

mindless mandatory sentencing and targeted certain classes of defendants—terrorists, drug pushers—for the special evisceration of rights.

And playing to the other side of the political spectrum, Clinton has consistently and strongly supported the expansion of harassment and discrimination law, an expansion that has in recent years increasingly worked to criminalize behavior that government once regarded as private. Well, at least he supported such law until the case of *Jones v. Clinton* arose.

Of all the violence that has been done in this great expansion of state authority over, and criminalization of, the private behavior and thoughts of citizens, none is more serious than that perpetuated by the hate-crime laws. Here, we are truly in the realm of thought crimes. Hate-crime laws require the state to treat one physical assault differently from the way it would treat another—solely because the state has decided that one motive for assaulting a person is more heinous than another.

What Henderson and McKinney allegedly did was a terrible, evil thing. But would it have been less terrible if Shepard had not been gay? If Henderson and McKinney beat Shepard to death because they hated him personally, not as a member of a group, should the law treat them more lightly? Yes, say hate-crime laws.

In 1996 the FBI recorded 1,281 “crimes against persons” for reasons of sexual-orientation bias. Two of these were murders and 222 were aggravated assaults. Four hundred and seventy-two of what the government termed hate crimes were not assaults but “acts of intimidation.” These latter would not be crimes except for the determination that expressions of certain prejudices and hatreds were in themselves criminal offenses.

There is a long history of police and prosecutors slighting assaults against gays and lesbians. Justice demands that the cops and the courts treat the perpetrators of assaults against citizens who happen to be homosexual as harshly as they do the perpetrators of assaults against anyone else. But not more so.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on October 13, 1998, during roll call vote numbers 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, and 529. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call vote number 524, “aye” on roll call vote number 525, “aye” on roll call vote number 526, “yea” on roll call vote number 527, “yea” on roll call vote number 528, “yea” on roll call vote number 529.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRED SANDERS

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Fred Sanders. Fred was a small business owner in

Leasburg, Missouri who, for ten years, ran a small campground and rented rafts and canoes to folks who wanted to enjoy warm-weather days floating down the serene Meramac River and to take in the beauty of the Onodaga State Park. Fred, however, was more than a successful entrepreneur. He was also a successful community leader.

In 1991, a flood damaged a bridge in the Onodaga State Park, which enabled campers and “floaters” to make their way to Fred’s campsite and canoe and raft rental outfit. In his quest to see the bridge rebuilt, Mr. Sanders met with some resistance. Fred made up his mind to try and rebuild the bridge himself. While his initial attempts were blocked, Fred persisted and after years of working with the county government, they agreed to replace the damaged bridge.

Seven years after Fred began his crusade, the bridge in Onodaga State Park is now rebuilt. Unfortunately, Fred passed away on March 17, 1998—several months before his long-fought-for bridge was finally completed. In honor of Fred’s unwavering commitment to this bridge project, the new bridge in the Onodaga State Park was dedicated in his memory on October 10, 1998. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Fred. He fought long and hard to get this bridge built, and he was instrumental in making a real difference in Crawford County, Missouri. I think we can all learn from Fred’s exemplary perseverance and commitment to a local infrastructure improvement project that one person truly can make a difference in his or her community. I am proud to be able to honor the memory of Mr. Fred Sanders today here in the House of Representatives.

HONORING SISTER M. ANITA ROSAIRE FAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues a truly remarkable lady who has recently celebrated a significant milestone in her life.

Sister M. Anita Rosaire Fay, who is celebrating her jubilee year as a Dominican Sister, entered the Dominican sisters convent at Mount St. Mary in Newburgh, NY, on September 8, 1928. When she entered the sisterhood, she brought with her to the order the love of a wonderful family and a deep and abiding faith.

Sister Anita’s love of God goes back to her birth, as does her love of life. Always an avid sports fan—then and now—she often recalls playing hooky with her brothers and sisters to see the New York Yankees play.

Sister Anita received her B.A. from Fordham University and her M.A. degree from Villanova University, majoring in history and political science.

Sister Anita taught for 45 years in elementary education and secondary education in both New York State and New Jersey. Sister also taught political science and other courses at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. One of the legislators in our New York State Assembly, Tom Kirwan, who studied under Sister Anita when he was still a State

Police officer, is only one of her many students who were inspired to enter politics by Sister Anita.

In 1975, Sister Anita informed me that she was seeking new challenges to conquer. I invited her to join my Washington Congressional staff, and she remains with us to this day. My entire Congressional staff values her wise counsel and her cheery disposition, as do I. She is considered the sunshine and the morale booster in our office.

Sister Anita’s dedication to assisting my constituents is rivaled only by her dedication to her beloved Georgetown Hoyas. Sister Anita balances her time between helping my Congressional offices operate at peak efficiency, rooting for her favorite basketball team, and the Office of the Hours prayers.

Mr. Speaker, as Sister Anita is celebrating her 70th Jubilee year as a Dominican sister, I am pleased to call her remarkable life to the attention of all our colleagues and their staffs, and invite everyone to join in celebrating her remarkable life.

DISABILITIES EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH—A PACIFIC PERSPECTIVE ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, Guam is the place where America’s day begins. While small, idyllic and remote, it is a place where lots of things happen first. Today, I rise to inform my colleagues of a new first, we are the first to bring our other brothers and sisters from the international community of persons with disability together to develop our own local solutions to the global issues of rehabilitation and employment in the Pacific. We have used our own talent and skills from our communities to study what we can do to address the issues of unemployment of persons with disability on Guam and the rest of the Pacific. The importance of these locally-developed solutions cannot be overstated as persons with disabilities face barriers and problems that are endemic to our way of life. From my friends at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center of the Pacific at San Diego State University, I have learned that over 16,000 individuals with a disability in the Pacific have applied for assistance in order to work, train and attend school in 1995. The unemployment rate of persons with disabilities in the Pacific is four times that of any other group. Applying this statistic anywhere else with any other group in America and it would be deemed a travesty. However, we have also learned that through our own studies and methods, we are in the best possible situation to remedy these inequities.

Over the last four years, our friends and colleagues at San Diego State University, University of Guam, Northern Marianas College, American Samoa Community College, College of Micronesia—FSM, and the College of Marshall Islands have established local steering committees for rehabilitation research and training. This work culminates in the first ever international conference, entitled “Pacific Perspectives for the Employment of Persons with

Disabilities in the 21st Century." The conference will be convened on Guam from October 28–30, 1998.

It is momentous that this conference will be held in concert with "Disabilities Awareness Month" in the Pacific. Our own local network on Guam of rehabilitation professionals, educators, teachers, researchers and consumers acknowledge the people from our business communities employing persons with disabilities. On Guam on October 26, 1998, we are awarding those members of our own business community for their continued support by employing persons with disabilities. Mr. Rodney Priest, the Chairperson of the Guam Rehabilitation Advisory Council and a research associate with San Diego State University, was instrumental in organizing this event. The October 26 event maintains our commitment to our greatest resource, the people of Guam.

Hiring the disabled is an asset for us all. There are similar ceremonies acknowledging employers in the islands across the Pacific this month. Events will also be held in the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

October is Disabilities Awareness Month. During this month, we commemorate individuals with disabilities and pay tribute to their contributions in our communities. None of the activities this month would have been possible without the successful collaboration between institutions of higher education, community service organizations, responsive government officials and supportive consumers from our villages. These recent cooperative efforts have been coordinated by San Diego State University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center of the Pacific, funded by the National Institute on disability Rehabilitation Research.

The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center of the Pacific adopted a model for research that focuses on participation, action and local priorities. This unique approach resulted in the sponsorship of the Guam Rehabilitation Research Local Steering Committee led by people with disabilities who live in my district. Together with other similar committees led by persons with disabilities from the islands, these groups are improving our ability to address our systems of service and economic development which result in real jobs, careers and life-long learning impacting our communities today and in the future. This is an example of community leadership combined with university skills that can positively affect the lives of numerous individuals in the 21st century. It is a Pacific perspective that should be acknowledged and replicated.

Mr. Speaker, this message would be incomplete without mentioning other individuals and organizations contributing tremendously to assisting individuals with disabilities. I commend Dr. Fred McFarlane, Director of the Interwork Institute and the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center of the Pacific (RRTCP) and Dr. Kenneth Gelea'i, Co-Director and Research Coordinator of the RRTCP. I also commend the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), presided by Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero, for their commitment to individuals with disabilities, as evinced by their resolution passed by APIL's 17th General Assembly. I also congratulate Mr. Rodney Priest for his tireless efforts on behalf of Guam's disabled community.

TRIBUTE TO GARY GRAY

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. I rise before you today to honor Gary Gray, a constituent of mine from Adrian, Michigan whose accomplishments and accolades are many.

Mr. Gray is the recipient of the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce 1998 Small Business Person of the Year Award. This distinguished honor is bestowed upon those individuals who have not only created and guided successful businesses but have made an even greater contribution through their selfless giving to those in their community.

Gary Gray, a nationally recognized physical therapist, grew up in the city of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Upon graduating from the University of Indiana in 1976, he began his professional career as Director of Physical Therapy at Bixby Hospital in Adrian, Michigan. He continues to enjoy Adrian as his home.

In 1986 Gary opened the doors of Gary Gray Physical Therapy Clinic, Inc. in Adrian with two employees. Nearly thirteen years later this thriving company has grown into three sites employing 35 employees.

Upon realizing the critical need this country has for continuing education in rehabilitation, he began Wynn Marketing, Inc. in 1988. Through the years, Wynn Marketing has produced 95 seminars throughout the nation, presenting innovative, practical and enlightening rehabilitation seminars to over 10,000 physical therapists, athletic trainers, orthopedic physicians and chiropractors. The closeness of his family life is revealed in the fact that his mother and father are the hosts and coordinators of these seminars.

Gary continues to be a consultant to various college and professional athletic teams around the country as well as educational institutions. He is the author of several published articles and manuals on rehabilitation and prevention. Recognized by various physical therapy schools around the nation, many of these are required reading in the physical therapy curriculum.

Recognized as a successful inventor of rehabilitation equipment, Gary opened the doors of Functional Designs in 1997. The purpose of this company is to develop and market many of Gary's inventions i.e. the Golf Gazebo, the Stretch Frame and the Pyramid Strider.

Gary Gray consistently supports community projects, especially those involving youth. He developed the "Hot Rock" boys basketball camp in 1989. This two week summer camp of basketball ministry combines the unique blend of both sport and Christ in the lives of the youth today. This past summer's Hot Rock was enjoyed by over 120 young boys and remains fully sponsored by Gary.

Realizing the need was also there for the young girls of the community, Gary developed "Girls of Summer" in 1995. Over 70 girls were ministered to this past summer, again combining the blend of basketball and Christ.

Beginning his 5th year as the assistant varsity basketball coach at Lenawee Christian High School is one of the positions Gary holds most dear. His love of Christ and family is prevalent to all who know him. His lovely wife of 22 years, Cindi, is also known as an excel-

lent speaker and leader in the community. He has two wonderful sons of whom he is very proud: Brad, a freshman at Cornerstone College and Doug, a junior at Lenawee Christian High School.

I want to commend Gary Gray for all of his achievements. He truly is deserving of the Lenawee Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Person of the Year Award.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KENNETH JERNIGAN, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to improving opportunities for others. He is Dr. Kenneth Jernigan, who served as President of the National Federation of the Blind from 1968 to 1986 and as the Federation's President Emeritus until his death on October 12, 1998. In these capacities, Dr. Jernigan has become widely recognized and highly respected as the principal leader of the organized blind movement in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I have been proud to represent Kenneth Jernigan and his wife, Mary Ellen, since coming to Congress in 1996. But more than being my constituent, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jernigan has been my friend. In fact, as he did with so many others over his lifetime of leadership, he encouraged me and helped me to believe in myself.

Born blind in 1926, Kenneth Jernigan grew up on a small Tennessee farm with little hope and little opportunity. But in the story of Kenneth Jernigan, from his humble beginnings in the hills of Tennessee to his stature as a national—and even an international—leader, the story of what is right with America is told.

Dr. Jernigan may have been blind in the physical sense, but he was a man of vision nonetheless. As a leader of the National Federation of the Blind, he taught all of us to understand that eyesight and insight are not related to each other in any way. Although he did not have eyesight, his insight on life, learning, and leading has no equal.

Mr. Speaker, for those who knew him and loved him, for the blind of this country, and for the National Federation of the Blind—the organization that he loved and built—the world without Kenneth Jernigan will be different. But the world he left in death is a far better world because of his life.

The legacy which Dr. Jernigan has left behind is visible in the hundreds of thousands of lives that he touched and will continue to inspire through the programs and projects that will live on in his name. This will be the case for many generations to come.

Kenneth Jernigan will be missed deeply by his family and friends, and his loss will be shared by all of us because he cared for all of us. With the strength of his voice and the power of his intellect, he brought equality and freedom to the blind. As he did so, Kenneth Jernigan taught us all to love one another and live with dignity. This is the real and lasting legacy of Kenneth Jernigan.