

HONORING DR. FRED P. CARTER

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Fred P. Carter, a resident of my congressional district who recently announced his plans to retire as Superintendent of the Glasgow Independent School District.

For the past 34 years, Dr. Carter has made educating the children of the Commonwealth his top priority. The Glasgow School District has experienced remarkable growth during his tenure resulting in steady student grade improvement. Student performance on Kentucky's CATS test has improved each of the five years he was in charge, climbing into the state's top ten three years ago. Dr. Carter also oversaw the construction of the Highland Elementary School in Glasgow and the installation of interactive classroom technology in every school across the district.

In retirement, Dr. Carter plans to concentrate on other aspects of his life including his faith and his family. On behalf of countless friends and neighbors in the Glasgow area, I would like to thank Dr. Carter for his many selfless years of service to Kentucky school children.

It is my great privilege to recognize Dr. Fred P. Carter today, before the entire House of Representatives, for his indelible contributions to the Barren County community. He is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Carter a very happy and healthy retirement.

**BRAVO TO THE AUSSIES**

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, one of my constituents, Rip Kirby, sent me the following article and asked that it be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Kirby was the Founder of the Baseball Chapel for the minor leagues of professional baseball. He is a respected Christian leader and an outstanding American.

Many people in this Country and really all over the world are becoming fed up with "political correctness."

I would like to call this article to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

**BRAVO TO THE AUSSIES**

I had seen this before, but felt it worth sending again and again to see if our government can have the guts to follow suit.

If anyone has a link to the White House, send it. Though doubt that anything will be done. But maybe in time we can make a difference with as many decent politicians we can elect.

This country needs to get God and human decency back into our society and stop letting others take advantage of our freedoms.

I and most Americans see nothing wrong with the stance that Australia has taken. They deserve our applause.

Muslims who want to live under Islamic Sharia law were told on Wednesday to get out of Australia, as the government targeted radicals in a bid to head off potential terror attacks.

A day after a group of mainstream Muslim leaders pledged loyalty to Australia and her Queen at a special meeting with Prime Minister John Howard, he and his Ministers made it clear that extremists would face a crackdown. Treasurer Peter Costello, seen as heir apparent to Howard, hinted that some radical clerics could be asked to leave the country if they did not accept that Australia was a secular state, and its laws were made by parliament. "If those are not your values, if you want a country which has Sharia law or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you", he said on National Television.

"I'd be saying to clerics who are teaching that there are two laws governing people in Australia: one the Australian law and another Islamic law, that is false. If you can't agree with parliamentary law, independent courts, democracy, and would prefer Sharia law and have the opportunity to go to another country, which practices it, perhaps, then, that's a better option", Costello said.

Asked whether he meant radical clerics would be forced to leave, he said those with dual citizenship could possibly be asked to move to the other country. Education Minister Brendan Nelson later told reporters that Muslims who did not want to accept local values should "clear off. Basically people who don't want to be Australians, and who don't want to live by Australian values and understand them, well then, they can basically clear off," he said.

Separately, Howard angered some Australian Muslims on Wednesday by saying he supported spy agencies monitoring the nation's mosques.

Quote: "IMMIGRANTS, NOT AUSTRALIANS, MUST ADAPT. Take It or Leave It. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Bali, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Australians."

"However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the 'politically correct' crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to Australia." "However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand." "This idea of Australia being a multi-cultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. And as Australians, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle." "This culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom" "We speak mainly English, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society . . . Learn the language!"

"Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture." "We will accept your beliefs, and will not question why. All we ask is that you accept ours, and live in harmony and peaceful enjoyment with us."

"If the Southern Cross offends you, or you don't like "A Fair Go", then you should seri-

ously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. By all means, keep your culture, but do not force it on others. "This is Our Country, Our Land, and Our Lifestyle, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our Christian beliefs, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, "The Right To Leave"."

"If you aren't happy here then Leave. We didn't force you to come here. You asked to be here. So accept the country You accepted."

Maybe if we circulate this amongst ourselves, American citizens will find the backbone to start speaking and voicing the same truths!

**NICOLAS E. BENNETT FOR THE  
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicolas E. Bennett, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 444, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicolas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Nicolas has been involved in scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Troop Quartermaster, and Patrol Leader. Parker is also a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, he chose the name of Fast Cheetah, and achieved the rank of Fire Builder.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicolas helped with the re-construction of a Rosary Garden for St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church of Gladstone, MO.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicolas Bennett, for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**RECOGNIZING THE LAS VEGAS  
SPRINGS PRESERVE PROJECT**

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Las Vegas Springs Preserve project, and how this one-of-a-kind interactive, historical and educational facility will forever preserve and sustain the original springs where Las Vegas was established.

When it opens in June, this \$250 million non-gaming cultural and historical attraction will offer a fun, educational and recreational gathering place to commemorate Las Vegas' dynamic history and provide a vision for a sustainable future. The Preserve will feature a series of historic museums, galleries, outdoor