

coerced ordination of Catholic bishops by the Peoples Republic of China

253 On motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amend pass H. Res. 608—Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the Peoples Republic of China

254 On motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended and pass H. Con. Res. 338—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere

I would have voted “yeas” to all of these bills.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SKI AND SNOWBOARD MONTH RESOLUTION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, skiing and snowboarding are exhilarating activities that allow individuals and families to enjoy a natural environment and participate in physical activity.

To help spread this message, I am introducing a resolution urging the president to declare January as National Ski and Snowboard Sports Month.

This resolution notes the increase in adult and childhood obesity along with the negative consequences of overweight and obese people including a decrease in the average life span and rising health care costs stemming from related illnesses. It also highlights the role winter sport activities can play in addressing chronic inactivity and the positive effects of participating in physical activity.

“Ski and Snowboard Month” would remind citizens of the importance to maintain a consistent exercise program and healthy lifestyle twelve months out of the year. Winter sports offer unique opportunities to allow all Americans a chance to be together outside and enjoy the season.

DISASTER RECOVERY PERSONAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5013, the Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006. I was pleased to vote in favor of this bill, which passed the House by a vote of 322–99.

During Hurricane Katrina, hundreds of citizens had their guns confiscated, depriving them of their Second Amendment right to bear arms when they needed it most. H.R. 5013 ensures that this type of confiscation can never happen again. The legislation prohibits the confiscation of legally owned weapons during national emergencies or presidential declared disasters, unless other Federal or State law permits the confiscation. This law applies to Federal officers and employees, including uniformed services, who receive Federal funds, are under the control of the Federal Government, or provide services to such personnel in support of relief efforts.

Additionally, the bill prevents the temporary or permanent seizures of firearms, or the authorization of such seizures; prevents requiring the registration of firearms, if registration is not required by Federal or State law; prevents prohibiting the possession of a firearm, or issuing regulations or orders prohibiting the possession of a firearm if the possession is permitted under law; and prevents prohibiting the carrying of firearms by a person who is otherwise authorized to do so under State or Federal laws solely because that person is operating under the direction, control, or supervision of a Federal agency.

I have been a proud defender of our second amendment right throughout my tenure in Congress. This vote preserves and protects this Constitutional right during times of extreme disasters and emergencies, when the need for law-abiding citizens to exercise their basic right to defend themselves and their families is the greatest. I am pleased to have stood up for those rights by casting my vote in favor of H.R. 5013, the Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BISHOP GEORGE MOSLEY MURRAY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Bishop George Mosley Murray, the founding bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, who passed away earlier this month.

Bishop Murray was the first bishop of the Central Gulf Coast diocese, which encompasses south Alabama and northwest Florida, and for 10 years, he provided steady leadership during a period of change in the Episcopal Church. The diocese prospered under his leadership, growing from 25 parishes in 1971, to 64 congregations today with over 22,000 members. In honor of the first bishop of the diocese, the name Murray House was chosen for the diocesan assisted living facility.

Bishop Murray graduated from the University of Alabama in 1940 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and worked for General Electric in North Carolina for two years. He served four years in the military during World War II with two years aboard the U.S.S. *Pintado*. In 1948, he graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, with a masters of divinity degree. He served five years as Episcopal chaplain at the University of Alabama. Bishop Murray was elected Suffragan Bishop of Alabama in 1953, Bishop Coadjutor of Alabama in 1959, and became the Bishop of Alabama in 1969.

Bishop Murray received honorary degrees of doctor in divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1954 and the University of the South. He also received the Algrenon Sydney Sullivan award, honorary degrees and a doctor of laws degree from the University of Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated leader and friend to many in the Gulf Coast area. Bishop George Murray will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Margaret MacQueen Murray;

his children, George Malcolm Murray, William Gerard Murray and Sara Duncan Murray; stepchildren, John C. Rockett, III, Margaret Grace Rockett and James MacQueen Rockett; and grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO TERENCE J. KIVLAN

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, after 28 years covering Capitol Hill for The Staten Island Advance, Terence J. Kivlan is retiring. In an age when many news reporters gravitate to the glamorous national story and use the news to raise their own profiles, Terry, 61, has doggedly followed issues of concern to his hometown readers. His appreciation for Staten Island was evident in his stories, and his words helped educate millions of residents on the daily happenings in Washington. Terry seemed to have a knack for finding the Staten Islander in a crowd. His stories always brimmed with a local flavor and featured the thoughts, opinions and voices of Staten Island residents.

Terry distinguished himself with his reporting on the ABSCAM scandal in the 1970s and his honest and sensitive coverage of the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City. Terry is a throwback to a day of shoe-leather reporting that put a premium on getting out of the office and taking the pulse of the people in the know. His first priority was getting the story for the people of Staten Island and it's a tribute to Terry that he would be proud to be remembered just that way.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANDERSON-DREW FAMILY REUNION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are an integral part of African American life, especially given the fact that many families were separated at will during slavery and has continued throughout history in this country. Of course, reunions are a way of staying intact or of being reconnected in a manner which promotes unit, camaraderie and continuation.

On August 4–6, the Anderson-Drew Families will hold their reunion in Chicago, Illinois, a city founded by an African American, Jean Baptiste Point DeSable, a trapper and settler. It has been home to many world famous and internationally known African Americans such as Mahalia Jackson, Lou Rawls, Minnie Minoso, John Hope Franklin, John H. Johnson, Michael Jordan, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Oprah Winfrey and Mayor Harold Washington. Being able to concretely trace one's family back to 1876, which was the year that the compromise surrounding the selection of Ruth-erford B. Hayes to become President of the U.S. and the removal of Federal troops from the South is indeed commendable and noteworthy in and of itself.

I take this opportunity to express and convey how valuable it is for families to remain in constant contact with each other and how much it means for the family to function as a unit. Strong families make strong communities, strong communities make cities, strong cities make strong states and strong states make strong nations.

Our Nation is strong because of families like yours. I salute you, commend you on the occasion of your re-union and welcome you to Chicago. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you because on Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August, 5th, I will be in Detroit, Michigan attending my family reunion and the next week on the 8th and 9th, I will be in Greenwood, MS, visiting with other family members (the Glass family).

Enjoy your family and keep it strong.

IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AS VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, 17 days ago, Hezbollah terrorists conducted a raid into Israel, killing three Israeli soldiers and kidnapping two others, igniting serious fighting between Israel and Hezbollah. I rise today to express my strong support for Israel as it defends itself from an increasingly powerful terrorist presence in southern Lebanon.

Israel has taken many meaningful steps in recent years to push the dream of Middle East peace forward, including removing all forces from Lebanon and, just last year, unilaterally withdrawing from Gaza. In return, Israel faces an emboldened Hezbollah, backed and encouraged by Iran and Syria, with an arsenal of 13,000 rockets that it routinely uses to bombard Israeli towns, and Hamas, which controls the Palestinian Authority. Neither group recognizes Israel's right to exist.

The House recently passed H. Res. 921 with my support, which reaffirms Israel's right to defend itself from these attacks. Through this action we have made a clear statement that the United States will stand with Israel while continuing to work with the international community to bring peace to the region.

Mr. Speaker, the current situation, with Iran and Syria enabling Hezbollah to establish an even greater presence in Lebanon is intolerable and a major obstacle to Middle East peace. Any international agreement should focus on removing Hezbollah from that country, per United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559. This is a critical point for Israel and the entire region, and the United States must remain actively engaged in this process.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF THE AVIATION YOUTH ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students and advisors of the Central Missouri State University's Aviation Youth Academy Summer Camp. On Saturday, July 29, 2006, they will celebrate their inaugural graduating class. This camp provides inner-city youth with a unique perspective on potential careers available in aviation. The youth academy has a total of 27 members in the camp, all from the Kansas City metropolitan area, of which, two are graduating this year.

The Aviation Youth Summer Camp focuses on introducing diverse, multicultural, and under-represented children to aviation, by providing hands-on knowledge and exposure to both aeronautical science and flight training. The camp fosters the personal development of leadership, character, physical health, and academic achievement. Their goal is to train the youth of today for the opportunities of tomorrow.

The Aviation Youth Academy Summer Camp is a 7-day residential camp taught by Central Missouri State University's aviation faculty and certified flight instructors. The camp fosters many practical activities with motivational speakers, team-building exercises, diversity training, and exposure to a collegiate environment and academic programs.

Camp participants strive to achieve their goals through collaboration with experts in the field of aviation, including those in the Central Missouri State University Aviation Department. Each student will leave equipped with the knowledge of what is recommended in a high school curriculum in order to study aviation at the college level.

In addition, participants obtain information about college applications, scholarships, and financial aid applications.

Saturday, July 29, 2006, marks a tremendous triumph for the program as the first two students to complete the 3-year program will graduate. Those two students are Brandon Smith, who will be a senior this year at Lee's Summit West High School, and Markhum Rucker, who will be a senior at Heart of America Charter School. They both plan to attend college, benefiting from strong parental support and a great interest in aviation.

These two graduates and the remaining participants honor the noble tradition of the Tuskegee Airmen who walked before them. It was in the skies above Europe over 50 years ago that those brave men fought for equality abroad while lacking it at home. Among those speaking during the Aviation Youth Academy's summer program included Mr. Ormer Rogers, Jr., past president of the Heart of America Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and Harvey McCormick and Harvey Bayliss, two of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our congratulations to the participants of the Aviation Youth Academy Summer Camp and the faculty and staff of Central Missouri State University for dedicating their time and serv-

ices to the inner-city youth of Kansas City. It is essential for members of the Aviation Youth Academy and other youth organizations to be celebrated and commended for their work. Today, the 109th Congress honors them for their achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALL KINDS OF MINDS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of All Kinds of Minds and its Schools Attuned Program for reaching more than three-quarters-of-a-million students through the 30,000 educators who have participated in its professional development program since it began in 1987.

All Kinds of Minds was co-founded in 1995 by renowned pediatrician Dr. Mel Levine and financier Charles R. Schwab to translate the latest research on the many different ways children learn, into programs, products and services that help struggling students become successful learners. The Institute's programs are based on insights from pivotal medical and educational studies, as well as more than 30 years of clinical experience by Dr. Levine, other faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, experts at All Kinds of Minds, and other leading researchers in the field.

The Schools Attuned Program is a research-based program that educates K-12 teachers about the science of learning. It was designed using the standards of professional development from the National Staff Development Council. Enrolled teachers learn about eight neurodevelopmental constructs that affect learning by participating in a minimum of 35 instructional hours and 10 hours of follow-up experiences.

In addition to focusing on how the brain is "wired," the program examines the different ways students learn, patterns in those differences in learning, and how students' interests and strengths can be used to overcome weaknesses within the regular classroom. The framework and tools provided in the Schools Attuned Program allow parents, teachers and children to work together to conquer student learning differences.

The 30,000 educator mark, which includes over 750 teachers from my home district, was accomplished through the efforts and support of teachers, schools and communities in all 50 States, Canada and Switzerland. The program has also benefited from Federal funding to supplement local educational funds in 15 States; State funding for teacher participation in North Carolina and Oklahoma; a 5-year New York City Department of Education initiative allowing nearly 1,600 educators to take part in the program; and over \$70 million in funds raised since 1995 from private foundations and major philanthropists supporting the Institute nationwide.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Schools Attuned Program for achieving this milestone of training 30,000 teachers to help students succeed in the classroom.