

Uganda to the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Sam Kutesa was in Washington recently when he announced that his country was donating \$200,000 to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Expressing his government's sympathies toward the people affected by Hurricane Katrina, Minister Kutesa said: "We know that, under the guidance of the two former presidents, money collected by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

While a contribution of \$200,000 may seem small in comparison to the vastness of the hurricane's destruction, please keep in mind that Uganda is a small country that has also suffered its share of devastation.

Americans must remember the terror and oppression of the Idi Amin regime, which came to an end in 1979 but its effects are still being felt. The ruthless dictator Idi Amin deliberately destroyed Uganda's economy and infrastructure and displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and businesses.

In 1986, after a long civil war, President Yoweri Museveni came into office with promises to stabilize the country, facilitate economic growth, and restore dignity and humanity to the political process. In the years since, he has largely lived up to those promises, although—like any country trying to emerge from decades of tyrannical government—Uganda still has problems that need to be addressed.

Uganda's contribution to the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina should be seen in the context of the bonds of friendship between our two countries. Uganda is a key regional ally in the global war on terror, and through the efforts of President Museveni and his government, East Africa is a more stable place today than it was 20 years ago.

Indeed, Uganda has faced its own, home-grown terrorism, in the form of the brutal Lord's Resistance Army, which has raped and pillaged the northern part of Uganda and terrorized the population there. Led by religious zealot Joseph Kony, the Lord's Resistance Army kidnaps children and forces them to be soldiers in a pointless war against their own families and neighbors. There is a very good reason that the Lord's Resistance Army has consistently been listed as a major terrorist organization by the State Department's annual publication, *Patterns of Global Terrorism*.

Uganda also faces a terrorist insurgency by the smaller, but no less deadly, Allied Democratic Forces. The ADF, as it is known, extends its tentacles beyond Uganda: Several of its members were captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, and they are now interned by the U.S. government at Guantanamo Bay.

With all this in mind, our gratitude toward Uganda and its people, and particularly toward President Museveni, should be clear and strong.

Mr. Speaker, I recently became my pleasure to become the co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Uganda. I encourage all Members of this body to consider joining the caucus so that they can study more closely the U.S.-Ugandan bilateral relationship and learn more about how Uganda and the United States can work together on matters of mutual concern.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask that an article entitled "Uganda Is Latest African Donor of Relief to Hurricane Katrina," by Washington File staff writer Jim Fisher-Thompson, be entered into the RECORD. This article treats in more detail some of the issues I have just described.

UGANDA IS LATEST AFRICAN DONOR OF RELIEF TO HURRICANE KATRINA: FOREIGN MINISTER KUTESA DESCRIBES \$200,000 DONATION

(By Jim Fisher-Thompson)

WASHINGTON.—Uganda has joined other African nations responding to devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with a donation of \$200,000 for relief and rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Visiting Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa told the Washington File September 7 that the government of President Yoweri Museveni and the people of Uganda "feel with you and sympathize with you at this time of sorrow. We know you have lost dear ones, as well as considerable property. And we want Americans to know we are thinking of them and are standing shoulder to shoulder with them."

The official made a point of mentioning the donation was not just a pledge but that the money would be transferred immediately to the Bush-Clinton Katrina fund.

Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast August 29. The storm and subsequent flooding have devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and left thousands homeless.

A statement released by the Ugandan Embassy September 8 announcing the donation quoted Museveni as saying, "The United States has been generous in responding to natural and humanitarian disasters all over the world, including in Africa. Uganda has more than once been the beneficiary of this generosity and justice requires us to aid the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have lost their homes and loved ones."

President Bush named his father, a former president, and former President Bill Clinton to head up fund-raising efforts for reconstruction that may cost more than \$150 billion. The hope is they can duplicate their very successful fund-raising efforts for victims of the devastating tsunami that struck South Asia in December 2004.

Kutesa said, "We know that under the guidance of the two former presidents money will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

Uganda joins other African nations contributing to Katrina relief including: Djibouti, \$50,000; Gabon, \$500,000; and Kenya, \$100,000.

Noting the symbolic value of the Uganda donation matched against the immense sums needed for reconstruction, Kutesa told the Washington File, "America has been very generous in helping Uganda fight HIV/AIDS and developing its economy. So it is only right that we try to help as much as we can. We wish we could do more but we are limited."

Kutesa said, "We know what human tragedy can mean. Unfortunately in Africa much of it has been man-made instead of natural. The human tragedies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote, for example, led to the deaths of more than 800,000 Ugandans" in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Now, he said, Uganda is one of the best friends America has in Africa and "we look forward to strengthening our relations as we both cope with the aftermath of disasters that have struck our countries."

Kutesa's next stop in America is New York City, where he said he will participate in the

annual United Nations General Assembly meeting the week of September 13-17. President Museveni plans to attend with a number of other African leaders.

A highlight of the U.N. gathering, Kutesa said, will be a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda in a tripartite peace process for eastern Congo begun two years ago with the help of the U.S. State Department. After Burundi recently joined, the Great Lakes peace effort is now called the "3 plus 1" talks.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL FINKELSTEIN'S 50 YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY AND LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Daniel Finkelstein, a great New Yorker and a dear friend of mine. On September 29, 2005, Danny's friends, family and colleagues will gather to celebrate his 50 years as an attorney. Anniversaries are a time for reflection, and I feel that it is fitting to reflect on the career of a truly remarkable man.

Mr. Finkelstein's distinguished 50-year career as a real estate litigation attorney has earned him the respect of New York's legal community; indeed, Danny is widely known as the "Dean" of New York's landlord-tenant lawyers. Formerly a founding partner of New York City's largest landlord-tenant law firm, Danny currently serves as the senior partner of Finkelstein Newman LLP.

A graduate of New York University and Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Finkelstein's professional accomplishments include his service as Senior Real Estate Manager for the Board of Estimate of the City of New York and his role as Assistant Chief Enforcement Attorney to the Temporary State Housing Rent Commission.

Mr. Finkelstein also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association, NYCLA, and was the chair of its Committee on the Civil Court. He is an active member of several NYCLA committees, including the Association's Committees on the Judiciary and the Civil Court Practice Section.

Danny has made tremendous contributions to the legal profession, but he has also placed a priority on teaching the law to others. For many years, Danny served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School and taught courses at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Mr. Finkelstein's contributions to legal scholarship include a two-volume, 2000 page treatise on Landlord and Tenant Practice in New York and his service as Editor-in-Chief of *Landlord-Tenant Monthly*, a law journal published by Treiman Publications.

Additionally, Mr. Finkelstein lectured, in conjunction with Brooklyn, Fordham, and New York Law Schools, on the rights of senior renters before members of the New York State Bar Association, on the conduct of landlord-tenant trials at numerous legal education forums and on arbitration and mediation programs. I am particularly proud of Danny's work

to create the nationally recognized and award-winning "Safe Housing for Children" lectures, which were sponsored by NYCLA, the New York Foundling Hospital and Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service.

Finally, Mr. Finkelstein received Certificates of Appreciation from Presidents Ford, Nixon, Johnson and Kennedy for his service to the Nation and his contributions to the Military Selective Service Act and Selective Service System.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring Daniel Finkelstein's 50 years in the legal profession and his lifetime of service to New York City. Along with Danny's longtime friends, colleagues and co-workers, I wish him many more years of happiness and outstanding public service.

HONORING GARY MOUNT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Mount on being named the 2005 Apple Grower of the Year by American/Western Fruit Grower magazine, sponsored by Cerexagri. This award recognizes the progressive approaches, hard work, and dedication to learning of a leading apple grower. New Jersey can be proud to have a native son singled out from among all the apple growers around the Nation.

Mount, a resident of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, has honed his growing skills along with his wife Pam, co-owner of Terhune Orchards in Princeton. Although Mount had grown up on his father's 300-acre apple farm, he did not originally plan on a farming career. Instead, Mount graduated from Princeton University with a degree in physiological psychology and had planned on pursuing his Ph.D. It was only after his experience of joining the Peace Corps and serving in the Central Pacific islands of Micronesia that Mount decided to dedicate his life to farming.

For the past 30 years, Mount has continually pursued his quest to discover the best and most innovative farming techniques. Mount has demonstrated this commitment by attending industry meetings including serving as a member of the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, IDFTA for more than 25 years and on the board of directors for 11 years. Additionally, Mount has been treasurer of the New Jersey State Hort Society for about 12 years, former president of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, a New Jersey water commissioner for many years, and currently, a soil conservation district supervisor. Active also in New Jersey Farmland Preservation, Mount's efforts have helped growers pass on their land without fear of it being developed.

Throughout his farming career, Mount has also considered it a top priority to have an environmentally sound approach to farming. Particularly on pest management issues, Mount has worked with Extension agents from Rutgers University to develop an integrated pest management, IPM program at Terhune Orchards. By informing his neighbors about his approach to pest management, and then, creating a poster with specialists at Rutgers ex-

plaining the practices and benefits of IPM that is displayed at farm markets, Mount has developed a trusting relationship with consumers who feel confident that the fruit they purchase has not been fertilized with hazardous chemicals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 12th district of New Jersey, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gary Mount on his 2005 Apple Grower of the Year award.

HONORING THE REVEREND PHILIP CASCIA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many friends, congregation members, and community leaders that have gathered to pay tribute to an outstanding religious leader and my good friend, Father Philip Cascia. Today marks the end of an era at St. Anthony's as we bid farewell to a real community treasure. There is no doubt that Father Cascia has touched the lives of every member of the St. Anthony's parish. Though he will be missed, the legacy he leaves will continue to inspire others for years to come.

Father Cascia's commitment to service through religious leadership has been unwavering and his involvement, not only with his congregation, but with the entire Prospect community has been essential to its spiritual growth and prosperity. One of his first acts after his ordination in 1977 was the establishment of a St. Vincent dePaul Society in Waterbury. Just a year later, the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store opened which was followed in later years by a mental health center, a soup kitchen as well as a homeless shelter—the soup kitchen and homeless shelter have become the largest in Connecticut.

Father Cascia has been a strong leader not only in our community, but in communities across the world. A 1988 trip to the Soviet Union as the coach of the wrestling team at Sacred Heart High School led to the establishment of the Waterbuey-Leningrad Intersport Trade commission—a program which arranges exchanges between sports teams in the United States and other countries including China, Vietnam and Brazil. Most recently the Intersport exchange program is hoping to send soccer teams to San Paolo, Brazil, where Father Cascia is overseeing the opening of an orphanage and school. In addition to the Intersport program, for the last two decades Father Cascia, at the request of the United States Department of State, has also been helping youths in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1991, he opened an orphanage for victims of the country's terrible earthquakes, and upon his return, Father Cascia and his parish have been sending much needed supplies to them ever since.

Father Cascia is a man of God—but so, too, is he a man of the people. And he understands that the Church is not simply comprised of people. He understands that the Church is the people—the People of God. He knows that it is the parishioners who support the Church and keep it running—who run its

charity events and bake sales—that it is their stories and their lives that infuse the Church with moral authority. There is no better example of living faith with commitment and dignity.

Father Cascia's unparalleled leadership has allowed Saint Anthony's to flourish. Our churches, as much as they are distinct, all provide innumerable contributions to our communities. He has become a fixture in our community and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all of his good work and for enriching all of our lives. As a spiritual guide, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. We cannot thank him enough for the indelible mark he has left on this community. For his outstanding leadership and his many years of special friendship, I am proud to join with the Prospect community in wishing Father Cascia well as he leaves Saint Anthony's. May God bless him and keep him well as he continues in his mission of peace, compassion, and most importantly, hope.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, during consideration of H.R. 3132, I mistakenly voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 469, the Conyers amendment. It was my intention to vote "no" on the Conyers amendment as I had consistently done in the past, and I ask unanimous consent that my statement be entered into the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO AS THEY CELEBRATE 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is celebrating 5 years of excellence in service to the Appalachian region of Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has enriched the quality of lives across the 29 counties in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, through principles based on charity and civic activism, has promoted economic opportunity and re-investment in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has an established reputation as an organization dedicated to the betterment of Ohio by assisting individuals and organizations with programs, services and resources.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's 5 years of outstanding service.