

As a proud member of the Congressional 21st Century Health Care Caucus and a strong supporter of legislation designed to promote healthy children and families, including the Affordable Care Act, SCHIP, and child nutrition programs I believe it is important to raise awareness about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome to save babies at risk and eventually eradicate SIDS.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN ROBERT MARTIN, MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great leader and role model, Chairman Robert Martin of the Morongo Band of Mission, which is a 1,000 member tribe located near Banning, California. The Banning Chamber of Commerce will honor Chairman Martin for his outstanding service to the local community on November 1, 2012 in Cabazon, California.

Before becoming Chairman of the Morongo Tribe, Robert worked across the Southwest United States as a building contractor. He brought new homes to families, new roads to communities, and worked on improving vital infrastructure throughout the Southwest.

Chairman Martin has consistently advocated for a better life and sovereignty for the tribal community in the United States. In 1987, Martin led Morongo in a Supreme Court case which confirmed the sovereignty of Indian Tribes' right to establish gaming operations. This monumental case gave the 550 Indian Tribes in the United States greater independence and ability for self governance. After this Supreme Court case, Chairman Martin managed the planning and construction of Casino Morongo, which is now one of the largest employers in all of Riverside County, California.

Chairman Martin is passionate about defending and continuing the rich cultural traditions of the Morongo Tribe. Under Martin's leadership, Morongo renewed its commitment to developing the next generation of tribal leaders by establishing a tuition-free preparatory academy on the reservation.

Chairman Martin continues to give back to his community by serving on the board for the California Indian Manpower Consortium, the California Indian Child Welfare Consortium, Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association.

I applaud Chairman Martin's tireless work on behalf of the Indian community, which has made a lasting impact on the future and sustainability of Native American tribes across the United States. My deepest congratulations, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Chairman Martin during this time of celebration. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a beloved community member and tireless advocate for Native American rights, Morongo Chairman Robert Martin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 593 (the Waxman of California Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3409), I voted "yea" when I meant to vote "nay."

HONORING MS. NANCY OSBORNE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Osborne of Fresno, California, as she celebrates her retirement as reporter and news anchor on ABC 30 Action News, Central California's number one news station. For over 30 years, Nancy has served as a local icon for the Central San Joaquin Valley. Watching Nancy on the evening news is something that viewers from all over the Valley will truly miss.

As a child, Nancy lived in different military bases across the United States and in occupied Japan while her father served in the United States Army. Nancy graduated from Las Cruces High School in New Mexico and then went on to attend New Mexico State University for three years. After taking a short hiatus from school, Nancy and her daughter Rachel moved to Fresno. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at California State University, Fresno, and in 1977 Nancy was hired at KFSN.

Locally, Nancy was one of the very first women to work for a television station. She worked tirelessly in the early years of her career, proving herself in an industry dominated by men. Nancy's dedication to the news channel paid off, and she held different positions at the station. In the span of 33 years, Nancy was an anchor, producer, and reporter. She also wrote, produced and hosted the first ever female talk show in the Central Valley entitled 360. She pioneered the way for the many great reporters and anchors seen on our Valley stations today. She is truly a great role model.

Her career has been one full of firsts, making each story relevant to our region. Her career highlights include covering the first shuttle landing at Edwards Air Force Base, an interview with astronaut Barbara Morgan, following paraplegic Mark Welman, Mike Corbet's historic climb of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park, flying with the Blue Angels, flying with the Thunder Birds, as well as a moment with Peter Jennings on a curb in New Orleans, Louisiana during the 1988 Republican National Convention where they swapped stories from the reporting trenches.

The commitment that Nancy has made to her career and the Central Valley has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous honors for excellence in reporting including three Emmys and the Robert Morrow Award for Ace Reporting. She understands the citizens in the Valley, reporting news that is relevant and important to them.

Honoring our military and veterans has always been important to Nancy for personal

reasons, but also because she wants to recognize the vital service they contribute to our Valley as well as our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions Nancy Osborne has made to the San Joaquin Valley, our State, and our Nation. Her career is a testament to her character, and an illustration of her work ethic and tenacity.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HARRY D. EICHHORN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harry D. Eichhorn, director and founder of the Ocean Grove Summer Band, and former Manasquan High School Band Director. Mr. Eichhorn has dedicated his life to music, music education, and inspiring new generations of young musicians.

In 1953, Mr. Eichhorn created the Ocean Grove Summer Band. Originally created to give his high school band students the opportunity to practice their musical talents during the summer recess, the Ocean Grove Summer Band quickly gained recognition within the local community. By the following year, the Ocean Grove Summer Band was playing weekly concerts at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion, where they continue to hold their concerts to this day. Under the tutelage of Mr. Eichhorn, the Ocean Grove Summer Band has played at numerous events outside Ocean Grove, including appearances at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965.

In addition to his role as founder and director of the Ocean Grove Summer Band, Mr. Eichhorn was the director of the Manasquan High School Band for 36 years. Mr. Eichhorn has degrees in music education from Montclair State University, Rutgers University, and the College of New Jersey. It is Mr. Eichhorn's comprehensive knowledge of music as well as his dedication to serving the community which has helped him succeed in advancing a greater appreciation of music amongst his students. It was because of this work that in 1989 Mr. Eichhorn was named "Music Teacher of the Year" by the New Jersey Music Educators' Association, and inducted into the All Shore Band Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2010. After retiring from his position as director for the Manasquan High School Band in 1989, Mr. Eichhorn founded the Atlantic Wind Ensemble, which provides local musicians the ability to practice their talents during the winter months.

Mr. Eichhorn's commitment to mentoring new generations of young aspiring musicians is unwavering, and well deserving of this body's recognition. Mr. Eichhorn has received numerous commendations and renowned recognition for his work, which includes being recognized by President Ronald Reagan, President George W. Bush, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly, and former Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in honoring Harry D. Eichhorn. Mr. Eichhorn is a well respected and influential member of his community, and his dedication to sharing his knowledge and appreciation of music is truly remarkable.

IN SUPPORT OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a month-long project dedicated to addressing the victimization of men, women, and children in our nation and raising awareness of the devastating impact of domestic violence. This month, we honor the survivors of domestic violence, whose struggles and successes continue to inspire us all as we rededicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of every background and circumstance and affects every sector of our society. It is defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, or behavior used to coerce, threaten or humiliate another person.

Mr. Speaker, despite the progress and achievements we have made in the recent past, there is still so much more to do. It is time to put an end to this devastating crime. Far too many families in this nation are affected by domestic violence. It is a growing epidemic affecting local, national, and international communities alike.

In the United States, one in four women and one in thirteen men will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in his or her lifetime and over 3.3 million children witness domestic violence each year. Furthermore, domestic violence can also act as a precursor to more serious crimes. In 80 percent of intimate party homicides, regardless of which partner was killed, domestic violence was present during the relationship prior to the killing.

Mr. Speaker, victims of violence often suffer in silence, with limited options, not knowing where to turn for support and guidance. We need to break this silence. Local domestic violence agencies, shelters, victim services providing legal, emotional, and medical support are vital to helping victims and their families heal. To effectively respond to domestic violence, we must support efforts to help expand these services and to continue to foster awareness.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities. We have a responsibility to continue to broaden our efforts to end violence against men, women and children. But we cannot solve this crisis alone. We must work together to create support, expand resources and eliminate barriers for victims of domestic violence. Stopping domestic violence means saving lives.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BACKLASH TO THE BACKLASH

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, previously I submitted an extraordinary, eloquent and thoughtful column by Thomas Friedman of The New York Times on the essentiality of free speech, the absolutely unjustified nature of violence and the hypocrisy involved when many of those who declaim what they found insulting are themselves guilty of equal vituperation of other religions and ethnic groups. Mr. Friedman has subsequently written a follow up to that column, which I found equally compelling. I submit this excellent column as well as it deserves to be widely read.

[From the New York Times, Sept. 25, 2012]

BACKLASH TO THE BACKLASH

(By Thomas L. Friedman)

One of the iron laws of Middle East politics for the last half-century has been that extremists go all the way and moderates tend to just go away. That is what made the march in Benghazi, Libya, so unusual last Friday. This time, the moderates did not just go away. They got together and stormed the headquarters of the Islamist militia Ansar al-Sharia, whose members are suspected of carrying out the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that resulted in the death of four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

It is not clear whether this trend can spread or be sustained. But having decried the voices of intolerance that so often intimidate everyone in that region, I find it heartening to see Libyans carrying signs like “We want justice for Chris” and “No more Al Qaeda”—and demanding that armed militias disband. This coincides with some brutally honest articles in the Arab/Muslim press—in response to rioting triggered by the idiotic YouTube video insulting the Prophet Muhammad—that are not the usual “What is wrong with America?” but, rather, “What is wrong with us, and how do we fix it?”

On Monday, the Middle East Media Research Institute, or Memri, which tracks the Arab/Muslim press, translated a searing critique written by Imad al-Din Hussein, a columnist for Al Shorouk, Cairo’s best daily newspaper: “We curse the West day and night, and criticize its [moral] disintegration and shamelessness, while relying on it for everything. . . . We import, mostly from the West, cars, trains, planes . . . refrigerators, and washing machines. . . . We are a nation that contributes nothing to human civilization in the current era. . . . We have become a burden on [other] nations. . . . Had we truly implemented the essence of the directives of Islam and all [other] religions, we would have been at the forefront of the nations. The world will respect us when we return to being people who take part in human civilization, instead of [being] parasites who are spread out over the map of the advanced world, feeding off its production and later attacking it from morning until night. . . . The West is not an oasis of idealism. It also contains exploitation in many areas. But at least it is not sunk in delusions, trivialities and external appearances, as we are. . . . Therefore, supporting Islam and the prophet of the Muslims should be done through work, production, values, and culture, not by storming embassies and murdering diplomats.”

Mohammad Taqi, a liberal Pakistani columnist, writing in the Lahore-based Daily

Times on Sept. 20, argued that “there is absolutely no excuse for violence and indeed murder most foul, as committed in Benghazi. Fighting hate with hate is sure to beget more hate. The way out is drowning the odious voices with voices of sanity, not curbing free speech and calls for murder.”

Khaled al-Hroub, a professor at Cambridge University, writing in Jordan’s Al Dustour newspaper on Sept. 17, translated by Memri, argued that the most “frightening aspect of what we see today in the streets of Arab and Islamic cities is the disaster of extremism that is flooding our societies and cultures, as well as our behavior. . . . This [represents] a total atrophy of thought among wide sectors [of society], as a result of the culture of religious zealotry that was imposed on people for over 50 years, and which brought forth what we witness” today.

The Egyptian comedian Bassem Youssef wrote in Al Shorouk, translated by Memri, on Sept. 23: “We demand that the world respect our feelings, yet we do not respect the feelings of others. We scream blue murder when they outlaw the niqab in some European country or prevent [Muslims] from building minarets in another [European] country—even though these countries continue to allow freedom of religion, as manifest in the building of mosques and in the preaching [activity] that takes place in their courtyards. Yet, in our countries, we do not allow others to publicly preach their beliefs. Maybe we should examine ourselves before [criticizing] others.”

Whenever I was asked during the Iraq war, “How will you know when we’ve won?” I gave the same answer: When Salman Rushdie can give a lecture in Baghdad; when there is real freedom of speech in the heart of the Arab Muslim world. There is no question that we need a respectful dialogue between Islam and the West, but, even more, we need a respectful dialogue between Muslims and Muslims. What matters is not what Arab Muslim political parties and groupings tell us they stand for. What matters is what they tell themselves, in their own languages, about what they stand for and what excesses they will not tolerate.

This internal debate had long been stifled by Arab autocrats whose regimes traditionally suppressed extremist Islamist parties, but never really permitted their ideas to be countered with free speech—with independent, modernist, progressive interpretations of Islam or by truly legitimate, secular political parties and institutions. Are we seeing the start of that now with the emergence of free spaces and legitimate parties in the Arab world? Again, too early to say, but this moderate backlash to the extremist backlash is worth hailing—and watching.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
WALTER V. CUCUK

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Walter Vladimir Cucuk, who passed away on September 22, 2012 at the age of 80. Walt will always be remembered for his faith, his devotion to family, and his strong affection to farming.

Walt was born on March 20, 1932 in Fresno, California, and spent his entire life in the Fresno Lone Star area. After graduating from Sanger High School and Reedley College, Walt served our country for two years in the