

Congress intended. In fact, it often appears that there is an anti-Christian bias at the State Department. For years the department refused to recognize that Iraqi Christians were being targeted, insisting instead that they were simply victims of generalized violence. In light of these realities, church leaders in the West, especially the leadership of affected communities (Copts, Chaldeans, Assyrians etc.), should consider partnering with other churches in the U.S. in establishing a relief fund to benefit beleaguered Christians in the Middle East.

Champion Human Rights.—Every U.S. government official, from the President, to the Secretary of State, to the young foreign service officer serving in Cairo or Beirut, must champion the cause of human rights, including religious freedom, in their interactions with foreign government officials and civil society actors. Not simply paying lip-service to these foundational American principles but seeing that they are fully integrated into U.S. foreign policy at every turn. In a 1987 Constitution Day speech, President Ronald Reagan described the United States Constitution as “a covenant we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind.” We have an obligation to keep that covenant with the fearful Coptic Christian and the displaced Syrian refugee. My conversations abroad revealed that the covenant is in jeopardy.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I would like to thank the federal employees—embassy personnel, foreign service officers, Diplomatic Security Officers, FBI, and other government agencies—serving in Lebanon and Egypt. They are extraordinarily dedicated and extremely professional. In Lebanon, the ambassador and embassy staff live in an extremely challenging security environment. Their movement is seriously restricted. In Egypt, too, there are also very real security concerns for U.S. embassy personnel. Protesters scaled the walls of the compound on September 11, 2012 and pulled down the American flag, mere hours before the Benghazi consulate attack. We owe these employees of the U.S. government and their families a debt of gratitude.

Specifically, in Lebanon, I was grateful for Ambassador Connelly’s hospitality and for the work of my control officer, Caitlin Spicer, and the embassy’s political and economic section chief, Danielle Garbe. All went to great lengths to ensure that our trip was a success and that our time was filled with insightful meetings.

In Egypt, I appreciate Ambassador Patterson and her team’s efforts to see that our relatively brief visit was productive. I especially want to thank my control officer Peter Shea (who also assisted with my earlier visit to Egypt). His dedication to human rights and religious freedom is evident and appreciated.

I also would like to thank Speaker JOHN BOEHNER and House Appropriations Committee Chairman HAL ROGERS for approving this trip.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff, particularly Elyse Anderson, my foreign policy director, and Dan Scandling, my chief of staff, who accompanied me on the trip.

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA “PAT”
DERBY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia “Pat” Derby, a world-renowned advocate, champion of animal rights, and a dear friend.

Patricia Bysse Shelly was born June 7, 1942, in East Sussex, England, the second of two children born to Charles Boswell Shelley, a Cambridge University professor, and Mary, a homemaker. Pat’s father died when she was 12, and at the age of 15 she immigrated by herself to New York City to pursue her dream of theatre and ballet. She enrolled at New York’s Columbia University but later dropped out to pursue her Hollywood dreams in California.

While living in San Francisco, she met future husband and animal trainer Ted Derby and began working with him as a team, training animals for television and movies. Throughout the 1960’s and 70’s, Pat trained many exotic animals for Hollywood TV shows like “Flipper,” “Lassie,” and “Gunsmoke.”

However, after many years of witnessing widespread abuse of exotic and performing animals, Pat quit the business and quickly became one of the most vocal critics of animal abuse in Hollywood.

In 1975, Pat wrote her best-selling book, “The Lady and Her Tiger,” which documented her time working with animals in the entertainment industry and brought to light the negative aspects of the industry’s practices, which invariably made her an enemy of many Hollywood elite.

In 1984, Mrs. Derby and her lifetime associate, Ed Stewart, founded the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). Her hope was that this organization would serve to advocate for, and protect, the animals we see on a daily basis in TV shows and movies.

Pat’s first, and most important, mission was always to educate others regarding animal rights and how organizations should approach caring for captive wild animals.

Pat also worked closely with government agencies, and kept her USDA and California Fish and Game permits up-to-date as there were few facilities to aid animals when she first started. These permits were initially used to start a sanctuary that has since grown from 30 acres to 2,300 acres in Galt, California which has housed everything from lions and wolves to a sick baby Elephant. Each of which lived out the entirety of its life in full health on Pat’s sanctuary.

Pat’s long time associate Ed Stewart wrote that when some people die they are unduly given “hero” status, and yet that is not Pat. She was a true hero in the animals rights world whose sole crusade was aimed at helping animals that could not protect or advocate for themselves. Pat realized that even wild animals need someone to look out for them, and she dedicated her life to that belief.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia “Pat” Derby for her lifetime commitment to protecting the welfare of performing animals.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH OLSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Keith Olson for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

At 29 years old, Keith Olson is one of Iowa’s premier commercial brokers, utilizing his talents as a commercial associate at NAI Ruhl and Ruhl Commercial Company. Mr. Olson’s impact on the Des Moines area has been undeniable after being named Downtown Community Alliances’s downtown broker of the year on two separate occasions, as well as being named a Dave Ramsey Commercial Real Estate endorsed local provider. Outside of real estate, Keith is active in his church, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa, March of Dimes, and Young Variety, just to name a few. In all facets of his life, Keith is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Keith in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Olson for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Keith on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO SUNSET BEACH,
NORTH CAROLINA

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Sunset Beach, North Carolina as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding.

After Hurricane Hazel struck Southeastern North Carolina in 1955, only a small area called Bald Beach remained unscathed. Mannon C. Gore purchased the small island of Bald Beach and a 500-acre section of the mainland across from the Intracoastal Waterway. In the following years, Mr. Gore built a pontoon swing bridge, a one-of-a-kind bridge that served the town until November, 2010. These areas established the foundation for the future Town of Sunset Beach.

On March 26, 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified the incorporation of