# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRE AT THE GOLDEN TEMPLE OF AMRITSAR

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a sad date—the 12th anniversary of the Indian Government's brutal attack on the Golden Temple—the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion. This military assault, which many of my colleagues will remember vividly, took place in June 1984, in the state of Punjab.

Mr. Speaker, the Golden Temple is to the Sikh religion what the Vatican is to Christians or Mecca is to Muslims. Thirty-eight other Sikh temples were attacked by the Indian Army throughout Punjab. In all, more than 20,000 Sikhs were killed by Indian forces in these attacks, many in brutal mass executions. Many unarmed civilians were shot at point-blank range.

The entire world was appalled by this senseless attack. Indian soldiers burned the Golden Temple's library, which contained countless original manuscripts of Sikh scriptures. The Sikh holy book—the Guru Granth Sahib—was shot full of holes. This brutal repression of the Sikh people and the Sikh religion was condemned by governments around the world. For the Sikh people, it crystallized the growing movement for an independent homeland by the name of Khalistan.

Mr. Speaker, the Golden Temple massacre kicked off a wave of repression that has not abated to this day. More than 1.1 million Indian soldiers occupy Punjab and the neighboring state of Kashmir today. Over the last 12 years, they have released a reign of terror over both the Sikh and Kashmiri people—including widespread torture, summary executions, gang rapes of women, abductions, and disappearances of innocent civilians. It has been estimated by many that over 150,000 Sikhs have died in the violence since the attack at the Golden Temple.

The recent election results and the growing strength of the Hindu fundamentalist BJP party offer little hope for improvement in India's record of abuse. India now has its third government in 3 weeks. Now more than ever, it is especially important that governments around the world mark the anniversary of the attack on the Golden Temple by urging the Indian Government to exercise restraint and respect the rights of all people to democracy, self-determination, and freedom from human rights abuses.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring H.R. 1425, which would cut off development aid to India until it respects human rights, and House Concurrent Resolution 32, which calls for self-determination for the Sikh people, who have suffered for too long under a repressive regime.

## THE TAYLOR AUDUBON STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

### HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity and express my support for a program in my district, the Taylor Audubon Students and Scholars Program. This program provides positive incentives to our youth to stay in school and achieve good grades.

Under the Taylor program, all Louisiana students in grades 7 through 12, who complete the school year with good grades, will be awarded private memberships in the Aquarium of the Americas and the Audubon Zoo. Specifically, all students with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher will earn a free year's membership in the aquarium. Students finishing with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will qualify for the Scholars Program, which in addition to the Aquarium membership, includes a free year's membership in the zoo. I should also note that the program allows award winning students to take their parents to the aquarium and the zoo free of charge in January and February.

All public, private, and parochial school students in Orleans Parish in grades 7 through 12 are eligible this year. Next year, the program will be made available to such students statewide.

It is imperative that we encourage our children to take their school work seriously. Unfortunately, more and more of our children are dropping out of school. And, despite the massive expenditure of Federal and State funds, we have seen little improvement in the performance of those students who remain in school. For example, SAT scores have dropped from a total average of 939 in 1972 to 902 in 1994. In science, 17-year-olds scored 11 points worse than they did in 1970. Reading scores are also down, with 66 percent of 17-year-olds not reading at a proficient level. While U.S. students scored worse than all other large countries except Spain, I believe the Taylor Audubon Students and Scholars Program will help reverse this dangerous trend.

I am impressed with how the Taylor program affords students a positive incentive to stay in school and improve their performance. I hope that other States and cities will look to the Taylor approach as a model for education improvement. Having visited the Aquarium of the Americas and the Audubon Zoo myself on numerous occasions, I am confident that all will notice the positive change in their children's attitude toward school.

Mr. Patrick Taylor, the father of this most worthy program, deserves our praise and our appreciation for a wonderful contribution to the betterment of our world.

## TRIBUTE TO COL. C. FRANK FOGLEMAN

### HON. MARK ADAM FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the retirement of one of Palm Beach County's most prominent and respected law enforcement officers, Col. C. Frank Fogleman of the Palm Beach County sheriff's office.

Col. Fogleman began his law enforcement career in 1962 as a patrolman with the Belle Glade police department. He earned the rank of detective in 1965 and joined the Palm Beach County sheriff's office as a detective in 1967.

With hard work and a professional demeanor, Frank rose through the ranks of the sheriff's office and served as a lieutenant in charge of the Detective Bureau and Vice Intelligence Unit, as a captain responsible for the Belle Glade substation, and in 1986 became a major and director of the Criminal Investigations Division.

And, since 1989, Frank has served the citizens of Palm Beach County as colonel, overseeing nearly 1,000 employees in the uniform division. This duty has required him to directly manage the road patrol division and smooth operation of three substations, along with the airport, marine, mounted, K–9, and aviation divisions.

Frank's long service with the sheriff's office is a testament to his devotion to public service, inner drive for excellence and dedication to the basics tenets of honorable law enforcement. After 34 years of procedures, apprehensions, reviews, arrests, and budgets, Frank certainly deserves a chance to go fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Col. C. Frank Fogleman for his 34 years of service to the people of Palm Beach County, and wish Frank and Dottie many enjoyable and healthy years to come.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TEACHER MARTHA ''MARTIE'' SEMMER

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martie Semmer of Frisco, CO. Martie is the recipient of a national award for building community interest in foreign language education. I would like to outline just a few of Martie's numerous contributions to her profession.

Martie worked tirelessly on all levels to bring her noble profession the attention it deserves. Due to her hard work at the grassroots level, her Summit School District is one of the few to have K–12 foreign language offering. But

Martie did not stop there. She introduced her students to unique and practical applications of their knowledge. Summit School District students are writing to Mexican pen-pals, and studying in two languages about migratory birds.

Martie's efforts gained the attention of the Colorado State Legislature, which now legally recognizes the foreign language profession. If it were not for Martie's determined spirit, surely this would never have come to pass. Both foreign language students, and teachers alike, owe Martie Semmer a debt of gratitude.

It is a person such as Martie Semmer that inspires us all to take that extra step. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in congratulating Martie Semmer, a truly outstanding teacher.

## THE SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

### HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, last week, the House of Representatives passed the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (H.R. 3448). I supported this legislation for several reasons. As the chairwoman of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Taxation and Finance, I have grown increasingly aware over the last year of the need for a lessened tax burden on small business owners.

For example, the extension of the work opportunity tax credit will mean that managers of J.C. Penney stores in my district will be able to hire veterans and recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. If we are serious about ending the cycle of dependency that is endemic to our present welfare system, we need to provide small businesses with the means to make work a viable alternative to welfare.

The extension of the Federal unemployment tax exemption means that Washington State farmers will be able to harvest their crops with the aid of alien workers. We all know how great the apples are from Washington State. What many may not realize is that these apples would not be picked without the hard work of alien agriculture workers.

I also support the bill's provisions regarding tuition assistance. Hewlett Packard employs approximately 2,700 people in my district in southwest Washington. This year alone, 285 men and women have enrolled in undergraduate and graduate level courses. These hard-working Americans are furthering their job skills and employability by pursuing an education in their off hours. This would not be possible without Hewlett Packard providing their employees with tuition assistance as part of their salary package. For many of my constituents, extending the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance makes the difference in keeping up with the latest developments in technology. This is particularly important for a company such as Hewlett Packard that is committed to keeping pace with an ever changing world.

I commend my colleagues for supporting the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996. This legislation will further enable our economy to grow and prosper.

## TRIBUTE TO SEYMOUR H. KNOX III

### HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Seymour H. Knox III.

Throughout his life, Seymour Knox tirelessly dedicated himself to the enhancement of our western New York community. He was prominent in both Buffalo business and society through his involvement with the Buffalo Sabres National Hockey League franchise, the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, which governs the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Kidder Peabody & Co., and the Crossroads Arena Corp.

Seymour Knox earned his undergraduate degree in sociology at Yale University in 1949, and attended graduate school at Columbia University, concentrating on accounting and banking. Mr. Knox honorably served the United States of America during World War II, where he received an Army commendation ribbon in recognition of outstanding performance of duty.

In 1969, Seymour Knox, along with his brother, Northrup, acquired a National Hockey League franchise which established our Buffalo Sabres. His passion for hockey, commitment to western New York, and genuine concern for its community is best evidenced by the Marine Midland Arena, a project which will undoubtedly serve as his legacy, and will help ensure Buffalo will always have its beloved Sabres.

For his efforts on behalf of Buffalo and professional hockey, Seymour Knox was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1993, and in an emotional tribute this past March, was inducted into the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame.

On May 22, 1996, the Buffalo community lost one of its greatest men. A man whose dedicated and charitable community service, hard work, commitment to Buffalo's development, personal strength, and vibrant love of life serve as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the city of Buffalo, and indeed, our entire western New York community, to honor Mr. Seymour H. Knox III, who is survived by his wife, Jean; his brother, Northrup; his children, Seymour H. Knox IV, W.A. Read Knox, Avery F. Knox, and Helen K. Keilholtz; and his five grandchildren for his dedicated service to our western New York community. To that end, I would like to convey to the Knox family my deepest sympathies, and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in a moment of silence.

## SALUTING AIR FORCE LT. PAUL ''JAY'' SMITH FOR SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

### HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 30, 1996*

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, all Americans were shocked and deeply saddened when they learned of the crash of Valujet flight 592 in Florida on May 11, a crash that took the lives of 110 persons. I want to take a moment to salute one of those victims, an extraordinary young man, Air Force Lt. Paul ''Jay'' Smith of Montgomery, AL.

When he lost his life, Lieutenant Smith was returning to Montgomery from Miami, where he had traveled to participate in ceremonies commissioning a fraternity brother and former ROTC colleague as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Lieutenant Smith was not a constituent, but he was a remarkable young man who served his country with distinction as a computer specialist with the U.S. Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. While his parents, Susan and Lt. Col. (ret.) Paul Smith, and his sister, Laurie, mourn Jay's passing, and while all of us in this Chamber share their grief, let each of us remember Jay's enthusiasm for life, his dedication to his country, and the love he showed his family—and let each of us determine to bring those same qualities into our own lives.

A member of my staff who has known the Smith family for 40 years shared with me a letter that Jay wrote to his parents 2 years ago shortly after spending spring break with them.

> I pray every night that God will continue to be as generous as he has been with our family. I think back on my life and realize that I have been extremely fortunate. Who could ask for anything more than great parents [and] a great sister,

Jay wrote.

> There's never really much to write about that I don't already tell you about by phone, but I just wanted to take the time out for a family that has provided me with unconditional love. I love you very much. Making you happy is one of the most important parts of my life. . . .

That was the kind of young man that Jay Smith was—concerned more for others than for himself, and deeply grateful to his family for the opportunities they helped to provide him. But in the end, it was Jay's own hard work, dedication to duty, and commitment to excellence that made possible in his brief, but highly successful, career in the U.S. Air Force. A citation accompanying the posthumous presentation to Jay of the Air Force Commendation Medal mentions some of the qualities that so many other admired in him.

That citation reads in part,

> The outstanding professional skill, leadership and ceaseless efforts of Lieutenant Smith resulted in major contributions to the effectiveness and success of the Standard System Group's efforts. . . . He effectively accomplished the work of five individuals and accelerated work output to accommodate the heightened operational pace in support of the United States Peacekeeping Forces in Bosnia. Lieutenant Smith's ability to produce extraordinary results even during periods of uneven workloads, irregular hours, and an aggressive schedule, allowed the program to complete numerous complex and time-consuming taskings error-free in record time.

I understand that nothing I say here will fully ease the Smith family's grief, or the pain that Jay's many friends and Air Force colleagues feel. I understand, too, that nothing I say will do justice to this remarkably dedicated young man who dreamed of following in his father's footsteps as a career officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Regrettably, I can only state the obvious: that Lt. Paul ''Jay'' Smith is the kind of young man on whom our Nation's future depends, and on whom our Nation's freedom and security has always depended. In his all too brief