

Claude E. Wilson has served as the pastor at Havenscourt Community Church since the 1960s. In addition to his duties as a spiritual leader, Pastor Wilson has administered several long-standing programs focusing on the academic education of children, the public safety issues that concern the East Oakland area, and the physical wellness issues that concern the African American community.

Pastor Wilson has been commended for his involvement in public education by the Oakland Public School System, in particular, for his personal as well as the Havenscourt Community Church's involvement in providing tutorial, child care, and hot meal programs for school aged children. Through these and numerous other activities Pastor Wilson has relentlessly continued throughout his tenure with Havenscourt to develop programs, networks, and community interconnectedness. Both Pastor Wilson and the Havenscourt family have strengthened our ties with one another and brought hope to our future through spiritual development and community problem solving.

For 81 years Havenscourt Community Church has been an indispensable part of our community, and Dr. Wilson has been leading their contributions as a pastor and community member for more than half of the church's history. On behalf of the residents of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I join the Oakland community on this 23rd day of June, 2006 in saluting and thanking the Havenscourt Community Church and its pastor, Dr. Claude E. Wilson. Their presence has contributed to the fabric and vibrancy of our community both currently and as a salient part of our heritage.

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HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Officer John Angle of the Mobile Police Department, on the occasion of his selection as a Top Cop by the National Association of Police Organization for 2006. The officers of 10 cases from throughout the nation are awarded this honor each year.

A resident of Mobile, Officer Angle has been an exemplary member of the Mobile Police Department since September 1999. He was nominated for this award by Captain James Barber for his heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty in an incident that occurred on July 23, 2005.

On that night, Officer Angle responded to a burglary in progress call in Mobile. He located and attempted to stop the vehicle as it was leaving the city, but the suspects sped away. A chase ensued with the suspects firing at Officer Angle. Though he was alone on the scene and backup was unavailable, he continued to pursue them.

The suspects pulled over and exchanged gunfire with the officer three times during the twelve minute chase before finally crashing into a ditch. The suspects then exited the vehicle and continued to fire on Officer Angle. He successfully wounded one of the suspects and the two subsequently surrendered.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Officer John Angle and to commend him for his courage and this well deserved award. I wish him many safe and distinguished years on the police force, and convey my deepest gratitude for his service to Mobile. He is an outstanding example of the quality of individuals who have devoted their lives to law enforcement. I know John's colleagues, his fiancée Laura, his family, and many friends join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of Mobile and Alabama's First Congressional District.

HINDU MILITANTS MURDERED 38 SIKHS IN COLD BLOOD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, recently, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wrote a book called *The Mighty and the Almighty*. The introduction was written by former President Bill Clinton. In his introduction, President Clinton wrote, "During my visit to India in 2000, some Hindu militants decided to vent their outrage by murdering 38 Sikhs in cold blood. If I hadn't made the trip, the victims would probably still be alive. If I hadn't made the trip because I feared what militants might do, I couldn't have done my job as president of the United States."

President Clinton places the blame squarely on Hindu militants, not on the so-called Kashmiri Muslims that the Indian government tried to blame for the massacre. In 2002, the Washington Times reported that the government finally admitted its responsibility and admitted that the evidence that it used to pin the blame on Kashmiris was false.

Reporter Barry Bearak of the New York Times also placed the blame squarely on the Indian government, as did two independent investigations, one by the International Human Rights Organization, which is based in Ludhiana, and the other conducted jointly by the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the Movement Against State Repression. The evidence is overwhelming, yet Indian sycophants continue to deny the government's responsibility.

Unfortunately, this massacre would have been swept under the rug if not for the outstanding efforts of the organizations mentioned above and of the Council of Khalistan, which has painstakingly documented any new developments. I am indebted to them for bringing this to my attention.

The massacre was part of a pattern of repression of minorities that has brought about the murders of over 250,000 Sikhs, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland alone, over 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir alone, and Christians and Muslims throughout the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. This is one reason that it is essential to cut off our aid and trade to India and to demand a free and fair plebiscite in Punjab, Khalistan, in Kashmir, in Nagalim, and wherever people are seeking their freedom. This is the only way to bring freedom, peace, stability, and dignity to all the people of south Asia.

I would like to introduce the press release from the Council of Khalistan on Secretary Albright's book into the RECORD at this time.

"HINDU MILITANTS MURDERED 38 SIKHS IN COLD BLOOD"

WASHINGTON, DC, May 30, 2006.—In the introduction to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's new book, *The Mighty and the Almighty*, former U.S. President Bill Clinton writes that "Hindu militants" are responsible for the massacre of 38 Sikhs at Chithisinghpora in March 2000. This reflects previous findings by the Punjab Human Rights Organization, the International Human Rights Organization, the Movement Against State Repression, and New York Times reporter Barry Bearak.

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According to Amnesty International, "the attackers wore uniforms of the armed forces and were led by a tall man whom they addressed as Commanding Officer (CO). All Sikh men were rounded up, ostensibly to check their identities, and made to sit on the ground in two groups against the walls of the gurdwaras [Sikh temples] a few hundred metres from each other; they were shot at point blank range. As the attackers withdrew, they reportedly shouted Hindu slogans." On August 2, 2002, the Washington Times reported that the Indian government admitted that its forces were responsible for the massacre. India finally admitted that the evidence it used to implicate alleged Kashmiri "militants" in the murders was faked.

At the time of the Chithisinghpora massacre, Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, strongly condemned the murders. "What motive would Kashmiri freedom fighters have to kill Sikhs? This would be especially stupid when President Clinton is visiting. The freedom movements in Kashmir, Khalistan, Nagaland, and throughout India need the support of the United States," he said, Khalistan is the Sikh homeland declared independent on October 7, 1987.

The massacres continued a pattern of repression and terrorism against minorities by the Indian government, which it attempts to blame on other minorities to divide and rule the minority peoples within its artificial borders. The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that the Indian government paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to organize and support covert terrorist activity in Punjab, Khalistan, and in neighboring Kashmir.

A report issued by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) shows that India admitted that it held 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA) even though it expired in 1995. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. There has been no list published of those who were acquitted under TADA and those who are still rotting in Indian jails. Additionally, according to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. MASR report quotes the Punjab Civil Magistracy as writing "if we add up the figures of the last few years the number of innocent persons killed would run into lakhs [hundreds of thousands.]"

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 90,000 Muslims

in Kashmir, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

The book *Soft Target* by Canadian journalists Zuhair Kashmeri and Brian McAndrew shows that the Indian government blew up its own airliner in 1985 to blame Sikhs and justify further repression. It quotes an agent of the Canadian Security Investigation Service (CSIS) as saying, "If you really want to clear up the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver. We know it and they know it that they are involved." On January 2, 2002, the Washington Times reported that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh.

"Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper and get justice," said Dr. Aulakh. "When Khalistan is free, we will have our own Ambassadors, our own representation in the UN and other international bodies, and our own leaders to keep this sort of thing from happening. We won't be at the mercy of the brutal Indian regime and its Hindu militant allies," he said. "Democracies don't commit genocide. India should act like a democracy and allow a plebiscite on independence for Khalistan and all the nations of South Asia," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must free Khalistan now."

REPUBLICAN MISGUIDED
PRIORITIES

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Senate Republican leadership renewed debate on whether the Constitution of the United States should limit marriage and any civil union to one man and one woman.

It is distressing to me that we live in an age in which we still must fight to protect our civil rights as Americans, in which a hate crime perpetrated against someone based their sexual orientation can go unpunished, and in which discrimination is being written into our laws.

If this amendment were to pass, we would rewrite discrimination into the Constitution, a practice I thought we had done away with in 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment erased the Constitution's reference to "the whole number of free persons." It appears that some would condemn us to repeating history.

The only saving grace for this measure is that it is doomed to failure, and the President knows that. This amendment is being considered merely to throw red meat at conservative voters in an election year. Just over a month before the 2004 election, when his poll numbers were slipping, the President stated his support for this discriminatory measure. He knew the amendment could not pass in Congress and that there was minimal public support for it. Republicans moved this discriminatory bill for the sole purpose of dividing voters and inciting anti-gay sentiment in a hotly-contested election year.

Two years later, the Republicans are drowning in corruption and losing public support on a mass scale. The White House wants to drive its conservative base to the polls and has

asked the Senate Majority Leader to bring this issue before the full Senate. Make no mistake about it, we will win this fight again.

Then, hopefully we can turn to the issues that the American people want the government to address. We have yet to investigate the Administration's failed policy in Iraq that has led to the deaths of over 2,000 American soldiers. We need to know why there has been a steep rise in gas prices during a time of record oil industry profits. We need to craft a prescription drug bill for seniors that works instead of keeping one that confuses seniors and rewards large pharmaceutical companies. We need to stop borrowing money from foreign countries, cease deficit spending, and return our economy to the surpluses it had under President Clinton.

With so many critical issues that need the immediate attention of the Congress, Republicans need to reevaluate their priorities. It is my hope that in the coming months we can focus our energies on the many important issues facing our country rather than on divisive and unproductive distractions.

HONORING THE GREEN ALBANY
PROJECT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Green Albany Project, which, in partnership with the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Alameda County Waste Management, and Stopwaste.org has successfully completed its goal of "greening" the small business district in Albany, California, making it the first project in the nation in which a chamber of commerce has taken the lead in an effort such as this.

The Green Albany Project was launched on Earth Day 2005 as a collaborative effort of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, and Stopwaste.org under the leadership of James Carter. Upon receipt of a grant from Stopwaste.org, the Albany Green Team was assembled, comprised mostly of local youth from Albany High School and the surrounding community. The Albany Green team then began a yearlong outreach effort, working to contact and educate local business owners on the economic and environmental benefits of going green.

With the help of Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson, and in collaboration with Smartlights, East Bay MUD, and other programs, the Albany Green Team has succeeded in helping 26 businesses in Albany, which is most of the local small business district, to green their operations and in turn, green our community. In so doing, the Green Albany Project has successfully diverted 150 tons of solid waste from landfills through its work to implement composting practices at local businesses, and it is projected that an additional 290 tons will be diverted in the year to come.

The Green Albany Project celebrates this success only one year after its launch, and furthermore, having achieved its objectives under budget, will be returning money to the county for use in propelling other worthwhile projects forward.

In addition, this project would not have been possible without the support of the small business owners in Albany, who are a crucial driving force behind our local and regional economies, and who have provided an immeasurable service to the community by implementing these new green systems with the help of the Albany Green Team.

The Green Albany Project is an outstanding example of steps that our communities can take to address the national and global challenge of developing sustainable practices in a time of diminishing natural resources.

The Green Albany Project has not only made history as the first project of its kind to be completed in our country, but has demonstrated to businesses throughout California's 9th Congressional District and across our country that going green is not only possible but profitable.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I join the Albany community on this 5th day of June, 2006 in saluting and thanking the Albany Green Team, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, the Albany small businesses that have made the decision to go green, and all the other partners who have made the Green Albany Project a success. Their work has contributed immeasurably to California's 9th Congressional District, to the entire Bay Area and to our country, and represents an important step forward in the international effort to establish environmentally and economically sustainable ways of living here in our community and around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DELAWARE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Community Foundation as it celebrates its 20th anniversary of unparalleled service to the State. The Foundation was created in 1986 to provide a lasting source of charitable funding by enabling donors and organizations to effectively support the causes that matter most to Delaware's citizens.

In the publication of its first newsletter in 1990, the Foundation noted that through its first grant making program it awarded roughly \$60,000 in grants to six agencies for use in addressing homelessness. Other inaugural accomplishments included the creation of 8 new charitable funds, and a total fund balance of just over \$6 million. Today, the Foundation manages nearly 600 charitable funds, gives from a total asset balance of more than \$200 million, and has awarded more than \$54 million in grants in its short 20-year history. This exceptional growth stands as a testament to the important work done by the Delaware Community Foundation and how much it is truly needed.

Through its strong community leadership, and both competitive and non-competitive grant programs, the Foundation is now able to adapt to the needs of the community as they emerge and evolve. In doing so, the Delaware