

the moment, the Supreme Court's latest adjustment in sentencing strikes us as a positive development, one with much potential for advancing justice.

YOUTH VIOLENCE

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, we have had an erosion of our family values and have neglected to help families whose children have dysfunctional lives at home and become prey to gangs and drugs. Our lifestyles have changed so dramatically that now when you pick up a newspaper, you only find details of shootings, homicides, murders, scandals and such. What happened to people doing good deeds? We have come to glorify gangsters on television and in music, and crime has become the new religion to be followed as a lifestyle.

Gone are the dreams of becoming a fireman, a doctor, or of finding a decent job to earn sufficient money to take care of oneself and one's family. Instead our cities' poorest areas attract those who recruit youngsters with dreams of quick and easy money. We must work together to reverse this dangerous trend. Our education system is so overloaded, and overcrowded classrooms do not allow teachers to assist needy students. Businesses need to become part of the solution by mentoring or sponsoring youngsters who need to be trained in the world of work and earning honest dollars. Local elected officials must work with school districts to establish after school programs for latchkey kids and solicit volunteers to help tutor those in need of help.

Sometimes the word is "we need more money." If you believe this is the only solution, we have a problem. Millions upon millions have been infused in programs to deal with solving the gang and drug issue. We have not gained much ground. Yes, we do need funding. But what we need more is to awaken to the realization that we are all responsible for finding a solution, and start working on what that solution is.

Drugs have permeated our society for decades. We have a war on drugs where again we have spent great quantities of money. We have also had red ribbon week. While it reminded us of some of the dangers of using illegal drugs, it went by the wayside in many areas. And to this day we find addiction to be a major problem, not only to prescription drugs, but to what are known as recreational drugs. Cost to society is immeasurable, when you quantify all that involves one human being's life: work, family, economy, hospitalization, and law enforcement, just to name a few possibilities.

So we are left asking, "what do we do?" We must all reckon with our own view and again determine that we are all a part of this solution. We must work together to find common-sense solutions to get our youth back on track and help them become productive members of our society.

HONORING A TRUE PATRIOT
HARRY E. MCKILLOP

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the President and the Department of Defense in honoring Harry E. McKillop of McKinney, Texas, for more than 40 years of unselfish service to Americans in need around the world. For his humanitarianism and patriotic service, Mr. McKillop was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service. This is one of the most prestigious awards given to a civilian by the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Mr. McKillop embarked upon his first humanitarian mission to provide supplies and relief to our prisoners of war in Vietnam. This first mission would be the beginning of a life-long crusade to locate, free, and bring home Americans who are held against their will. The most well-known operation was probably the 1979 rescue of 2 Electronic Data Systems employees from Iran in the wake of that country's revolution. Mr. McKillop coordinated flights and logistics for the mission later immortalized by Ken Follet in his best-seller *On Wings of Eagles*. Even today, Mr. McKillop actively pursues searches on a global basis.

Mr. McKillop served his country as a naval officer aboard the USS *Phoenix* in the Pacific during World War II. Professionally, he has worked throughout the world as an airline executive. Currently he works as an aide to Ross Perot, his closest friend and an associate for more than 35 years. I am honored to have Harry, his wife Rebecca, and his 2 beautiful daughters, Mary and Tory, as personal friends. Rebecca is a long-time American Airlines pilot, with international assignments. They are a great American family.

Mr. McKillop is a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, and is a former Grand Knight of the New World Council 9903 in McKinney, and a member of the 4th Degree Assembly 2266 in Plano, Texas. Soon children in the Fourth Congressional District will be attending Harry McKillop Elementary School in the Liberty development in Melissa, Texas. He has also been honored by the McKinney Fire Department as an Honorary Battalion Chief.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring a true patriot and great American, Mr. Harry E. McKillop.

RECOGNIZING LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the players and coaches of Leilehua High School's varsity football team for their hard work and dedication as they rose to victory to become Hawaii High School Athletic Association, HHSAA, Division 1 Champions.

More than 15,000 fans witnessed the Leilehua Mules' upset of the Saint Louis Crusaders, 20-16 in the HHSAA State Football Championship game held at Aloha Stadium on November 30. The Mules were led by sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley, who threw the dramatic game winning touchdown pass with only 36 seconds left in the game.

The Leilehua Mules of today carry on the proud traditions of past Leilehua football teams. Many still remember that in 1984, Leilehua was the last public high school to defeat an Interscholastic League of Honolulu team in the Hawaii Prep Bowl, the predecessor to the HHSAA State Football Championship. More recently, the Mules were runners-up in the 2004 State Championship.

I would like to thank the following players for giving their all this season and for playing each game with heart: Cheves Aberilla-Ramento, Chase Acohido, Haani Aitaoto, Maunaloa Aitaoto, Kamana Akagi, Tavana Alailima, Chris Atualevao, Marcus Breakfield, Noel Cabato, Raymond Cartwright Kon, Christian Collado, Alex Cruz, Josh Cruz, Micah Cruz, Jaydon Cuesta, Allan DeGuzman-Pacheco, Kaumu Delos Santos, Kaipou DeRego, Peter DeSaulniers, Ryan DeSaulniers, Edieson Dumlao, Blaine Edra, Kalua Ellis, Kawika Fuga, Garrison Garma, Nate Hall, Bradley Iaulualo, Jordan Jenks, Rick Jones, Hoku Kama, Kaipou Kea, Sean Kenington, Art Laurel, Ire Macapagal, Zaire Macapagal, Allan Macam.

Brendan Mahuka, Garrett Maki, Elijah Maraca, Andrew Manley, Melchor Moises, Rico Newman, Kyle Ontiveros, Gerald O'Reilly, Keala Pascua, Bronson Pausa, Genesis Ponce, Josh Quinn, Charles Robinson, Joe Ruane, Alex Ruiz, Stanford Salavea, Sione Sami, Ronald Santos, Jermaine Schuster, Nate Schuster, Seth Shannon, Robert Siavii, Bronson Smithe, Jeremy Suguitan, Joedee Taua, Greg Tialavea, Jiniki Timoteo, Charlie Tuauu, and Alii Tuitoelau.

I would also like to recognize Head Coach Nolan Tokuda and Assistant Coaches Jon Acohido, Tui Alailima, Antonio Brown, Ed Kama, Jake Kawamata, Esmond Kilaulani, Mark Kurisu, Darrin Matsumiya, Jon Morikawa, Len Nakason, Pat San Nicolas, Burt Souza, Richard Townsend, Al Viloría, and Joe Watts.

Aloha and mahalo for making Wahiawa proud this season and throughout the year.

HONORING ROB PHIPPS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Councilman Rob Phipps for his dedicated service to the city of Ceres. Mr. Phipps passed away on December 3, 2007; he was 44 years old. A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Councilman Phipps was born and raised in Ceres, CA, and graduated from Ceres High School in 1981. He was a lifelong community member and advocate. He was the general manager of River Oaks Golf Course, a family-owned business, since the 1990s. He was also active in the local junior golf program, River Oaks Junior Golf, Incorporated. Outside