

UNHRC has ordered more reports and held more special sessions on Israel than another country in the world. The Council has also passed more resolutions against Israel than for all 191 other U.N. members combined and Israel is the only country that is a permanent agenda item at Council meetings.

Those who seek to elevate the Goldstone Report recommendations are advancing a campaign to demonize Israel's soldiers, denounce its democratic institutions, and undermine efforts to move the peace process forward. They feed into a disturbing new wave of anti-Israel discrimination including Arab League efforts to invigorate the Arab boycott against Israel and a recent Bahraini parliament vote to make it illegal for the Kingdom's citizens to have contact with Israelis.

Some opponents of this resolution have suggested that its motivation is to bury the incidents and allegations recorded in the report. This assessment is grossly wrong. Israel is already investigating and prosecuting reported incidents in Gaza and the United States has encouraged the government to expand and intensify its efforts. The integrity of the Israeli military and the Israeli judicial system requires that all credible allegations are thoroughly examined.

What is buried by the Goldstone Report is the suffering Palestinians in Gaza experience every day as hostages to an extremist terror campaign fought by Hamas and fueled by Iran. What is largely ignored is the deliberate efforts of Hamas to launch attacks from civilian areas and the extraordinary efforts Israel took to avoid civilian casualties.

Others have suggested that Israel's cooperation with the "fact finding mission" could have avoided its biased outcome. The reality is that the mission was fated by a sweeping mandate, the inclusion of a judge with admitted prejudice against Israel, and reliance on testimony by individuals largely chosen and at times intimidated by Hamas officials.

As a result, the report calls for the International Criminal Court to consider charges against Israeli military leaders and politicians and supports universal jurisdiction for countries to bring charges against Israeli soldiers and diplomats wherever they travel. Yet, Hamas leaders and the terrorist state sponsors who sparked the Gaza conflict with thousands of rockets face no sanction at all.

While President Obama works to achieve a breakthrough in the peace process, continued action on the Goldstone Report only pushes the parties farther apart. As Israel begins to implement unprecedented policies to constrain future settlement growth, the virulent atmosphere generated by the Goldstone Report can only serve to poison hope for progress.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote for H. Res. 867. I commend the Obama administration for its continued work to oppose any endorsement or further consideration of the report and its recommendations.

HONORING SARAH GRAHAM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sarah Graham, a very

special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sarah's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Sarah on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sarah's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sarah should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sarah will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sarah Graham for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

HISTORY OF EASTERN AIRLINES

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the history of the former Eastern Airlines and its loyal employees. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Aviation, this matter is of particular importance to me. I recently met with one of my constituents; Mr. Robert G. Fuhrman of Fayetteville, Georgia, who is a former Eastern pilot; Bob recounted the history of the company and its employees' fight to maintain its reputation for leadership in the airline industry. Additionally, Bob presented me with a copy of his manuscript as well as a number of correspondences to elected officials detailing his experiences, both good and bad, at Eastern Airlines. I have brought these experiences and documents to the attention of the House Aviation Subcommittee so that the Members of the Subcommittee would be aware of the history of Eastern Airlines as well as fulfill my constituent's First Amendment right as outlined in our U.S. Constitution to petition his government for a redress of grievances.

I would like to recount some of the history of Eastern Airlines which had such a profound impact on my home state of Georgia as a hub at Hartsfield—Jackson, Atlanta International Airport.

Eastern Air Transport first emerged on the heels of the Great Depression, operating primarily as an airmail carrier. As air travel grew during the 1950s and 60s, Eastern proved to be a leader in both aviation technology and industry practices. It was the first airline to turn a profit from commercial transportation and the first to successfully implement a shuttle service.

Along with its reputation for excellence in flight, Eastern became respected for its civic and philanthropic contributions. Eddie Rickenbacker, the company's founder and World War I flying ace, oversaw Eastern's participation in U.S. war efforts. In World War II, Eastern

served the United States Military by establishing military support flights connecting Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This project eventually led to the creation of the airline's own Military Transport Division. The families of Eastern airlines shared both the drive for success and sense of responsibility its early founder established. Between 1985 and 1986, employees and their families sponsored three "mercy flights" to Ethiopia and the Sudan.

Despite the company's early success and innovation, Eastern began to experience financial difficulty. After years of losses, a series of labor disagreements, and the slow accumulation of debt, Eastern filed for bankruptcy in March of 1989. However, the strategic move was not enough to salvage the company, as it was unable to keep up with the expanding market and the demand for cheaper fares. Eastern Airlines finally closed its doors in 1991. While the airline is no longer in operation, the advances its management and employees contributed to the industry are still used by major carriers today. It is of great importance to me that Eastern Airlines and its employees such as my constituent Robert Fuhrman are remembered by the U.S. Congress in a positive light for their contributions to air travel.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest, continuously published African American owned newspaper in the nation. For 125 years the Tribune has chronicled the African American story while also being an important part of that story.

The Tribune was founded in 1884 by Christopher Perry, only 19 years after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Perry, born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1856, moved to Philadelphia at the age of 17, intent on starting a newspaper. He said, "For my people to make progress, they must have a newspaper through which they can speak against injustice."

Perry published the first edition of the Tribune Weekly when he was 28. This one-page, one-man operation newspaper debuted the same year African American inventor Lewis Lattimer began working for Thomas Edison, Booker T. Washington founded the Tuskegee Institute, and Harriet Tubman was still alive. After Perry died in 1921, the leadership of the newspaper passed to his son-in-law, E. Washington Rhodes.

From 1922 to 1970, Mr. Rhodes was at the helm of the newspaper as publisher. Appointed by President Calvin Coolidge, Mr. Rhodes served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District, the first African American to do so. Additionally, Mr. Rhodes served as president of the National Bar Association, was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1938, and was president of the National Publishers Association (NNPA), a national trade organization of African American owned newspapers.

Committed to the newspaper's mission, the Tribune has been led over the past decades

by Eustace Gay, John Saunders, Alfred Morris and Waverly Easley. Today under the leadership of Chairman Walter Livingston, Jr. and President/CEO Robert Bogle, the Tribune newspaper continues to expand and has been the recipient of numerous national awards including the NNPA's John B. Russwurm Award for "Best Newspaper in America" Award and the A. Phillip Randolph "Messenger Award."

President Bogle stresses that after 125 years the mission of the Philadelphia Tribune has not wavered. "For 125 years the Tribune has been the voice of those who would have been voiceless." For that reason, Madame Speaker, I salute the proud history, advocacy, and courage of the Philadelphia Tribune. The Tribune is an historic trailblazer whose light continues to lead on the path to justice and equality for the voiceless, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them.

HONORING WILLIAM W. CHAPMAN
II UPON BEING NAMED AN HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired National Guard Command Sergeant Major William W. Chapman II of Willington, Connecticut. I rise to recognize his being named an Honorary Grand Marshal, one of the most prestigious salutes to a veteran in the United States.

Sergeant Major Chapman has served over 35 years in the Marine Corps, Army Reserve, and Connecticut Army National Guard. He joined the military at age 17 because he felt the need to serve his country. During the Vietnam War, Chapman served as a Marine in Japan, the Philippines, and Taiwan. He was deployed after 9/11 as part of Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom serving for some of this time in Tikrit, Iraq. He recently retired from the Connecticut Army National Guard, and is the recipient of a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Meritorious Service Medal, and three Army Commendation Medals. He was named Connecticut Army National Guard Honor Soldier of the year in May 2008. Chapman is a former Captain and trainer with the Connecticut Department of Correction, DOC, having retired after two decades of civilian service in 2002. He is also a member of the DOC Military Peer Support Program, which assists employees and their families during deployments.

Chapman will be featured in the 10th annual Connecticut Veterans Day Parade in Hartford on November 8. Over 4,000 people will march that afternoon near the Connecticut State Capitol to honor our nation's servicemen and women.

Chapman's dedication and sacrifices as a U.S. soldier and public servant will be remembered for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut in thanking Sergeant Major Chapman for his distinguished service to our country and wishing him the best in his new endeavors.

HONORING SIDNEY SHIELDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sidney Shields, a very special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sidney's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Sidney on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sidney's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sidney should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sidney will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sidney Shields for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST TAWAS LIONS CLUB

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lions Club of East Tawas, Michigan as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in the community. Throughout its history, the Lions Club has worked with city, county and State government to improve the lives of residents in East Tawas and its surrounding areas.

Chartered May 1959, the East Tawas Lions Club has undertaken efforts from day one to support sight projects locally and beyond. Each year, the group takes to the streets for the annual White Cane Drive fundraiser to benefit blind and sight-impaired individuals, as well as organizations that provide for the various needs of the blind and sight-impaired. The Club has also participated in joint state projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank for the past 50 years.

The East Tawas Lions Club has worked to improve the health and well-being of the community by building and installing wheelchair ramps for those in need. The Club has also helped to provide hearing aids to individuals with financial difficulties.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Club invests in East Tawas youth, providing scholarships to help graduating seniors attend college. The Club has also helped raise money to build dugouts for local baseball diamonds and for construction of the Dewey Durant Park pavilion.

The East Tawas Lions Club promotes community spirit, and has hosted a wide range of

events throughout the years, including golf tournaments, softball tournaments, cross-country races and winter ski races on the Corsair Trails. This year, the Club served smoked whitefish and beef jerky—two staple foods of northern Michigan—at the community's winter festival.

Madam Speaker, the East Tawas Lions Club has been a leader in community and humanitarian service since 1959. It has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources to those in need by embodying the Lions motto: We Serve! I ask Madam Speaker, that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in thanking the members of the East Tawas Lions Club for their generous service and recognizing the Club on its 50th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF CLIFFORD A.
SCHULMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor South Florida philanthropist, business leader and prominent attorney, Cliff Schulman.

Mr. Schulman has 37 years of wide-ranging legal experience in the environmental and land use field from both the government and private sectors.

He is well known for his involvement in the community and commitment to charitable causes. He is Chairman of the Board of the Aventura Marketing Council and serves on the Boards of the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and the Anchors Away Foundation, a program that provides specially designed sailboats for use by mentally and physically challenged children in the Miami-Dade public school system. He is also a member of the United Way of Miami-Dade Alexis de Tocqueville Society and a founder of Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

In 2004, Mr. Schulman received the Anti-Defamation League's "Torch of Freedom" award and was recently named "Impact Legal Leader" by South Florida Business Leader Magazine, a distinction for individuals who have contributed significantly to their industry, as well as active participants in civic or philanthropic groups in the community.

This month, the South Florida Shomrim Society Jewish Fraternal Order of Law Enforcement Officers is honoring him as "Person of the Year". This distinction is presented to Mr. Schulman for supporting the welfare of the local community and improving the public image of all persons engaged in public safety.

He is listed in Legal 500 US, Best Lawyers in America and Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite." Additionally, Mr. Schulman serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami Law School's Masters Program.

I am proud to have Mr. Schulman as a constituent and honor his distinguished career and leadership in the South Florida community.