

Cambodian genocide in the 1970s is still remembered," he noted. "The only people who resisted exposure of these brutal events were the people who were involved," he said. "The resistance of the Akali government to exposure of the genocide against the Sikh Nation on the flimsy excuse that it would reopen old wounds raises the question of whether they are hiding their own culpability."

RECOGNITION OF SAN
BERNARDINO COUNTY SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY COALITION PART-
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HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of the teachers, staff and partners involved in the San Bernardino County Schools Community Coalition projects. It is all too infrequent that we take the opportunity to acknowledge and commend those who help improve the lives of our students.

Those who have spent the past several years in Community Coalition projects have contributed a great deal to our community and to the futures of our children. County students benefit from excellent programs in the areas of early literacy, technology, school safety, and career preparation.

It is an honor and privilege for me to recognize the following Community Coalition partners, and to thank them for their dedication and commitment to the children of San Bernardino County. They serve as an example for us all.

Early Literacy: Diane Harlan, Adelanto School District; Celeste Danjou, Apple Valley Unified; Dawn Fletcher, Apple Valley Unified; Sue Rhoades, Apple Valley Unified; Mary Gee, Barstow Unified; Terry Rogers, Barstow Unified; Audrey Howard, Bear Valley Unified; Tina Pelletier, Bear Valley Unified; Donna Libutti, Central School District; Luanne Rhodes, Central School District; Patty DiPaolo, Chino Unified; Audrey Folden, Chino Unified; Helen Rockett, Chino Unified; Hester Turpin, Colton Joint Unified; Ava Gonick, Cucamonga School District; Susan Birrell, Hesperia Unified; Vickie Holman, Hesperia Unified; Aleen Massey, Hesperia Unified; Liz Fragua, Lucerne Valley Unified; Cathy Richardson, Morongo Unified; Joan Carey, Ontario-Montclair School District; Sue Cornell, Ontario-Montclair School District; Lynne Merryfield, Ontario-Montclair School District; Arlene Mistretta, Ontario-Montclair School District; Janie Pierson, Ontario-Montclair School District; Darwin Ruhle, Ontario-Montclair School District; Iris Tramp, Ontario-Montclair School District; Denise Cates, Darnell-Redlands Unified; Caroleen Cosand, Redlands Unified; Jean Fenn, Rim of the World Unified; Carol Besser, San Bernardino City Unified; Londa Carter, San Bernardino City Unified; Denise Dugger, Snowline Joint Unified; Cynthia Freymueller, Snowline Joint Unified; Rachael Emery, Upland Unified; Judy Lowrie, Upland Unified; Marge Ruffalo, Upland Unified; Laura Chapman, Victor Elementary School District; Luis labrra, Victor Elementary School District; Chris Richards, Victor Elementary School District; and Melody Davidsmeier, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified.

Technology: Jim Roller, Apple Valley Unified; Steve Bailey, Barstow Unified; Cindy Robinson, China Unified; Ruthetta Brandt, Fontana Unified; Leandra Pearson, Hesperia Unified; Kathy Gilbert, Ontario-Montclair School District; Jim Evans, Redlands Unified; Noelle Kreider, Rialto Unified; Alexis Carlson, San Bernardino City Unified; John Patten, San Bernardino City Unified; Bob Watson, San Bernardino City Unified; and Linda Jungwirth, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified.

Focus on the Future: Judith Pratt, Chaffey Joint Union High School District; Michele Beutler, Fontana Unified; Dr. Bill Clark, Fontana Unified; Carrie Childress, Hesperia Unified; Jeff Drozd, Morongo Unified; Patricia Merriam, Morongo Unified; Skip Brown, Redlands Unified; Laura Brundige, Redlands Unified; Jerry Bennett, San Bernardino City Unified; Geri Kubanek, York-San Bernardino City Unified; Jere Lloyd, San Bernardino City Unified; Leslie Rodden, San Bernardino City Unified; and Pam Stockard, San Bernardino City Unified.

School Safety: Norma Ashworth, Apple Valley Unified; Robert Martinez, Chaffey Joint Union High School District; David Mann, Colton Joint Unified; Beth Henry, Fontana Unified; Sally Foster, Hesperia Unified; Marc Divine, Redlands Unified; Cathy Magana, San Bernardino City Unified; Tim Kelleghan, San Bernardino City Unified; Tina Maeda, San Bernardino City Unified; and Jimmie Jimenez, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified.

Community Coalition Verbal Judo Instructors: Richard Laabs, Redlands Unified; Michael Vance, San Bernardino County Schools; Debbie Fairfax, Upland Unified; and Joe Kaempher, Victor Valley Union High School District.

CELEBRATING LISA KAPLAN'S
BAT MITZVAH

HON. ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send a special congratulations to Lisa Kaplan, who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Friday, May 8. The ceremony marks a culmination of religious study and community work that is a point of pride for her parents, James and Allin, as well as the many friends of the Kaplan family.

Lisa is an outstanding young woman with a very bright future ahead. Lisa attends Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lake Forest, Illinois. She's involved in many varied activities including student council, performing trumpet in the band, and playing on the baseball team. Lisa has distinguished herself academically by making the honor roll and being named to the National Junior Honor Society. Outside of school, Lisa has committed herself to being a regular participant in her synagogue and is an active student of Jewish tradition. And in her home, Lisa has been a loving daughter to her parents and a loving sister to her siblings.

The Bat Mitzvah ceremony will be just the first step in Lisa's coming of age and the assumption of adult responsibilities. This is deservedly a proud moment for the Kaplan family, and I welcome Lisa's increased involvement in our schools, church, and community.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NA-
TIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT
ACT

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the reauthorization of the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA). On behalf of the thousands of American patients currently awaiting a lifesaving organ, the many dedicated physicians, surgeons and scientists actively engaged in the research and practice of transplantation, I ask my colleagues to support the reauthorization of NOTA.

As many of my colleagues know, two and a half years ago I underwent a successful liver transplant that saved my life and literally gave me a second chance. However, there are others that are not as fortunate as I was. Currently, there are over 58,000 people waiting for a lifesaving donor organ and an estimated eight people a day die waiting for an organ transplant. These alarming statistics translate into an increase of 255 percent over the last ten years. Although there have been many new scientific advances in the field of solid organ transplantation over the last eight years, the major obstacle continues to be that the demand for donor organs remains far less than the supply.

Given the rapid scientific advancements and increasing numbers of patients requiring organ transplants, I believe that it is imperative to re-examine and update the nation's system for organ donation and transplantation. Over the last 30 years, transplantation of solid organs has moved from experimental to accepted therapy, with over 20,000 transplants performed in 1997 alone. I am living proof that transplantation works, it saves lives and it improves the quality of people's lives. The success of this procedure has improved greatly over the last few years with almost all solid organ recipients enjoying an 83 to 97 percent survival rate at one year. However, despite improved survival rates there still remains a serious donor shortage in this country and we must do more to increase awareness as to the importance of organ donation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the reauthorization of the National Organ Transplant Act. More importantly, I would urge my colleagues to talk to their families and loved ones about organ donation and make their intentions known so that someone can receive the "gift of life."

SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF H.R.
3605, "THE PATIENTS' BILL OF
RIGHTS ACT"

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I join with Representatives JOHN DINGELL and GREG GANSKE, Leader DICK GEPHARDT, Leader TOM DASCHLE, Senator TED KENNEDY, Senator BARBARA BOXER, and the many patient and health groups, in support of H.R. 3605, the Patients' Bill of Rights Act. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Congressman DINGELL for his strong