

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF  
ATHERTON

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Town of Atherton in San Mateo County, California as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

The Town, incorporated in 1923, was named after Faxon Atherton and his daughter-in-law, writer Gertrude Atherton. Faxon Atherton's home, Valparaiso, was built in the 1860s and was among the first of the great estates in San Mateo County. The Town grew as these properties were subdivided and Atherton is now home to some of the best and brightest minds in San Mateo County and the Silicon Valley. From this quiet bedroom community, the leaders of the economic engine that has driven California, emerge daily to fuel further growth.

Atherton is an educated, civic-minded community. Its residents are known for their leadership, serving on boards and civic organizations whose work is felt throughout the Bay Area and California. Atherton is also known for the philanthropic endeavors of its residents who give most generously of their resources to assist those issues that are near and dear to their hearts.

In the midst of wooded surroundings, Atherton boasts some of the finest educational institutions. Sacred Heart Preparatory, the Menlo School and Menlo College make their home in Atherton. The student population at the Town's eleven schools surpasses the number of residents. These schools are active in the community and educate the next generation of community leaders and Atherton residents.

The Town government is mindful of preserving a country atmosphere as urban growth continues in San Mateo County. The Town's General Plan specifically states that Atherton desires "to preserve its character as a scenic, rural, thickly wooded residential area, with abundant open space and with streets designed primarily as scenic routes rather than for speed of travel."

With its quiet tree lined streets and beautiful homes, Atherton is one of the jewels in the crown of the 14th Congressional District, a place I'm proud to call my home. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Atherton and commend its residents for their extraordinary achievements and contributions to our community and our country.

HONORING REVEREND W.D.  
BROADWAY

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, soon a remarkable man of faith will bid farewell after 13 years as CEO and executive director of INTERFAITH of The Woodlands, Texas. Our nation should take proud note of the inspiring life and the immeasurable contributions of the Rev. W.D. Broadway.

A graduate of Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, Reverend Broadway earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Corpus Christi followed by bachelor and master of Divinity degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

After school Reverend Broadway was guided to the Texas communities of Rockport, Lancaster, Portland and The Woodlands, where in each he served as pastor of the Southern Baptist Church. With him were his most treasured blessings—wife Hugh Delle Manahan, daughter Jerene and son Mike.

It was through his extraordinary leadership of INTERFAITH of The Woodlands that I proudly became one of his many friends and admirers. Although no one word can hope to illustrate this bountiful life to date, on reflection Reverend W.D. Broadway is, above all, a builder:

A builder of spirit. In men and women, young and old alike, through the World of the Lord. As powerful and compelling in person as in the pulpit, Reverend Broadway frequently provided a crucial moral compass by smiling and announcing "I feel a sermon coming on \* \* \*."

A builder of houses of worship. Under Reverend Broadway's stewardship fourteen building programs were launched in the churches he ministered. His hands and heart have been directed to serve as the fund raising consultant for another 67 churches—Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene and Presbyterian. Think a moment about that: What a remarkable seed Rev. Broadway has sown throughout this land, to so exalt the Lord by helping others attain their vision of constructing much-needed houses of faith.

He is a builder of hope. This I know first hand. During the terrible Texas economic recession during the late 1980's, many families found themselves without jobs, without a means to feed their children or to meet their mortgage payments. In some disheartening instances, both parents suddenly found themselves without work, shattering years of hard earned hopes and dreams.

Reverend Broadway and I worked together back then to create the Interfaith Training & Employment Project to help laid off workers find new jobs—to help them develop new skills and survive the emotional toll of financial uncertainty. Thankfully, the Private Industry Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council supported the effort.

Since 1987, under this astute and caring leadership, ITEP has helped 24,112 people find new jobs and new hope. It has become one of the most successful job training partnerships in Texas. And it is due to the strength and vision of W.D. Broadway.

He is a builder of the community. When Reverend Broadway was named 1995 Citizen-of-the-Year for South Montgomery County, chamber of commerce Chairman Mike Karlins noted "of the churches, community groups and residents listed in INTERFAITH's annual directory, few have not benefitted from his encouragement, compassion and service to our community. He and his army of volunteers have welcomed thousands to our community, watching over our children as we work, helping families get through tough situations, providing assistance in finding jobs and enriching the lives of our senior citizens."

Mr. Karlins also observed that Rev. Broadway "is happiest and at his best when facing

the challenges of planting and nurturing the seeds of our religious infrastructure." In times of crisis, "his ability to marshal community resources was never more apparent than in the days following the devastating flood of the past year."

"Above all, he loves this community and those in it. As a result, we are all better for it."

Soon Rev. Broadway will walk out the door of his INTERFAITH office for the last time to begin a well-earned retirement. To his friends and co-workers it seems unthinkable: a day at INTERFAITH without the kind eyes and broad smile that distinguish the ruddy countenance of "W.D."

His wife of 47 years, Hugh Delle, remembers a long time neighbor in The Woodlands who once commented, "W.D., you have INTERFAITH in your head." Rev. Broadway quickly replied, "I like to think I have it in my heart."

Humble and at heart a servant of the Lord, W.D. will surely be embarrassed by this tribute—even more so if all of his amazing accomplishments, service to the community and national professional leadership positions were identified. In total or in part, his contributions are testament to a life dedicated to living the Gospel and forging the good works of the Lord here on earth.

Reverend W.D. Broadway is truly a builder—of love, inspiration, grace and compassion. As a community and as a nation, we are better for it.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND LONG  
BEACH—A TRUE PARTNERSHIP  
FOR PROGRESS

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I am a resident of the city of Long Beach, CA. In 1974, then Mayor Wade asked a number of us to form an Economic Development Corporation in order to turn the city around.

The Economic Development Administration [EDA] provided an original grant of \$750,000 in the 1970's which was leveraged into a title IX grant of \$7.65 million.

This amount was later leveraged into more than \$200 million in private funding for the large urban renewal program which changed the face of downtown Long Beach in the 1970's and 1980's. The result was new hotels, new businesses, a major world trade center, an expanded convention facility.

EDA's help meant jobs.

EDA funds also contributed to roadway improvements to allow further renewal of the downtown and shoreline areas of Long Beach.

In the words of City Manager James Hankla and Jerry Miller, deputy city manager, the EDA has been the most responsive agency in the Federal Government in helping Long Beach address the impact of three major base closings through the Defense adjustment program.

EDA provided half of the funding—\$6 million—for the parking facilities critical to one of Long Beach's premier attractions, the recently opened Aquarium of the Pacific. This project has been a cornerstone of the city's recovery

plan following the closing of three major Navy facilities in the 1990's—naval hospital, naval station, and naval shipyard. With the loss of the Navy, thousands of jobs were lost. Beginning in March 1988, and the end of the cold war, 400,000 jobs in aerospace were lost in Los Angeles County alone. With 450,000 residents, Long Beach is the second largest city in the county.

EDA has also provided \$3 million to help establish the California State University, Long Beach Research Park on land formerly belonging to the Long Beach Naval Station. So the newer technologies will grow in place of the old thanks to the EDA which agreed with the community's vision.

EDA has helped provide funding to perform feasibility studies of bridges as part of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Project. That is the major intermodal in the Nation.

The Economic Development Administration is a proven vehicle to bring together Federal and local government, small and large business, so that the end result is a better community which provides opportunities for residents and visitors alike. EDA means a better future.

#### CONGRATULATING ALLISON BECKWITH

#### HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Allison Beckwith for her winning entry in the National Business Plan Competition. Ms. Beckwith, who hails from Redmond, Washington, is one of five young women whose business plan was selected by women business owners to receive this distinguished award. She will be recognized at the Women's Economic Summit during the Young Entrepreneur Awards luncheon on Thursday, October 15.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of Ms. Beckwith and her achievement. In her business plan, Ms. Beckwith envisions an online "catazine" (catalog and magazine combined) venture through which teenagers can buy merchandise and read articles written by other teenagers. This entrepreneurial spirit is one of the reasons why women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men and are a powerful and growing economic force in the global marketplace.

I also applaud Independent Means, Inc., sponsor of the National Business Plan Competition, for giving young teenage women the opportunity to turn their dreams of starting a business into reality. By engaging girls in entrepreneurship with female role models and placing an emphasis on the importance of economic self-sufficiency, Independent Means helps thousands of young girls become independent women.

When girls are given the tools and information they need to make informed decisions, they will act responsibly. I believe that we must continue to invest in teaching and inspiring young women in America—for they are our future.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District in Washington State, I again congratulate Ms. Beckwith for her outstanding accomplish-

ment and wish her much success in her future pursuits.

#### SIKH HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST CALLS PUNJAB A POLICE STATE (PEOPLE'S COMMISSION MUST BE SUPPORTED)

#### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, many of us have spoken out over the years about the ongoing human-rights violations by the Indian government in Punjab. I have recently come into possession of a very interesting document on that subject. Thanks to Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, I have seen a letter written by Professor Jagmohan Singh, General Secretary of the Akali Dal (Amritsar), in which he declares that Punjab is still a police state, even under the Akali-BJP government of Chief Minister Badal.

"Human rights abuse in Punjab in the last decade and a half has shattered the lives of a number of individuals and their families," Professor Singh wrote. "Effectively, Punjab has been administered as a police state," he added. "No fresh legal or political initiative has been taken to reinforce rule of law and protect the most endangered primary fundamental right—the right to life."

Jagmohan Singh writes that five false cases are still pending against longtime Sikh activist Simranjit Singh Mann, a political opponent of the Badal government. His is just one prominent case among many. Tens of thousands of Sikhs remain in Indian jails; with no charges pending against them. Alarming, some of them have been rotting in jail since 1984! Human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira, who exposed the Indian government's brutal policy of mass cremations of Sikhs, was killed in custody by the police, according to a police witness. Jaspal Singh Dhillon, another prominent human-rights activist, was picked up by the police on a false charge as recently as July of this year. And if that wasn't enough, the police even picked up his attorney! Mr. Speaker, the judicial system in Punjab is a joke, no one is given an ounce of justice.

Jagmohan Singh points out that no action has been taken to punish the police who have committed these atrocities against the Sikhs. In fact, the Badal government even boasts that it has taken no action against these police officers. More than 150 atrocities have been documented since the Akali government took power in Punjab in February of 1997.

Professor Singh cites 15 separate ways in which human rights are violated in Punjab. Mr. Speaker, allow me to list just a few of these horrible and inhumane acts that police commit upon the innocent people of Punjab. Professor Singh has included, among other despicable acts, the promotion of police officers based upon the number of Sikh youth they have killed; bounties offered for the murder of particular individual Sikhs; forces occupation of public places, including houses of worship, like the Golden Temple in Amritsar; extrajudicial killings of political workers, relatives of political leaders and activists; and the planting of illegal weapons and explosives on unsuspecting

people who are then labeled as "militants" or "terrorists."

Jagmohan Singh strongly defends the work of the People's Commission in exposing the tyranny of the Punjab police, and supports its continuation. The Commission has come under vigorous attack from the Punjab government, which is desperately trying to interfere in its mission and close it down. The Commission issued 90 citations against police officers and has taken on 3,000 more cases. Now the government has gone to court to stop the People's Commission. I agree with Professor Singh that the Commission's work must continue so that police atrocities can be exposed, and will cease to be covered up by India's political sponsors.

Mr. Speaker, Professor Jagmohan Singh's letter is a chilling description of the ongoing police state in Punjab. I am placing it into the RECORD, and I recommend to my colleagues that they read it carefully.

JAGMOHAN SINGH, GENERAL SECRETARY, SHIROMANI AKALI DAL (AMRITSAR),

*Rahon Road, Ludhiana, September 24, 1998.*

Rtd. Justice V. K. KHANNA,

*Chairperson, Panjab State Human Rights Commission, Kendriya Sadan, Sector 9A, Chandigarh.*

DEAR JUSTICE KHANNA: Is Panjab still a police state?

Human rights abuse in Panjab in the last decade and a half has shattered the lives of a number of individuals and their families. Effectively, Panjab has been administered as a police state. The situation did not change even after the election of Beant Singh's Congress government in 1992 and diminution of alleged extremist activities. The people of Panjab expected that the political and human rights environment would change with the election of the Akali Dal Badal-BJP government in February 1997.

Panjab, however, continues to be a police state. The Panjabis now realize that all along they were chasing a mirage. For the last 18 months, the Badal-BJP government has taken no steps to undo the wrongs perpetuated during the last decade. No fresh legal or political initiative has been taken to reinforce rule of law and protect the most endangered primary fundamental right—the right to life.

Let us examine the scenario in present day Panjab:

1. Release of Detenues: No political detainee, including those who have been languishing for more than 8-10 years without trial or protracted trial, has been released from the jails of Panjab. Their cases have not been reviewed. No attempt has been made to bring back detainees from Panjab languishing in the jails of Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. There are five false cases still pending against party president, Simranjit Singh Mann.

2. Trial of Police Officers: No attempt has been made to expedite the trial of police and other security force personnel against whom cases of human rights abuse are pending in various courts, including cases in the Panjab and Haryana Court and the Supreme Court. Actually, the prosecution has been delayed under one pretext or the other.

3. Speedy Trial of the Guilty: To ensure speedy trial, it was necessary to constitute a Tribunal with instructions to conduct day to day proceedings to try the guilty police officers, bureaucrats and politicians responsible for executing and directing crimes against humanity. Despite the poll promise to do so, the present government has failed to take any initiative in this direction.