Less than a year ago, the Cox Committee reported that China stole classified information regarding advanced American thermonuclear weapons.

Additionally, Beijing has exported weapons of mass destruction to Iran and north Korea, in violation of treaty commitments. Finally, China's record of human rights abuses is well documented.

A recent Harris Poll revealed that fully 79% of the American people oppose giving China permanent access to U.S. markets until China meets human rights and labor standards. On this issue, Congress should respect the wisdom of the American people. Now is not the time to grant Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China.

Sincerely,

JAYSON L. SPIEGEL,
Executive Director.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. HULSHOF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HULSHOF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. METCALF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. METCALF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE SHACKELFORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague, one of the most outstanding transportation leaders in the Nation, Wayne Shackelford, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Shackelford is retiring from the Georgia DOT in June, though he is a man of much energy and many talents who clearly will not retire from his involvement with the transportation community.

Wayne Shackelford has served as Commissioner of the Georgia DOT since 1991. During this time, he has guided the State, the region and the Nation through a decade which has experienced immense growth with massive demands on transportation and infrastructure requiring new and innovative solutions. Commissioner Shackelford met the challenges head-on. He is a man who chose to personally be involved in developing solutions for congestion and gridlock and exploring transportation alternatives.

Under the leadership of Commissioner Shackelford, Georgia has repeatedly been cited as having one of the most outstanding highway systems in the Nation. And as the State experienced explosive growth, the Commissioner worked to develop plans for commuter rail, light rail, increased intercity rail and improved bus service. With Georgia being one of the first States to have construction plans halted due to nonconformity with the Clean Air Act, Commissioner Shackelford worked with Federal, State and local officials to determine how best to meet both transportation and environmental demands.

As if these challenges were not enough, during his tenure the Centennial Olympic Games were held in Atlanta and under Commissioner Shackelford's leadership, the most comprehensive traffic and incident management system in the world was developed for the event.

Commissioner Shackelford also has been a leader in aviation. Well before Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport became the busiest airport in the world, he was an outspoken and vigorous supporter of the airport, recognizing its contribution to jobs and the economy of the State and entire Southeast. He has been an active supporter of general aviation and regional airport development and was involved in the development and implementation of the 1998 governors regional airport enhancement program to bolster small airports across the State of Georgia.

From Georgia to the Nation's capital and all across the country, Wayne Shackelford's involvement in transportation activities has earned him the admiration and respect of transportation officials at every level. Georgians were proud that one of their own was selected as President of the prestigious American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Heading this national association, whose membership is composed of highway and transportation officials from each State, Commissioner Shackelford worked closely with his peers and colleagues, administration officials and Members of Congress to shape transportation policies for the 21st century, benefiting all States and particularly Georgia.

He also served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, perhaps the foremost national organization involved in transportation research, renowned for its professional and balanced approach to the issues. Commissioner Shackelford also served as National President of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials as well as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

As one can imagine, Commissioner Shackelford has also received innumerable citations and awards for his contributions to the transportation arena through the years. The record is clear that Commissioner Shackelford is one of the most outstanding officials in his field. However, it is the person of Wayne Shackelford that causes so many of us to hold him in such high esteem. He has always taken the time to listen and to answer. Though we have served in opposite political parties, he has always done everything possible he could to help.

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He is known for a forceful voice that booms above most others, yet his attitude is just the opposite. He is known for treating others with the highest respect and regard. He has reached out to those representing every viewpoint, to bring about cooperation and coordination in the best interests of the citizens of Georgia and beyond.

So, Mr. Speaker, today it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Wayne Shackelford, for the outstanding job that he has done, and for the awards, the citations and the offices which he has held. But, Mr. Speaker, more importantly, I pay tribute not to just his professionalism, but to Wayne Shackelford, the person. I am proud to have worked with him on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and I am proud to consider him a friend.

SHOW OF FORCE WAS NOT NECESSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago on this floor I mentioned that most polls showed that the people thought that Elian Gonzalez should be

returned to his father. As a father, I could understand those feelings. I had very mixed emotions about that case.

But I said that regardless of how people thought the custody should be handled, all Americans should have been shocked and saddened by the way the excessive gestapo-like way the Justice Department handled that predawn raid at the home in Miami. I quoted Lawrence Tribe and Alan Dershowitz, two very liberal Harvard professors, who said that the way this was handled with the Justice Department taking the law into their own hands should be considered a real danger to the freedom of all Americans.

In the May 10 edition of the Conservative Chronicle, there is a column reprinted by Charley Reese, the nationally syndicated columnist, who last year was voted by C-SPAN viewers as their favorite or most popular nationally syndicated columnist. I would like to read most of the column that he wrote concerning this, because it expresses a lot of views that I think need to be expressed and people need to think about.

Mr. Reese wrote this: ''The comic book raid on Elian Gonzalez's Miami family is a new low, even for the Federal Government. Pointing machine guns and screaming obscenities seem to be standard operating procedure for Federal law enforcement officers, even when the only people to scream at and point guns at are unarmed Christian men and women and small children.

''The truth is that two unarmed female officers could have gone to that home during any normal hour and removed Elian Gonzalez without any danger to the child, to themselves or to bystanders. That Miami family has never once said it would resist. It has always tried to follow the law, which I should point out is not the same as Attorney General Janet Reno's whim. Instead, the feds chose to act as if they were raiding the hideout of Colombian drug dealers.

''The U.S. action was disgraceful. You don't transfer children at gunpoint. And I, for one American,'' Mr. Reese continues, ''I, for one American, am getting tired of Federal cops screaming profanity, pointing guns, and shoving around people who have not been convicted of any crime. This is not how a free society operates. It is how dictatorships and authoritarian governments act.

''The real message of this raid is how estranged the Federal Government is from the American people. The government apparently fears the people, and people who are feared are soon hated. The Federal Government has increasingly acted as if it has merely to speak, and all of us must lock heels and shout 'Sieg Heil.' Horse manure.

''Sovereignty in this country resides with the people. The government is our servant, not our master. The American people had better pull their heads out of that place where they cannot see and reassert their sovereignty before it is too late. There aren't any trends in Washington moving toward respect for the law and liberty. The trends are moving toward arbitrary and authoritarian government.''

Mr. Reese continues in this great column and says this:

''Reno's poor decision-making notwithstanding, the issue of custody is not as clear-cut as she makes it out to be. One of the points to be settled by the Appeals Court is can someone else speak for a child when the child's interest and that of the parent is in conflict?

''The heel-clickers are now pointing to pictures of Elian as if that proves their point. It doesn't. Nobody in Miami has tried to estrange Elian from his father. Their concern all along has been to keep Elian from being forcibly returned to Cuba without having his day in court, which Reno tried to deny him.

''It is the boy's father who has refused to go to Miami, refused to meet with the boy and family at any neutral site. Whether that is his decision or his instructions from the Cuban or American or both governments, I don't know. But I do know that nobody in Miami ever suggested that Elian would not be happy to see his father. They had talked several times on the telephone while Elian was in Miami.

''Once more the Clinton administration has shown its contempt for the law and contempt for the American people, especially conservative Americans. It has, from day one, taken exactly the same position as the communist dictator Fidel Castro. Those who think that Castro really cares about Elian should ask the old greybeard why he ordered his goons to drown more than a dozen children and their parents when they tried to escape Cuba in 1994.

''This administration has slapped in the face and insulted one of the finest groups of Americans within the United States, the Cuban exile community.''

I commend this column by Mr. Reese. I will place it in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I say again that we should be very concerned when the Justice Department takes its law into its own hands and ignores very strong criticism from Federal courts of appeal.

Mr. Speaker, I include the article for the RECORD.

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(By Charley Reese)

MAY 1.—I had thought that there was nothing Bill Clinton could do that would make me think less of him than I already do. That was a mistake on my part.

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This administration has slapped in the face and insulted one of the finest group of Americans within the United States, the Cuban exile community. I expect that a lot of Florida Democrats will regret that in November.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. MINGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MINGE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)