

offender will attempt to commit another sex crime, it is reasonable to ask why rapists and child molesters are not simply imprisoned for life?

However, Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that making the AMBER Alert system a Federal program is neither constitutionally sound nor effective law enforcement. All Americans should be impressed at the demonstrated effectiveness of the AMBER system in locating missing and kidnapped children. However, I would ask my colleagues to consider that one of the factors that makes the current AMBER system so effective is that the AMBER Alert system is not a Federal program. Instead, states and local governments developed AMBER Alerts on their own, thus ensuring that each AMBER system meets the unique needs of individual jurisdictions. Once the AMBER Alert system becomes a one-size-fits all Federal program (with standards determined by DC-based bureaucrats instead of community-based law enforcement officials) local officials will not be able to tailor the AMBER Alert to fit their unique circumstances. Thus, nationalizing the AMBER system will cause this important program to lose some of its effectiveness.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1104 also exceeds Congress' constitutional authority by criminalizing travel with the intent of committing a crime. As appalling as it is that some would travel abroad to engage in activities that are rightly illegal in the United States, legislation of this sort poses many problems and offers few solutions. First among these problems is the matter of national sovereignty. Those who travel abroad and break the law in their host country should be subject to prosecution in that country; it is the responsibility of the host country—not the U.S. Congress—to uphold its own laws. It is a highly unique proposal to suggest that committing a crime in a foreign country against a non-US citizen is within the jurisdiction of the United States Government.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation makes it a Federal crime to "travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct." I do not think this is a practical approach to the problem. It seems that this bill actually seeks to probe the conscience of anyone who seeks to travel abroad to make sure they do not have illegal or immoral intentions. Is it possible or even advisable to make thoughts and intentions illegal? And how is this to be carried out? Should Federal agents be assigned to each travel agency to probe potential travelers as to the intent of their travel?

At a time when Federal resources are stretched to the limit, American troops are preparing for imminent military conflict, and when we are not even able to keep known terrorists out of our own country, this bill would require Federal agents to not only track Americans as they vacation abroad, but would also require that they be able to divine the intentions of these individuals who seek to travel abroad. Talk about a tall order! As well-intentioned as I am sure this legislation is, I do not believe that it is a practical or well-thought-out approach to what I agree is a serious and disturbing problem. Perhaps a better approach would be to share with those interested countries our own laws and approaches to prosecuting those who commit these kinds of crimes, so as to see more effective capture and punishment of these criminals in the countries where the crime is committed.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, while H.R. 1104 has some good provisions aimed at enhancing

the penalties of those who commit the most heinous of crimes, it also weakens the effective AMBER Alert program by nationalizing it. H.R. 542 also raises serious civil liberties and national sovereignty concerns by criminalizing intent and treating violations of criminal law occurring in other countries' jurisdictions as violations of American criminal law.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BUZZ ZANCANELLA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Buzz Zancanella, an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serving Glenwood Springs, Colorado. For the past thirty-six years, Buzz has worked in his community, most recently as a water maintenance coordinator. After a long and successful career, Buzz has decided to retire. As he looks forward to retirement, I would like to take this time to highlight his service to his community.

Buzz is a native of Glenwood Springs who graduated from Garfield County High School in 1958 and began serving Glenwood Springs as a volunteer firefighter in 1959. In 1961, Buzz left home to fight for his country, serving honorably in the Navy. It was also at this time that Buzz met his wife, Gracie. When Buzz returned to Glenwood Springs in 1966, he began his long career with the city, working for the city's electric company. Later, in 1977, Buzz became the city's fire chief and remained in that role until 1985 when he began working for the Glenwood Springs Water Department. Buzz is now known as the go-to guy in the city of Glenwood Springs. His service has been much appreciated and he will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to stand and recognize Buzz Zancanella before this Congress and this nation. Public servants work tirelessly to ensure that our communities are run safely and smoothly. Their service and dedication deserves our recognition and thanks. That is why I recognize Buzz Zancanella as he retires from his many years of service to his community. I wish you all the best Buzz.

IN HONOR OF RUTH-E BENNISON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Ruth-e Bennison, as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ruth-e Bennison received a Masters degree in accounting from the University of Washington and worked as an accountant until her marriage in 1956. She later opened her own travel agency, began to travel extensively herself and became the Western Regional Manager for Sheraton Hotels. When her mother became ill and entered a nursing home, she developed a keen interest in long-term care facilities. She became a volunteer in the long-

term care ombudsman program in San Mateo County and she has selflessly dedicated more than 15,000 hours to the program over 15 years. Ruth-e Bennison has also given generously of her time and talents as a HICAP volunteer and has given 5,200 volunteer hours to this agency. She's been honored for her work by the Department of Health and Human Services and was honored with the HICAP Excellence Award in 2002 for saving San Mateo County more than \$5 million in Medicare related expenses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ruth-e Bennison as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

HONORING CITY OF LIVONIA FIRE-FIGHTER OF THE YEAR, FIRE-FIGHTER MATTHEW MAURIER

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, Firefighter Matthew Maurier, recently named City of Livonia Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Maurier has served the City of Livonia with great pride and courage since 1995.

On September 16, 2002, Firefighter Maurier answered a call to a pedestrian injury accident. Upon arrival, he found a young male patient lying in the roadway who suffered significant head trauma and multiple fractures requiring immediate attention. Realizing the patient's airway was compromised as a result of his injuries, Firefighter Maurier began aggressive intervention to ventilate the patient. Recognizing the patient would require the services of a Trauma Center for definitive treatment, Firefighter Maurier immediately requested a helicopter for transport. This action saved considerable time the patient would not have otherwise had available.

Mr. Speaker, Firefighter Matthew Maurier is a hero to the people of Livonia, Michigan and the United States. I extend my sincere appreciation to him for making our community a better place.

THE NORTH MYRTLE BEACH BILLBOARD EFFORT

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and praise the actions of the North Myrtle Beach Republican Club. Their efforts to raise community support and money to erect billboards around their city to show support for President Bush and the American soldiers stationed in the Middle East have been outstanding. The diverse group of community members, comprised of business owners, attorneys, doctors, retirees, and elected officials, have come together under the direction of Ms. Cleo Steele to respond to the numerous anti-American protests held world wide, nationally, and even in the community of

Myrtle Beach. Believing that the media gives a one-sided and distraught view, Ms. Steele gave birth to the idea after hearing of a similar program in Louisville, Kentucky. The group focuses on the ideas that the anti-Bush, anti-war mentality is currently in the minority, and that regardless of the circumstances, American troops need all the support that can be mustered during this crucial time. Within an hour of making her first phone call, Ms. Steele already had the backing of ten people, and the total force has increased since then. I am proud of the efforts of the North Myrtle Beach Republican Club and wish to applaud their actions. In my opinion, they are the epitome of American patriotism, and their zeal should give hope to all who call themselves Americans.

HONORING CITY OF LIVONIA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, MICHAEL BAILEY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, Firefighter Michael Bailey, recently named City of Livonia Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Bailey has served the City of Livonia with great pride and courage since 1995.

On September 16, 2002, Firefighter Bailey answered a call to a pedestrian injury accident. Upon arrival, he found a young male patient lying in the roadway who suffered significant head trauma and multiple fractures requiring immediate attention. Realizing the patient's airway was compromised as a result of his injuries, Firefighter Bailey began aggressive intervention to ventilate the patient. Recognizing the patient would require the services of a Trauma Center for definitive treatment, Firefighter Bailey immediately requested a helicopter for transport. This action saved considerable time the patient would not have had available.

Mr. Speaker, Firefighter Bailey is a hero to the people of Livonia, Michigan and the United States. I extend my sincere appreciation to Firefighter Bailey for making our community a safer place.

A CALL FOR PRAYER ON THE EVE OF WAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening on what may be the eve of war. Like so many Americans, my prayers are with our men and women in uniform who so bravely and honorably prepare to fight the evils in this world in order to insure the continued safety and wellbeing of friends, family and citizens of this great Nation. On this day, my thoughts are also with our President and our other leaders of this great Nation upon whose shoulders the burden of these decisions falls.

I was recently given a prayer written by Jeff Stewart, a close personal friend and lay leader

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile Alabama. The following prayer will be delivered at an ecumenical service in Mobile with the cooperation of four local churches.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in lifting this prayer to our Lord God in hopes that it will provide strength and reassurance to our President and our armed forces.

"Help us, Lord, not be anxious about anything." During this time of pending war and the death that will surely come to our Service men, women and civilians. Give us Your peace and the power to invoke Your love and strength, "but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, we present our request to You" that those that will lose their lives will find the comfort of Your presence and Your peace. "O God which transcends all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 6-7)

We seek not war but peace and we know that You, O God, can bring peace if it is Your will; therefore, we put our trust in You and we know that "You are the Lord, the God of all mankind. And nothing is too difficult for you." (Jer 32:37) Amen.

Be sober, be vigilant, because our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. As we seek to do God's will, we must deliberately make ourselves subject one to another and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud and giveth the grace to be humbled. Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt us in due time, casting all our cares upon Him, for He careth for us all.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Jeff Stewart for this thoughtful prayer and the comfort it provides during these times of needed guidance and wisdom—words from the heart and words from which we may all benefit.

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER OF THE YEAR, D/SGT. EVERETT TORLEY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, D/Sgt. Everett Torley, recently named City of Livonia Michigan State Trooper of the Year. D/Sgt. Torley has distinguished himself as an outstanding resource for the criminal justice community in southeast Michigan.

His knowledge in his field of service is unsurpassed in this state. He is one of only three persons in the State of Michigan trained and certified in forensic video clarification by the FBI. Those skills have been used to solve numerous crimes, most recently ending a string of local robberies.

As a testament of his expertise, D/Sgt. Torley has been asked to serve as an instructor at the FBI Academy in the Law Enforcement Video Association. As an instructor, D/Sgt. Torley will be instrumental in teaching forensic video clarification to law enforcement officers around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to D/Sgt. Everett Torley for making our state and our country a safer place.

HONORING THE CITY OF LIVONIA POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR BRIAN DUFFANY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, Police Officer Brian Duffany, recently named City of Livonia Police Officer of the Year. Officer Duffany has served the City of Livonia with great pride and courage since 1991.

On January 14, 2002, Officer Duffany received a dispatch call stating a robbery had taken place at a nearby restaurant. While on patrol, Officer Duffany observed a vehicle and driver matching the bulletin's description and attempted to stop the vehicle for questioning. The suspect attempted to flee, but after striking two civilian cars the chase continued on foot. Officer Duffany quickly apprehended the suspect, who was still carrying a revolver in his pants pocket.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Brian Duffany is a hero to the people of Livonia, Michigan and the United States. I extend my sincere appreciation to him for making our community a safer place.

CONGRATULATING MR. CHARLES J. TODD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Court Security Officer (CSO) Charles J. Todd for his quick thinking and courage in his recent arrest of a wanted criminal. His quick actions have earned him the U.S. Marshal's CSO of the Year Award.

On July 9, 2002, a violent homicide was committed in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Three suspects were charged in the homicide and two were arrested immediately. The third suspect, Francis Kelly, remained at large. On July 12, CSO Todd viewed a wanted poster for the third suspect at the beginning of his shift. Later that day, Todd observed an individual who met Kelly's description, as the subject was walking toward him down a street with heavy pedestrian traffic. CSO Todd used a ruse to get the subject to identify himself and then detained him until back-up units arrived.

CSO Todd's attention to detail and dedication to duty and bravery deprived Francis Kelly the opportunity to kill again. CSO Todd's actions were not only a positive reflection on himself and the Court Security Officer program, but also on the United States Marshals Service.

Mr. Speaker, CSO Todd has clearly displayed his bravery and sense of duty in this action. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his commitment to excellence and his desire to see justice carried out. I would also like to ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him good fortune in his new position as Site Supervisor with the CSO contracting firm.