

But maybe not. Iron laws govern politics, but not the iron laws of physics. The Republicans think they've got the character issue cold, and maybe they do, but in a street fight and a presidential campaign raw courage can count for more than character.

The wizard, trembling behind the curtain, understood that. So did a little girl from Kansas.

IN SEARCH OF A CHINA POLICY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member heartily commends the distinguished senior Senator from Kansas, Senator ROBERT DOLE, for his first-rate analysis of the failures of the Clinton administration in Asia and the Pacific. The Senator's speech yesterday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC, however, went beyond criticism and outlined key policy principles that would drive the policy and actions of a Dole administration in this strategic and dynamic region of the world. This Member, for one, would welcome the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific working with a Dole White House guided by the principles enunciated yesterday in the Senate majority leader's speech. This Member shares the concerns expressed by Senator DOLE that the "weak leadership, vacillation and inconsistency" of the Clinton White House have brought American credibility in Asia to new lows and resulted in challenges to American interests with impunity.

On the Korean Peninsula, we must put the interests of our allies first. We must hold North Korea to its long-standing commitment for North-South talks. We must work with our allies in Seoul, Tokyo, and elsewhere to formulate a coordinated response to security challenges from Pyongyang—yes, challenges—without allowing ourselves to be so focused on the nuclear issue that the conventional threat and proliferation threats presented by the North are ignored.

This Member's greatest frustration, however, is with American policy toward China. Senator DOLE said it right when he commented that "extending MFN is not, in itself, a China policy." The President needs to articulate a coherent strategy for dealing with the many challenges—as well as opportunities—presented by China and then engage with the American people and the Congress to explain how MFN fits into that strategy. We in the majority need to warn the White House that they cannot continue to hide behind us on controversial trade issues, as they did on NAFTA and WTO, to ensure that Congress does the right thing. It is time for President Clinton to make the case, to invest the time and energy necessary to convince the American people that China must be engaged, not isolated, and to take the political heat from implementing this policy.

SPECIALIST PETER NARTIA, SOLDIER OF THE YEAR, U.S. ARMY, PACIFIC COMMAND

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the sons and daughters of Guam in military service have distinguished themselves for more than a hundred years. A Spanish military Governor of Guam in the 19th century wrote fervently of the gallantry and dedication of the natives of Guam in service to the Spanish Navy. In this century, many American naval governors and military officers have sung the praises of Guamanian men and women in the armed services. We, in Guam, are proud of the fine record of accomplishments established by a long line of military men and women from our island.

Today I'd like to add another name to the list. Specialist Peter Nartia, of the Guam Army National Guard, was recently named the U.S. Army Pacific Command Soldier of the Year. Specialist Nartia is the first Guam Guardsman to win the reserve component competition, which was held at Fort Shafter, HI, earlier this month. Specialist Nartia joined the Guam Army National Guard in July, 1991 and is currently a vehicle dispatcher. In his civilian role, Specialist Nartia works as a storekeeper in the Guam Department of Education Supply Office. He is a 1986 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School.

Specialist Nartia will come here, to the Nation's capital, to represent the Army Pacific Command in the All-Army Command competition next month. I look forward to welcoming him and to wishing him good luck. Whatever the outcome of the competition, Specialist Nartia already has brought honor to the Guam Army National Guard and to the people of Guam.

That all may know of his contribution to the good name of Guam, I herewith enter the name of Specialist Peter P. Nartia, Soldier of the Year of the U.S. Army Pacific Command, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

NICHOLAS EBINGER, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Nicholas Ebinger, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Nicholas is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Nicholas Ebinger is an exceptional student at Jackson High School and possesses an im-

pressive high school record. Nicholas was the captain of the quizbusters team, and participated in Model United Nations. He was co-editor-in-chief of the yearbook and the youngest student ever accepted by Jackson Community College. Nicholas also excelled academically as the most valuable player on the undefeated conference championship academic team.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Nicholas Ebinger for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING TRENT EDWARDS

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 1995, Victoria A. Olivarez was in a terrible accident that left her extended through the windshield of her van. As the van became engulfed in flames, a man named Trent Edwards stopped to help. Trent is from Pleasanton, CA, a lovely community in my district. He is a retired technical school employee.

With utter disregard for his personal safety, Trent attempted to drag Ms. Olivarez through her windshield. Joined by another man, Trent was ultimately successful in bringing Ms. Olivarez to safety. Although taken to the hospital, she tragically died several hours later while being treated for her injuries.

Trent Edwards was hospitalized, as well. He suffered first- and second-degree burns to his face, head, and arms from the scorching heat of the burning van. One thing I failed to mention earlier: Trent Edwards is 80 years old.

For his remarkable act, Trent has been awarded a Carnegie Medal for Extraordinary Heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission of Pittsburgh, PA. Accompanying this award was a \$2,500 grant and the recognition due an act of undaunted courage.

In my term as a public servant, I have seldom come across any American more richly deserving of the thanks of our country than Trent Edwards. His bravery and decency are an example for all of us. I am honored to bring him to the attention of my colleagues in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and am proud to count him as a constituent and fellow citizen of our great country.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, this week has been designated National Nurses Week. As Congress faces several important items affecting health delivery in the United States, it is a good time to reflect on the importance of nurses to our health care system.