

Children are among our most vulnerable populations, and during Dianne's tenure the County, with the assistance of other organizations, built the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, an emergency center for child victims of abuse. The department also manages the Redwood Children's Center for a safe, supportive environment for child victims of sexual abuse.

Dianne holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has spent the last 34 years in social services in California at both county and state levels. She began her career as an eligibility worker, worked 2 years as State Chief of AFDC and Food Stamps Policy for all 58 California counties, and served as Director of Adult and Employment Services for Orange County just before moving to Sonoma.

Locally, Dianne has shared her expertise with the community including the Board of Directors of United Way, commissioner on the Children and Families Commission, and member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force for the City of Santa Rosa. She has also participated, as a member and officer of the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators.

Mr. Speaker, Sonoma County has been fortunate to have Dianne Edward's leadership for the Human Services Department, a department which is responsible for the welfare of many of our community's most vulnerable citizens. We appreciate the skill, proficiency, and dedication with which she has guided these crucial services for 10 years.

FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 2784, which authorizes the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression of national appreciation for exceptional service and for lifetime contributions. The medal has been awarded to individuals from all walks of life. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Pope John Paul II, the Navajo Code Talkers, Rosa Parks, Frank Sinatra, and Elie Wiesel are among those who have been honored. The Dalai Lama is well qualified to join the list of individuals who have received this most distinguished of honors.

Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama is recognized in the United States and throughout the world as a leading figure of moral and religious authority. He is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the People's Republic of China.

This Dalai Lama has led the effort to preserve the rich cultural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Tibetan people and to promote the safeguarding of other endangered cultures throughout the world.

For his efforts on behalf of humanity, this Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. His efforts to promote peace and non-violence throughout the globe, and to find democratic reconciliation for the Tibetan people through his "Middle Way" approach has won him world-wide acclaim.

This Dalai Lama has significantly advanced the goal of greater understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect among the different religious faiths of the world through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other religious leaders and, perhaps most important, he has used his moral authority to promote the concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet for how human beings should treat one another and the planet we share.

For these reasons, I strongly support S. 2784 and urge my colleagues to join me in voting to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.

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SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2784 to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

I am honored to support the Dalai Lama to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. He has dedicated himself to the Tibetan people and the pursuit of freedom. He is the head of state and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people—the epitome of strength and courage, revered around the world for his commitment to the cause of human rights and religious freedom—a man who wants only to be able to return to his country in peace and to lead his people in the practice of their religion. He had led the effort to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Tibetan people.

I traveled to Tibet in 1997 and saw with my own eyes the suffering the Tibetan people endure. I visited monasteries and talked with many people. Several monks spoke to me in secret and shared with me the horrors taking place in Tibet. I heard stories of monks and nuns who were dragged away to prison and tortured.

These monks and nuns are not alone. Religious persecution is spread across China. Catholic bishops are in prisons and labor camps. Protestant House Church leaders are routinely harassed and detained. Large numbers of Muslims in China are in prison because of their faith. Young Muslim Uighur boys and girls are not even allowed to enter a mosque until they are 18-years-old.

I have been standing on the floor of this House talking about human rights in China and the Dalai Lama for two decades. The world is now looking for resolutions to the human rights problems in China and Tibet. There has been a dialogue taking place between the Dalai Lama's envoys and the Chinese, and that is good. But we now need to see some concrete results from these talks. The Tibetan people deserve to live in peace.

I am proud to support the Dalai Lama for the Congressional Gold Medal. He has kept the cause of human rights alive in Tibet and in other places around the globe. He is a true hero to me and many others throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MARK MOCZULSKI FOR HIS 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chief Mark Moczulski who is retiring from the city of Antioch Police Department after 29 years of serving Antioch and the entire region.

Mark Moczulski began his distinguished career with the city of Antioch Police Department in 1977. In 1985, he was promoted to police corporal, and in 1987 received the ranking of sergeant. Three years later he became a lieutenant, and in 1996, he was promoted to captain.

In 2000, Mark Moczulski was promoted to police chief for the city of Antioch. As chief, he has been instrumental in helping the police department expand in size and quality of service and supporting community-wide efforts to maintain a high quality of life for city of Antioch residents during the region's punctuated growth.

During his tenure, Chief Moczulski oversaw the completion of several projects to support the department's expansion. Some of these accomplishments include managing the completion of the build-out of the police department's main facility and the establishment of a sub-station at the Prewett Family Water Park.

As Chief, Mark Moczulski was also responsible for several technology improvement projects including the implementation of a new state-of-the-art information and records system as well as acquiring important safety equipment including portable radios for all officers and automated external defibrillators. These expansion projects were important for the police department and even more invaluable for residents of the Antioch community, who now receive more value-added police services than ever before.

Chief Moczulski also worked to improve the quality of department services during his tenure at the Antioch Police Department. His work included the creation of a professional standards and training bureau as well as the development of a continuous testing process for hiring new employees.

As a resident of Antioch with his wife Robin, Mark Moczulski is both a member and leader of the community. Mark has one daughter, Jennifer, who is 24 and a son, Eric, who is 24.

For 29 years, Chief Moczulski has served the Antioch Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the city and the community as a whole, and has ensured an enduring legacy of public service in Antioch. Today, I am proud to commend him for his service to the community, his dedication to duty and his commitment to the people of Antioch.