

"This is a terrible incident and shameful for whoever carried it out," Dr. Aulakh said. "Terrorism is never acceptable." He endorsed the request to donate blood for the victims. "We should join together to take care of the people who were victimized by this brutal attack," he said. The Council of Khalistan leads the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent movement to liberate Khalistan, the Sikh homeland that declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. Dr. Aulakh was interviewed on WRC-TV Channel 4 news in Washington yesterday about the bombings. Dr. Aulakh noted that the first-class cabins were bombed. "This is where the rich people hid," he said. No one has taken responsibility for the attack, although the Indian government has blamed the Kashmiri organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"This is the kind of thing the Indian government is quite capable of carrying out itself," Dr. Aulakh said. He noted that the book *Soft Target* shows how the Indian regime bombed its own airliner in 1985, killing 329 innocent people, to justify further repression against the Sikhs. The flight was bound for Bombay. The book quotes an investigator from the Canadian Security Investigation Service as saying, "If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load up everybody and take them down for questioning. We know it and they know it that they are involved." The book shows that within hours after the flight was blown up, the Indian Consul General in Toronto, Surinder Malik (no relation to Ripudaman Singh Malik), called in a detailed description of the bombing and the names of those he said were involved, information that the Canadian government didn't discover until weeks later. Mr. Malik said to look on the passenger manifest for the name "L. Singh." This would turn out to be Lal Singh, who told the press that he was offered "two million dollars and settlement in a nice country" by the Indian regime to give false testimony in the case.

India fomented and pre-planned the massacre of Muslims in Gujarat, according to a police officer who was quoted in the newspapers. Government forces were caught re-handed in a village in Kashmir, trying to burn down the Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) and some Sikh homes, to blame the Muslims. Two independent investigations, one carried out jointly by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) and the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the other carried out by the International Human rights Organization of Ludhiana, both concluded that Indian troops carried out the massacre of 38 Sikhs in Chithlsinghpora. Both former President Bill Clinton, in his introduction to Madeleine Albright's book, and New York Times reporter Barry Bearak came to the same conclusion. The killers dressed as "militants" but spoke to each other in the language of the Indian army. This is just one of many incidents where the Indian army or its paid "Black Cats" paramilitary have been caught carrying out terrorist incidents while trying to create the impression that they were alleged "militants."

The Indian newsmagazine *India Today* reported that the Indian government created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, identified by the U.S. government as a terrorist organization. The January 2, 2002 issue of the *Washington Times* noted that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in Sindh. The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that India paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment and support covert state terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir.

A report issued by MASR show that India admitted that it held 52,268 political pris-

oners 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. The 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."

Government-allied Hindu militants have burned down Christian churches and prayer halls, murdered priests, and raped nuns. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) described the rapists as "patriotic youth" and called the nuns "antinational elements." Hindu radicals, members of the Bajrang Dal, burned missionary Graham Stewart Staines and his two sons, ages 10 and 8, to death while they surrounded the victims and chanted "Victory to Hannuman," the Hindu monkey-faced God. The Bajrang Dal is the youth arm of the RSS. The VHP is a militant Hindu Nationalist organization that is under the umbrella of the RSS.

"Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper and get justice," said Dr. Aulakh. "This is the only issue. India is a terrorist state in which we will never escape from the repression and tyranny," he said. "It is time to liberate Khalistan so that the Sikh Nation can live in freedom, security, prosperity, and dignity," he said. "Remember the words of former Akal Takht Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh: 'If a Sikh is not a Khalistani he is not a Sikh.' The only way we can escape the terrorism and repression is to free Khalistan. Khalistan Zindabad."

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN RONALD CHASTAIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay special recognition to Air Force Captain Ronald Chastain, a native of Jacksonville, Alabama and the son-in-law of a long-time colleague of mine who was recently honored for saving a man's life.

On May 29th, Captain Chastain, an Air Traffic Control specialist stationed in Okinawa, Japan, was on his way to welcome home a fellow airman returning from Iraq when he noticed a vehicle that had crashed and caught fire. He, and two other men, acted quickly and risked their own lives to pull the victim from his burning car. Their heroism helped save the victim's life, and on June 15th, the Okinawa Prefectural Police Department held a ceremony in Chastain's honor for his actions.

A graduate of Jacksonville High School, Chastain is fulfilling his dream of seeing the world and serving his country. He is guided by God's grace and love for his family. He said his wife, Susan, and sons, Hayden and Caleb,

were in his thoughts as he worked to rescue the man from his burning car that dark and rainy night.

I salute Captain Ronald Chastain for working to save this man's life, for his continued efforts to serve and protect our country, and for helping serve as a role model for us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARION PAUL SANCHEZ, SR.

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a great American, Marion Paul Sanchez, Sr. June 2, 1922–May 27, 2006. I honor him today for his service in the United States Navy during World War II and his dedication to his family.

Mr. Sanchez served on the USS *Kula Gulf* CVE 108 during World War II. The USS *Kula Gulf* was commissioned on May 12, 1945 and on August 5 was assigned to the 7th Fleet in the Western Pacific. The *Kula Gulf* patrolled the East China Seas, shuttled planes between Saipan and Guam, and transported veterans of the Pacific Theater around the region and back to the United States.

After returning from the war, Mr. Sanchez married MaryAnn Del Razo in 1948 and began what would become a 59-year marriage. Mr. Sanchez decided to follow in his father's footsteps and began a career in agriculture, where he spent 50 years growing produce in California's Central Valley. Over the course of his career he employed hundreds of workers and grew cotton, tomatoes, lettuce, garlic, asparagus, cantaloupes, bell peppers, alfalfa, prunes, grapes, sugar beets, and corn.

Farming allowed Mr. Sanchez to pursue his true passion in life, which was raising his family. He had four boys; Theodore, Richard, Ronald, and Marion. Through the years, the Sanchez family has grown, and Mr. Sanchez became the proud grandparent to 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mr. Sanchez took great pride in his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sanchez was an avid golfer and played 18 holes, 2 days a week, until his passing in May of 2006. Mr. Sanchez's approach to the game of golf illustrates his approach to life. He was dedicated to the game, always willing to try new things, and never let a bad round affect the next.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I salute Marion Paul Sanchez, Sr. for his service to our Nation and dedication to his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT RON LOMPART

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition, and with thanks, for the 31 years of exemplary service Police Sergeant Ron Lompert has given to the City of Simi Valley, California.

Ron's last day as a Simi Valley police officer is tomorrow. He began his career as a Simi Valley police officer fresh out of the academy just 4 years after the city incorporated.

They matured together.

They matured well.

Mr. Speaker, Simi Valley is my home. I served as mayor there for 7 years before being elected to Congress. I am proud of the fact that Simi Valley is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities in the United States. That recognition is in large part due to the caliber of the men and women of the Simi Valley Police Department.

That being true, Ron Lompart is largely responsible for the high caliber of the men and women who serve the Simi Valley Police Department. Ron is responsible for overseeing the training of new officers as one of the department's two Field Training Program Sergeants. He also is a patrol supervisor, overseeing the daily actions of both rookies and veterans alike.

Ron's career parallels his dual dedication to both the City of Simi Valley and the men and women with whom he serves. After 6 years as a patrol officer, Ron was promoted to sergeant in 1981. He served with distinction on the department's SWAT team for 10 years and worked as a Rangemaster and Participative Management Team member. In addition, Ron represented the department's rank-and-file as a board member of both the Simi Valley Police Officers' Association and the Peace Officers Research Association of California.

After 31 years in a police uniform—after 3 years in a U.S. Army uniform—Ron looks forward to spending time as a civilian with his wife, Cindy, and their three children, doing a bit of hunting and perhaps some cruising.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking my friend Ron Lompart for his decades of service to the City of Simi Valley and his country, and in wishing him Godspeed in his retirement.

HONORING TIM FRIEDMAN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, we don't recognize often enough the talented and dedicated individuals who are critical to the operations of the House of Representatives. They safeguard our traditions and keep our great institution functioning. Tim Friedman is one of these essential individuals. I can't remember the House of Representatives without him and will miss him when he retires.

Tim arrived in 1976 during my first term in Congress. He has been an invaluable part of the House during his exceptional service. Tim started in the Doorkeeper's Office and then worked as an Assistant to the Sergeant of Arms. But I'm sure most of my colleagues, like me, remember his work in the Democratic Cloakroom best.

Tim has put the institution of the House first and has done all he can to help Members and staff do their jobs the best way possible. Now it's time for him and his wife Colleen to take a well-deserved break and play golf the best way possible. And, although their new home will be North Carolina, they'll keep an eye to

the north and spend a good amount of their time off the links cheering the New York Yankees and Buffalo Bills on to greatness.

We will miss Tim greatly and will remain indebted to him for making the House of Representatives a better institution.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-127)

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my extreme disappointment with the President's decision to use his veto power to reject the Congress's will to see H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, become public law, and I stand in support of millions of Americans who will benefit from the promises of embryonic stem cell research. Each year, I meet several hundred, perhaps thousands, of constituents who share with me how Federal support of embryonic stem cell research could vastly change their lives. There are a few constituents in particular who stand out on this issue. Late last year, Maddie and Tommy Poulin, just 4 and 5 years old, traveled from Rhode Island to Washington. These two young children talked with me about what their life is like with Type I Diabetes. In a journal they left with me, Maddie included an entry that said, "I really hope you can help us find a cure, we're not asking for a lot, we just want to live without needles."

Stem cell research also holds promise for those suffering from Parkinson's disease, like my good friend, and the distinguished Senator from Rhode Island, Claiborne Pell. Senator Pell's contributions to our country are too numerous to list, but I know his legacy is honored everyday when individuals are able to attend college with the assistance of a Pell Grant. He stood up for those without a voice for over 35 years, and now it is time for us to stand up for him.

Sue Sgambato, a cancer survivor living in Rhode Island, visits my office regularly to advocate on behalf of patients in our State. Rhode Island has one of the highest rates of cancer in the Nation, and stem cell research may provide clues on how to beat this devastating disease. I cannot and will not stand by and let one more person be diagnosed with cancer, Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's disease, or multiple sclerosis without holding the President responsible for his action today.

It is absolutely tragic that President Bush has used his very first and only veto on an issue of such importance to American families. Every family in America has a loved one who is suffering from a disease that could benefit from the advances of stem cell research. This veto is only the latest action that President Bush has taken against medical research. He has also level funded the National Institutes of Health, and cut programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), limiting our Nation's ability to find better treatments and cures for diseases.

President Bush had a choice today, and he chose politics over people. I want to assure my friends in Congress, as well as the people of the First District of Rhode Island, that today's veto is not the end to this debate, it is only the beginning. Congress has voted overwhelmingly in support of stem cell research, and this bill remains a top priority for a majority of elected officials. I promise that I will continue to do everything within my power to get this legislation back to the President's desk, and to get this language into our public law. We will be back, and we will succeed.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH JORDAN-HOLMES

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Sarah Jordan-Holmes, an incredibly gifted leader and fundraiser who put her talents, her heart and her faith into improving our community.

As President and CEO of Prevent Blindness Florida for 15 years, Sarah raised millions of dollars, won over countless supporters for its mission and brought national attention to the organization. Through her work, Prevent Blindness Florida earned Tampa Bay Business Journal's "Non-Profit of the Year Award" in the area of Health Services, and Sarah earned the Association of Fundraising Professionals Lifetime Achievement Award.

Prevent Blindness Florida was not the only worthy cause that was blessed to count Sarah as an advocate. She led fundraising campaigns for the Florida Museum of Science and Industry, the YMCA and the University of South Florida. In addition, Sarah was active in a host of other local community, charitable and professional organizations.

Sarah's tireless work on behalf of the organizations she championed was deeply rooted in her faith and dedication to serve others. She served as a senior warden and vestry member of the St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church, president of the board of trustees for the Southwest Florida Episcopal Church Foundation, member of the Diocesan Standing Committee and participant in the Cursillo Movement.

It is no surprise that Sarah was so successful in her lifetime. She was a natural leader, a role model for everyone she met and a genuine go-getter. Sarah's faith and inner strength helped guide her through her long struggle with cancer—a challenge she faced with great dignity. During her lifetime, cut short by cancer, Sarah lived life to its fullest and gave to her family, friends and thousands of others to a point few people achieve in their lifetimes. Her powerful example will inspire many in our community and state for generations.

Among all her accomplishments, Sarah was most proud of her role as wife and mother. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to her family for their loss. May they find comfort in Sarah's legacy—her contributions to our community will not be forgotten.