

or holy war based on these fundamentalist views. The first is to establish the complete rule of God on Earth. Second is to attain martyrdom in the cause of God, meaning to suffer and/or die in the hopes of doing God's will. And lastly is to purify Islam and get rid of what they see as moral corruption within their religion's followers. By doing this, they hope to unite all pure Muslims to live under one government. It is important to note that their goal is not to convert all non-believers to Islam, but rather they will not let the non-believers dominate, meaning they won't let non-Muslims push Muslim heritage out.

Even though Al-Qa'ida was originally formed to be a religious fundamentalist group wishing to protect and purify Islam, the motives for the terrorist attacks are not solely religious. Although religion is a major part of it, and indeed, has aided in the recruitment of terrorist group members, other motives lie deep within the history of U.S. involvement in the Middle East. In fact, Osama bin Laden, along with other Al-Qa'ida leaders have made direct statements explaining why they targeted the United States. Most of these statements refer to U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East; such as the stationing of U.S. troops in and around holy sites, and especially the American support of Israel. In October of 2001, Osama bin Laden made the following statement: "We swore that America wouldn't live in security until we live it truly in Palestine. This showed the reality of America, which puts Israel's interest above its own people's interest. America won't get out of this crisis until it gets out of the Arabian Peninsula, and until it stops its support of Israel." A few years earlier, bin Laden had made another statement describing the oppression he saw of Muslims in Palestine: "For over half a century, Muslims in Palestine have been slaughtered and assaulted and robbed of their honor and of their property. Their houses have been blasted, their crops destroyed. And the strange thing is that any act on their part to avenge themselves or to lift the injustice befalling them causes great agitation in the United Nations which hastens to call for an emergency meeting only to convict the victim and to censure the wronged and the tyrannized whose children have been killed and whose crops have been destroyed and whose farms have been pulverized." In these statements, bin Laden is clearly describing how he feels Israeli attacks in Palestine have caused great oppression of the Muslims living there. Thus, he sees the United States' support of Israel as a direct threat to Muslims and something he must retaliate against.

Although the United States is being targeted by Al-Qa'ida, it is only one of many different countries that the terrorists have attacked to further their cause. Osama bin Laden, maintains a strong grudge against Muslim countries in the Middle East that have allowed western infiltration and have begun buying into westernization. Countries such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, and Malaysia are seen as traitorous and abandoning their Muslim heritage.

The September 11th attacks were not the first terrorist acts against the United States. There have been many, many attacks against Americans in countries all around the world. There was an explosion in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1995 that killed four Americans. There was an explosion in Al-Khobar that killed 19 Americans and wounded more than 400. There were attacks in east Africa, the destruction of the U.S.S. Cole, previous attempted World Trade Center bombings, and many more. Still, the September 11th attacks set a new standard. Never before had there been such a large scale terrorist attack on civilians on U.S. land. And although I

have discussed with you the probable motives of the terrorists, there can never be justification for the events that occurred on 9/11."

TRAIL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, and congratulate my Colorado colleague, Mr. TANCREDO, for his leadership in introducing it.

I joined as a cosponsor of this bill because I also want to improve the ability of the land-managing agencies to adequately enforce the rules that apply to uses of the Federal lands.

That is also why I also introduced a related bill—H.R. 751, the Responsible Off-road Vehicle Enforcement and Response Act, or "ROVER." My bill is narrow. It deals only with enforcement of the regulations for use of vehicles on National Forest lands and public lands managed by BLM. This bill goes much further. In addition to the forests and BLM lands, it also applies to lands managed by the National Park Service and the refuges managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service. And it addresses the enforcement of all regulations, not just those related to use of vehicles.

In the Resources Committee, Mr. TANCREDO and I worked with Chairman POMBO, Ranking Member RAHALL, and other Members, to develop a substitute that included a number of improvements in the bill.

After the Resources Committee completed its work, the measure was reviewed by the Judiciary Committee, and the bill now before the House reflects changes made in that committee. It also includes the provisions of H.R. 1038, the Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003—also approved by the Resources and Judiciary Committees last year—which would increase the maximum fine for violations of regulations related to campfires. I also cosponsored that measure.

As I said, I do support the legislation before us. I hope the House will approve it, because legislation for better and more consistent enforcement of regulations is needed. However, we need to recognize that it is only one part of a bigger picture.

Even more than new legislation, it seems to me, the land-managing agencies need more resources—more money and more people—if we want them to do a better job.

As approved by the Resources Committee, H.R. 3247 would have helped with that, too, by allowing the agencies to use money from fines to help pay for some of the restoration work caused by violations of regulations, as well as for offsetting the administrative costs involved in enforcement of those regulations. Unfortunately, the Judiciary Committee evidently had some concerns about that part of the legislation, and so the bill now before us does not include those provisions.

This is something that I think should be addressed in the future, and I will seek to work with other Members to do that. Today, however, we can take an important step forward

by passing this bill, and I urge the House to approve it.

HONORING DR. MILTON J. BOYD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Milton J. Boyd, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Zoology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California who is being honored for his contribution to one of our nation's most precious rights—participation in the political system. The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee is recognizing Milt Boyd as "Democrat of the Year, 2004." His commitment to the preservation of our political liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Professor Boyd, who received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1964 and his doctorate from the University of California at Davis in 1972, has taught over 3000 students during his 30 years at Humboldt State University. He has served as Faculty Advisor to student clubs for undergraduates and graduate students, including the Democrats of Humboldt State. He has been Faculty Advisor since 1992 to the Veteran's Office at the university and has assisted veterans in the Upward Bound program and the Math and Science Center, one of only two such programs funded in the United States.

During his tenure at Humboldt State University, Dr. Boyd has conducted numerous research projects involving the marine ecological resources of Northwestern California. The projects have broadly influenced marine resource management practices in Humboldt Bay and beyond.

Dr. Boyd has served two terms as HSU Chapter President of the California Faculty Association, has a statewide service role on the CFA Board of Directors and is a member of the CFA Political Action and Legislation Committee. He is a faculty representative on numerous University committees including the Academic Senate, the President's Advisory Search Committee and the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.

Milton Boyd served our nation in the United States Army. He was Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Field Artillery, May 1964 and was assigned to Battery "B" 1st Battalion, 6th Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division and Battalion Staff, 1964–1965. He served as Officer Instructor, U.S. Army Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, 1965–1966, and instructor for Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and Officer Candidate School. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1965 and completed his service in 1970.

He has served the community since 1983 on the Board of Directors of the Arcata Community Recycling Center. He has been a member of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee since 1994 and has demonstrated a special commitment to college age students by engaging their interest in the democratic process.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Milton J. Boyd for his contributions and service to the people of our country.