

freely practice their faith in their ancient homeland.

I believe our Government should pursue a policy that works to end this blatant religious bigotry toward Assyrian Christians. We must work with local and national leaders in Turkey to demand that the religious and civil rights of the Assyrian people be protected under Turkish laws. We must continue to pressure the various Kurdish factions across the region to respect the rights and autonomy of individual Assyrian towns and villages. We must also maintain the safe zone in Northern Iraq, to ensure that Saddam Hussein's tyranny cannot cause further destruction of the Assyrian community.

The traditions and customs of the Assyrian people have endured for countless generations. Our Nation must do all it can to ensure that these proud people can continue to abide and thrive in their ancestral homeland for countless more.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in my extended family, I was unavoidably absent on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, and as a result, missed rollcall votes on H. Res. 423, H.R. 3811, H.R. 2829, and H. Res. 422.

Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted "aye" for all of these rollcall votes.

And I ask that my statement appear at the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AMERICAN ARAB AND JEWISH FRIENDS OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT HOLDS 12TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Arab and Jewish Friends of Metropolitan Detroit as they hold their 12th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, May 17, 1998 and honor two distinguished leaders from each community.

"The Friends" organization was established in 1981 to promote greater understanding and friendship between these two communities involving issues in Metropolitan Detroit. This annual dinner reflects their mission statement as it raises funds for college scholarships for Arab and Jewish high school seniors. The scholarship recipients are the winners of an essay contest emphasizing "The Ties That Bind" Americans of Arab, Chaldean, and Jewish backgrounds.

This year "The Friends" will honor two outstanding individuals who have sought to promote greater understanding between Arabs and Jews. They are both influential community activists who have been successful because of their intelligence, hard work, persistence, and a deep commitment to and caring for their community.

Dr. Haifa Fakhouri is the President and CEO of the Arab-American and Chaldean Council, the nation's largest community-based human service agency serving the Arabic and Chaldean speaking populations of southeast Michigan. Under her leadership, the Council grew from a single office in downtown Detroit to an agency of 28 outreach centers in the tri-county area. She has also served as a Special Advisor to the United Nations on women's issues in the Arab World and as a delegate to the International Women's Conference in Mexico. Her work has been recognized through several awards including the Wayne State University Headliner Award and the Governor's Leadership Award.

Ms. Florine Mark is the President and CEO of The WW Group, Inc., the nation's largest franchise of Weight Watchers International. She started the company and has been the CEO for over 30 years during which the company has grown to approximately 70,000 members. She also serves as the Chair of the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and serves on the boards of numerous community organizations including the American Red Cross, the Detroit Renaissance Board, and Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. Her work has been recognized through several awards including the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to these outstanding leaders and friends and to an organization which plays an important role in reminding all of us that we share a common goal of peace and security in the Middle East and community activism at home.

IN APPRECIATION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 14TH, 1998

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, thirty-six years ago, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. I rise today to salute all law enforcement officers across this country, and to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The protection offered to each of us by this country's law enforcement officials should not be taken for granted, nor should we forget the men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty. In 1997, 160 law enforcement officers, nearly forty percent more than in 1996, lost their lives in the line of duty. From 1990-1995, there had been an average of 151 fatalities annually.

Over the past two years, the city of Buffalo has lost two of our finest law enforcement officials, killed in the line of duty. On April 9, 1997, Officer Charles McDougal was senselessly murdered while on duty. Just a few months ago, Officer Robert McLellan was killed while chasing a fugitive sought by bounty hunters. Both officers served their community with honor, distinction and bravery.

Members of the law enforcement agency throughout this country play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all Americans. We must continue to recognize

and appreciate the problems, duties and responsibilities faced by all law enforcement officials throughout this country.

Everyday, men and women across America go to work with the single purpose of making all of our lives safer. They work long hours in an often thankless job. But this week is our chance to thank them for all they have done and continue to do. It is also a chance to remember those that have died while making our country a safer place.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon all citizens of this country to observe Friday May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

HONORING JACK MCDOWELL, PULITZER PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST, POLITICAL CONSULTANT, BELOVED FATHER AND HUSBAND

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise with the sad duty of informing you that America has lost an honored journalist, a warm friend and a great family man. Jack McDowell, whose storied career included winning a Pulitzer Prize for the now-defunct San Francisco Call-Bulletin, serving as political editor and columnist for the San Francisco Examiner and culminating with 26 years as partner in the highly successful political consulting firm Woodward & McDowell, has died at this home in Atherton. He was 84.

Born in Alameda to the founder and publisher of the Alameda Times-Star, McDowell quite literally had journalism in his blood. As a boy he snuck out of camp to make a lone trek through the Sierra snow to file a report from the ranger's station about how his Alameda boy scout troop was marooned by a freak springtime storm.

After attending what is now San Jose State University during Prohibition, McDowell went on to become managing editor and co-owner with his brother, W. Clifford McDowell, of the Eugene (Ore.) Daily News and Turlock Daily Journal.

In 1942 he was hired as a reporter for the Call-Bulletin. Three years later his story about the new process of donating blood that followed a donor's pint into the Pacific Theater of World War II and into the soldier who received the transfusion was awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

As his career progressed to writing a daily column, "Memo from Mac" and on to city editor of the Call-Bulletin, McDowell's noteworthy stories included confronting a wanted killer on the streets of San Francisco and taking the suspect back to the city room for an exclusive interview before turning him over to the police.

It was during the eras of Governors Goodwin Knight, "Pat" Brown and Ronald Reagan that McDowell served as political editor and columnist for the San Francisco Examiner. He was recognized as the dean of the capital press corps and was often found at his "unofficial" office, the renowned gathering spot for California politicians, Frank Fat's.

After a learning period under the wing of famed California political consultants Stuart Spencer and Bill Roberts and serving as Statewide News Director of Governor Ronald Reagan's re-election campaign, McDowell and partner Richard Woodward, formed the firm Woodward & McDowell in 1971.

They successfully guided former San Francisco State University President S.I. Haya-kawa to a seat in the United States Senate and went on to run some of the most controversial ballot measure campaigns in California, winning more than 95% of the time. McDowell earned the firm a reputation for honesty, credibility and journalistic standards that are a hallmark of the industry.

Mr. Speaker, with the loss of Jack McDowell we have lost a man for whom the standard was excellence, and nothing less. He will be sorely missed by his loving family, his colleagues at Woodward & McDowell and the many others who knew him as a man not only with a story to tell, but the best way to tell it.

IN SUPPORT OF ALEXIS HERMAN

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my friend, and our Labor Secretary, Ms. Alexis Herman. From what I have read, I do not believe that there exists any sound evidence that she was involved in any illegal acts. The charges are frivolous and unsubstantiated. And, for the life of me, I cannot understand what continues to possess the Attorney General to appoint Independent Counsels to investigate overtly partisan and unsubstantiated hearsay.

Even officials at the United States Department of Justice, in their memo to the three Judge panel overseeing this process, stated that no tangible evidence exists which proves that Secretary Herman was involved in anything even remotely illegal.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply troubled at this wanton spirit of unwarranted prosecution, and at the Justice Department's willingness to appoint Independent Counsels to investigate unsubstantiated rumors.

Since the beginning of the Clinton administration, these so-called Special Prosecutors have cost the American taxpayers a fortune, yet; not one of the principals investigated, has yet to be convicted of any crime.

The costs of the investigations of the present administration total over \$51 million, with no apparent end in sight. The examples of these politically inspired investigations include: \$29 million and still counting for Ken Starr's investigations; \$14 million for Donald Smaltz's investigations; \$5.4 million for David Barrett's; \$3.2 million for Daniel Pearson's; and \$244,000 for Curtis von Kann's investigation.

It seems as though the leadership at the Justice Department is like a willow which blows in the wind, allowing it to bend to the desires of the current rumor-of-the-day.

All I can say is, shame on you Madame Attorney General, for allowing yourself to be influenced, at the eleventh hour, by unwarranted, last minute, right-wing, rumor-mongering. This is political folly at its very

worse, and it is costing the country a great deal of money, and a larger amount of credibility.

RECOGNIZING KODAK OF WINDSOR, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 1998, officials of Kodak Colorado Division located in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District announced that the company is the first facility in the State of Colorado and the first sensitized manufacturing facility of Eastman Kodak Company to become registered for ISO 14001.

ISO 14001 Registration is given to companies by the British Standards Institution, Inc. (BSI) after completing a rigorous audit conducted by BSI representatives. The audit is a thorough examination of Environmental Management Systems in all major production and support areas on site including manufacturing processes, pollution prevention plans, and site procedures. "This registration is a true reflection of the efforts of our employees on behalf of environmental protection", said Lucille Mantelli, director of Communications and Public Affairs. "The Kodak Colorado Division is committed to being an environmentally responsible citizen, and to be registered as a ISO 14001 company is a recognition of our efforts in this arena." In order to retain the registration as a ISO 14001 company, third party audits are required semi-annually.

Mr. Speaker, this recognition shows the commitment Kodak has as a company, to be an environmentally sound, competitive organization maintain high standards of excellence for the community. I would like to thank Kodak of Windsor, Colorado for being such a conscientious corporate citizen.

MARKING THE DEDICATION OF THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE MEMORIAL

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. THOMAS of California. Mr. Speaker, this week is Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week, seven days set aside to honor the courageous men and women who gave their lives protecting us and upholding the law. Yesterday, I was proud to vote for House Resolution 422 which states that law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty should be honored, recognized, and remembered for their great sacrifice. Today I rise to help pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who died while serving Bakersfield, California.

With all of the advances that have been made in the field of American law enforcement this century, one sad and sobering fact remains the same: police officers are often killed in the line of duty. On May 15, the Bakersfield Police Department will dedicate a monument to honor the law enforcement officers who sacrificed their lives for the safety and well-

being of the people of Bakersfield over the past century.

Of great men, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly . . . they build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." The names which will be etched on this memorial will be an eternal reminder of the seven brave men who lost their lives daring to protect the people of Bakersfield.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to the law enforcement officials in Bakersfield who died in the line of duty. The somber black granite monument will be a lasting tribute to these individuals who put the safety of the community ahead of their own. I am proud to live in a town which has chosen to honor its fallen police officers in such a fitting and lasting manner.

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK, 1998

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, this week Congress and the nation pause to honor the more than half a million law enforcement officers across the country who put their lives on the line each day to protect us and our families. These dedicated men and women are prepared to give what Abraham Lincoln called "their last full measure of devotion" so that we can continue to enjoy the freedom and quality of life that we sometimes take for granted.

Federal, state, and local police officers perform a great service for our communities. All too often they literally are the last thread between us and the forces of violence and chaos. We ask a great deal of the officers who protect us. We ask them to defend our homes and families; to patrol our roads and highways; and to bring justice to criminals and murderers who would otherwise prey on our society. We ask a great deal from this "blue line," but it never breaks and is always there to guard us. For this we owe the nation's police officers our deepest gratitude and our strong support.

Last year, 159 law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice while working to protect us. This means that, on average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America nearly every other day. In Indiana, seven officers lost their lives—ranking Indiana fifth in the nation in terms of officers lost in the line of duty. Two officers from the congressional district I represent made the ultimate sacrifice last year: Paul Richard Deguch, from the South Bend Police Department, was murdered in the line of duty; and James Kautz, from the Long Beach Police Department, was killed while helping at the scene of a traffic accident.

This week we pay tribute not only to those who gave their lives, but also to every spouse, every child, every parent, and every friend. We pay tribute not only to those who died, but to those who have lost them, to the survivors. And we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who continue to go to work each day, putting their lives on the line, in the name of freedom.

As we honor these heroes with ceremonies and flags standing at half-staff, we should rededicate ourselves to ending the violence that