

Burma and China-Burma borders and there are many credible reports of cases of sexual violence against women and girls by Burma army troops. These reports are in line with extensive documentation of sexual violence perpetrated by Burmese military personnel over many years.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recently listed Burma as the fifth largest source country of refugees in 2010, with 415,700 refugees.

In view of its atrocious record it would send the wrong signal to the Burmese regime, the international community, and, most important, dissidents working to bring real democratic change to their country.

For these reasons, I strongly support the continued imposition of sanctions on the Burmese regime. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.J. Res. 66.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS'
EIGHTH ANNUAL SHARING
RAMADAN INTERFAITH
IFTAR DINNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Eighth Annual Sharing Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner hosted by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio's Cleveland Chapter. This event creates good will and understanding among members of the Muslim and interfaith communities while providing a traditional Middle Eastern dinner.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast each day from dawn to sunset. Iftar is the meal eaten after sunset to break the fast. This event allows members of the Muslim and interfaith communities of Cleveland to share in the Ramadan tradition of Iftar together.

By sharing Ramadan with the community, the Cleveland Chapter of CAIR-Ohio believes it can allay stereotypes about Islam, build friendships among members of the Muslim and interfaith communities, and prevent the spread of Islamophobia.

The keynote speaker at this event will be Muneer O. Awad, who is Executive Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. After just two short weeks on the job, Mr. Awad made great strides in the fight for civil rights for Muslims when he filed a federal lawsuit to stop Oklahoma from amending its Constitution to ban consideration of Islamic principles in court. He is also a recipient of the 2011 Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries Russell Bennett recognition, which is awarded to people who demonstrate courage in social justice leadership in Oklahoma.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I invite you to join me in recognition of CAIR's eighth annual Sharing Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner, which brings together people of diverse backgrounds for a night of celebration, friendship, and mutual understanding.

INTRODUCING H.R. 2790, THE CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES EXTENSION
AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
OF 2011

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2790, the Child and Family Services Extension and Enhancement Act of 2011.

Two child welfare programs expire on September 30 this year, namely the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs. Although only a small part of total federal child welfare funding, these two programs support State efforts to keep families together so children can safely remain with their own parents or be supported by other caring adults when necessary.

The Child and Family Services Extension Act will ensure that these two programs continue to help children remain safely with their own families or be cared for by other loving adults. This bipartisan bill extends these important programs, while adding important transparency and accounting requirements. Additionally, it does so without increasing spending or deficits.

This bill also requires that States establish common data standards to improve the sharing of information, which will improve the efficiency of the programs while allowing States to better coordinate services for children and families.

In introducing this bill, we are continuing the tradition of bipartisan child welfare legislation in Congress. I thank the Ranking Member on the Human Resources Subcommittee, Mr. DOGGETT of Texas, for introducing this legislation with me, and for his efforts to move it forward. I look forward to moving this legislation through the Ways & Means Committee in the coming months.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
HONORABLE RON SWEGLES

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of The Honorable Ron Swegles, a highly distinguished constituent, former Mayor and Vice Mayor, a dedicated City Councilman, a cherished friend and a beloved member of his community of Sunnyvale, California.

Ron Swegles passed into eternal life on July 20, 2011, at the age of 67. He blessed us all with his presence and his devotion to the people of Sunnyvale. He was a committed family man and is survived by his wife Gail, his five children, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Ron Swegles graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, Michigan, and shortly thereafter, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving from 1962 to 1966. After his military service, Ron attended Cleary University. In 1984, he moved his family to the Bay Area and made the Peninsula his new home.

Ron was a friend to everyone. He was well known in the community for always wanting to help others. He was a mentor to many Bay Area residents, which led him to seek local office. He was first elected to the Sunnyvale City Council in 2003 and he served as the City's Vice Mayor from 2004 to 2005, and as its Mayor from 2005 to 2006. Ron was a member of the City's Planning Commission, the Downtown Planning Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Senior Advisory Committee. He was a graduate of both Leadership Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Public Safety Community Academy, and he served as a board member for the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce.

Ron prized the value of civic service, dedicating his time to every aspect of local government. He was a member of the Military Affairs Council since 2004; the Moffett Restoration Advisory Board from 2004 to 2007; the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission since 2008; the California Housing and Community Development Commission; and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Policy Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority and Citizens Advisory Committee for Base Closure, working toward a reuse plan that would convert the closing of Onizuka Air Force Station to an area that would continue to benefit Sunnyvale and the surrounding communities.

Ron was honored for his service on numerous occasions, including being named Sunnyvale Rotarian of the Year in 2003 by the Sunnyvale Rotary Club. One of Ron's greatest joys was when he was serving as a Director of Leisure Ministries at Los Altos United Methodist Church. Apart from his community service, Ron's professional career with Brandenburg Staedler & Moore spanned more than 21 years as their Community Advisor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Ron Swegles and extend our sympathy to his family and friends whom he loved so much. His decades of contributions to his community and his country stand as lasting legacies of a life lived well. How privileged I am to have known this wonderful man and to have had him as a colleague and a friend. Those of us who knew him will miss him deeply, and his life stands as a testament to what it means to be a community leader and a true patriot.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SALVATORE
R. CALANDRA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Salvatore R. Calandra, a municipal court judge from Cleveland, Ohio.

The son of Italian immigrants, Mr. Calandra was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and went on to John Carroll University and Cleveland Marshall Law. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1957, Salvatore married Marie Manfredi. During the same year, he started his career in public service and was appointed as an assistant city law director. He served in this role

under three mayors and became a legal adviser to council, a role in which he served for 10 years. He then became the law department's chief counsel and was appointed to be a judge in 1972.

Mr. Calandra was elected as a municipal court judge in 1973 and was re-elected three consecutive times until his retirement in 1997. He was proactive on the bench and made many contributions, such as streamlining the jury system so jurors did not wait as long for trials to start. Additionally, he began a work service program for the impoverished.

In addition to his public service career, Mr. Salvatore was an active member of the Cleveland community. In addition to washing dishes at spaghetti dinners and the annual Labor Day festival at St. Rocco's parish, his family helped to build the Italian Catholic Church on Fulton Road. He was also president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; head of the Justinian Forum, lawyers of Italian heritage; and was inducted into the Ohio Italian-American Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Salvatore R. Calandra, a man whose ceaseless dedication and service to the Cleveland community will be sorely missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 603, I was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Parma Heights, Ohio, as they celebrate the city's centennial. Since 1911, Parma Heights has been an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

Conrad Countryman and his family were Parma Heights' first residents when they moved to the corner of Stumph and Pearl Roads in the Western Reserve Township of Brooklyn in 1817. By 1826, Parma Township, now known as Parma Heights, had severed from Brooklyn Township. Parma Heights continued to grow and expand, and in 1907, Wooster Pike, now known as Pearl Road, became the first rural red brick road in the nation. Parma Heights officially became a village in 1911.

By November of 1953, Parma Heights had adopted a Charter of the City of Parma Heights, and, in January 1959, Parma Heights attained city status. Since then, Parma Heights has been known as a "small town oasis in a convenient big city location."

Over the years, Parma Heights has produced such distinguished civil servants as Magistrate Paul W. Cassidy and Mayor Michael P. Byrne. Magistrate Cassidy honorably

served the City of Parma Heights for fifty-six years before retiring in 2009. Michael P. Byrne became the fourteenth mayor of the City of Parma Heights in 2010.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Parma Heights, Ohio as its residents celebrate the city's centennial.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE CASA DEL DESIERTO (HARVEY HOUSE)

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Casa Del Desierto, a historical Harvey House located in the city of Barstow, CA, on the occasion of its 100th birthday.

One of eighty four Harvey Houses stretching along the Santa Fe Railway from Kansas to California, the Casa Del Desierto was designed by Fred Harvey Company architect Mary Colter and was constructed in 1911 by the Santa Fe Railway. Its distinctive Spanish Renaissance and Classical Revival architecture stands as a lasting legacy of America's westward expansion in the Mojave Desert.

Harvey Houses revolutionized the service delivery to railroad companies, businessmen, and families making the long journey out west. Prior to the development of the Fred Harvey Company establishments, travelers were forced to choose from roadside establishments with limited options for dining and lodging. The Harvey House model included standardized, quality, sizable meals, and eventually lodging at some of the larger Houses. At the beginning of the twentieth century there was a Harvey House located nearly every 100 miles along the Santa Fe Railway.

In 1975 the Casa Del Desierto was declared a national landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and in the 1990s the City of Barstow undertook a sizable restoration of the building, ensuring that the proud history of the west can be shared with generations to come. The building is now the home to the Barstow Chamber of Commerce, the Route 66 Museum, and the Western American Railroad Museum.

I am proud to join with the City of Barstow to recognize the Casa Del Desierto on their centennial and trust that because of the great efforts of the residents of Barstow to preserve their western heritage, our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy and learn about our storied past.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 461, I was detained off the House floor during this vote series and was unable to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIXTY-SIX VERMONT TOWNS

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 66 Vermont towns that are two hundred and fifty years young this year.

Two and a half centuries ago, Vermont as we know it did not exist. Ownership of the territory that now makes up the state was disputed between the colonies of New Hampshire and New York. Authorities in both colonies granted charters for towns in the territory to speculators. Benning Wentworth, colonial Governor of New Hampshire, granted nearly 130 of these charters in the early 1760s. It is for this reason that so many of Vermont's towns are currently celebrating their Semiquincentennial anniversaries, with several more to follow in the coming years.

It is from this unusual history that Vermont towns and those who inhabited them developed their spirit of independence, self reliance and community. That spirit was passed along to future generations and remains just as vibrant today as it was in the early 1760s. It is a heritage that has defined our state and one we are proud to celebrate.

As Vermont's representative to this House, I rise today to recognize the following towns, whose contributions to Vermont began before our nation's founding and continue today as they celebrate their two hundred fiftieth anniversaries:

Addison, Andover, Arlington, Barnard, Bennington, Brandon, Bridgewater, Bridport, Brunswick, Castleton, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Cornwall, Danby, Dorset, Fairlee, Ferdinand, Glastenbury, Granby, Guildhall, Guilford, Hartford, Hartland, Killington, Leicester, Ludlow, Maidstone, Manchester, Marlboro, Middlebury, Mount Tabor, New Haven, Norwich, Panton, Pawlet, Peru, Pittsford, Plymouth, Pomfret, Poultney, Reading, Rupert, Rutland, Salisbury, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sharon, Shoreham, Shrewsbury, Somerset, Springfield, Stockbridge, Strafford, Stratton, Sunderland, Thetford, Tinmouth, Tunbridge, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Wells, Weybridge, Windsor, Winhall, and Woodstock.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF DAN REYNA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and the lasting impact that Dan Reyna had on our Nation. As General Manager of the U.S. Section of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, he worked to address critical public health issues in the border region, such as diabetes and tuberculosis.

I had the pleasure of working with Dan for the past five years, and I was impressed with his dedication and tireless advocacy for improving health and quality of life on the border. Dan spent over 25 years as an advocate for the U.S.-Mexico border and was a national expert on border health issues, working for the