has not accounted for its use of bad intelligence to justify the war in Iraq, including the fabricated claims that Iraq attempted to obtain uranium from Niger.

In effect, this resolution abdicates Congress' institutional oversight responsibilities. This is a profound mistake. Just think how different our situation would be today if Congress had not relinquished its constitutional obligation to investigate the administration's many Iraq policy failures.

The resolution neatly concludes—without evidence—that only "a handful of individuals" are involved in prisoner abuse. But none of us knows how many individuals were involved or how high up the chain of command they go.

This resolution also fails to mention the two private companies, CACI International and Titan Corporation, which have contract employees at Abu Ghraib prison. According to accused soldiers, civilian contractors conducted interrogations and "urged military police . . . to take steps to make prisoners more responsive to questioning." One of the soldiers has claimed that civilian contractors were involved in an interrogation that left a prisoner dead. Military investigators have said that a CACI instructor was fired for allowing or instructing military police to "facilitate interrogations by setting [unauthorized] conditions." And in his damning report, Major General Antonio Taguba concluded that two CACI employees were among those "either directly or indirectly responsible for the abuse at Abu Ghraib."

Yet the resolution simply ignores these facts and the serious implications they raise.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership could have achieved a unanimous vote in a constructive, bipartisan effort if it had chosen to. But instead it decided to put before the House a resolution asking this administration to hold itself accountable. That is simply the wrong approach.

Congress must accept its constitutional duties and conduct a thorough investigation. And we must work as hard as we can to try to begin to repair the damage that has been done.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JEANNE
O'LAUGHLIN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 10, 2004

Mr. MEEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the achievements of a truly great and gifted leader in our community. On June 20, 2004, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin will step down as president of Barry University. To the people in South Florida, that is almost like saying that the sun will rise from now on in the North, it is that big a change, because Sister Jeanne, as she is affectionately known to virtually everyone, has contributed so much to the best of who we are, and what we would like to become. I am proud to be a member of the board of directors of Barry University, so I have worked with Sister Jeanne and seen her work first-hand.

Sister Jeanne has served as Barry University's fifth president for the past 23 years. In

1981, she took over the helm of what was then Barry College, a small Catholic institution of higher learning in Miami Shores, FL, with 1,750 students. It was not long, however, until she brought her considerable power to bear on building up Barry College—not for the sake of construction, although construct she did. She added 38 buildings to the institution, doubled the number of academic schools, increased the number of students to over 9,000 and turned Barry into a full-fledged University—now the fourth largest private University in Florida.

She built up the University in order to meet specific and critical needs in our community and in our nation. She saw that there were increasing needs for highly trained health professionals; Sister Jeanne saw to it that Barry University met that need. She saw that minority students had trouble getting into college; she established programs at Barry to create new opportunities for them, making Barry one of the leading minority-graduating institutions in Florida. She also looked outside her campus and saw needs in the surrounding neighborhoods, and created curriculums and programs focused on the people living there.

Sister Jeanne will always be known for her commitment to issues she held dear, such as the advancement of women in education and in human rights at home and abroad. When three young Chinese women sought political asylum in South Florida, it was Sr. O'Laughlin who took up their cause and got the Immigration and Naturalization Service to withdraw its opposition to political asylum, thereby allowing the three young women to stay. And when young Haitian children needed sponsors to get out of government detention and into the community, Sister Jeanne was there to make that happen.

Sister Jeanne has chaired many charities and non-profits, and has used her fundraising skills to help countless organizations. A measure of her influence was her membership in the Non-Group in Miami, which was composed of the most important movers and shakers in the community. She held her own with the CEOs of billion-dollar corporations, just as she did with the parents of children in her neighborhood who needed health care but could not pay for it. Her honors and accolades are countless, and her accomplishments are extraordinary—mostly because she is so good and so great, that it is impossible to tell her no.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin was the engine that powered tremendous growth and expanded opportunity at Barry University, and has been a symbol of enlightened and integrity. As she now moves into a new period of her life, I wish her joy and happiness: I know she will be successful. Her involvement and contribution have left an indelible mark on Barry University, on all of South Florida, and indeed on everyone who ever had the good fortune of crossing her path.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees

to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to conduct a telecommunications policy review, focusing on a view from the industry.
SR-253

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the environmental regulatory framework affecting oil refining and gasoline policy.
SD-406

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine continuing challenges in Afghanistan.
SD-419

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense.
SH-216

Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine tax payer dollars subsidizing diploma mills.
SD-342

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes.
SR-485

2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine S. 2013, to amend section 119 of title 17, United States Code, to extend satellite home viewer provisions.
SD-226

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 23, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated.
SD-226

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the multilateral development banks.
SD-419

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine Commodity Futures Trading Commission regulatory issues.
SD-106

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine causes, research and prevention of premature births.
SD-430

Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the costs of health services regulations.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine acquisition policy issues in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005.
SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine social science data on the impact of marriage and divorce on children.
SR-253

Intelligence
Closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

MAY 17

2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine how the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's recent rule affects retiree health benefits.
SD-628

MAY 18

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq.
SD-419

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine implications of a recent change in reporting of small business contracts by the Department of Energy.
SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
SD-430

Aging
To hold hearings to examine social security reform issues, and comparing the U.S. social security system with other nations'.
SD-628

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To continue hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq.
SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar items.
SD-430

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.
SD-538

Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes.
SR-485

11:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 2382, to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.
SR-485

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine prescription drug reimportation.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 1672, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, S. 1789 and H.R. 1616, bills to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, S. 1808, to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities, S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, and S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.
SD-366

JUNE 2

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the greater Middle East initiative.
SD-419

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.
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