

Concerned Members have been fighting to stop the School of the Americas from training the next generation of human rights abusers, but this bill wants to create not one but THREE new academies to train individuals in so called "drug-prevention efforts." These are nothing but human rights abuse academies.

I have seen no convincing reason to believe that a new infusion of \$2.3 billion for counter narcotics programs in Latin America will prove more successful, and less damaging, than the billions of dollars that have been spent on similar programs over the past fifteen years.

Funds for international narcotics control efforts have increased 150 percent in the last ten years. Coca cultivation is 11.7 percent higher and opium production has doubled in the past 10 years. Colombia, the largest recipient of U.S. counter-drug assistance, has received nearly one billion dollars to date. Yet over the last decade, total drug production in Colombia has risen an estimated 260 percent.

In short: drugs are a serious problem—but Congress and the Administration must pursue a more careful and intelligent policy toward Colombia—both to fight drugs, and protect the human rights and safety of the Colombian people.

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN QUOGUE?

#### HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, the storm wave broke through the dunes at several places in Quogue; at the western end; at what is now the Surf Club; and at the east end, east of the Quogue Beach Club.

As the ocean came over at the Westhampton Beach-Quogue line, it took with it the Quantuck Beach Club, five of six houses east of the club, and severely damaged the Kennedy houses. The inlet thus created was called the "Quantuck Inlet," and said to have been 400 feet wide and 20 feet deep at its deepest point. Ocean waves poured through this inlet into Quantuck Bay and the Quogue Canal, washing north nearly a mile. The flood waters tore out the Causeway between Quogue and Quogue Wildlife Refuge. As the water surged up Assop's Neck Lane, the Church of the Atonement rose up off its foundation and headed toward Quogue Street, but was held fast by a row of small trees.

The effects of the surge were felt in the southwestern part of Quogue, as flood water reached a depth of about a foot at Quogue Street and Jessup Avenue, and higher in the more westerly portion. This water subsided rather quickly, after the surge was over.

As the ocean came over at the Surf Club, the club was damaged. The Beach Lane Bridge was destroyed by a combination of flood waters and large pieces of debris, and the entire area on both sides of the canal and up Beach Lane was badly hit. Ogden's Pond overflowed, ruining the second nine holes of the Field Club golf course. The lower part of the Shinnecock Yacht Club collapsed, leaving the second story loft on the ground.

Up in the village, high wind and driving rain took down trees, utility poles and power lines. The Quogue School was used as a temporary emergency shelter for some storm victims. Quogue residents lucky enough to be on high ground, opened their homes to others.

The storm spared the dunes between the two bridges, Beach Lane Bridge and Ocean Avenue Bridge. The latter structure was not destroyed, but badly damaged. Two Quogue young men in their early twenties, Charles Lucas and Tommy Fay, were drowned while attempting some rescue work.

The far easterly end of the Dune Road suffered severe damage, with the Quogue Beach Club half washed away, and several houses east of it completely wrecked.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. TOM GOODMAN THRASHER OF HUNTSVILLE, AL

#### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a tribute to Mr. Tom Goodman Thrasher of Huntsville, Alabama, for his devotion to the advancement of our community and the well-being of our citizens.

Mr. Thrasher is the co-recipient of this year's James Record Humanitarian Award presented by the Arthritis Foundation. In his work for economic, social, and cultural development, Mr. Thrasher has indeed embodied the virtues of a humanitarian.

Born and raised in Alabama, Mr. Thrasher served our nation in the Army during the Second World War. After he returned stateside and received his discharge as a Lieutenant Colonel, he opened Thrasher Oil Company in Huntsville under a Shell Company franchise. He has been engaged in the business since its formation, with the exception of his call to active duty at Redstone Arsenal during the Korean War.

Mr. Thrasher's community involvement spans an amazing range of civic organizations and important causes. He has served as president of the Huntsville City School Board, chairman of the Industrial Development Board of Huntsville, and director of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few. He is the recipient of the highest honor that the Army can give a civilian—the Distinguished Citizen Service Medal. He has also received an honorary Doctorate in Humanities from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, as well as Huntsville's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Thrasher's outstanding contributions to the military are not limited to his service on active duty. As an original member and vice chairman of the Army Community Relations Committee, he has played a critical role in making Huntsville's defense community the pride of our state and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to Mr. Thrasher on the occasion of his receiving the Arthritis Foundation's Humanitarian Award, and I thank him for the leader-

ship and vision that has helped make us the prosperous region we are today.

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF STEVE MAGARIAN

#### HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fresno County Sheriff Steven Magarian. Sheriff Magarian has been an inspirational role model to the law enforcement here in the 19th Congressional District.

As Chief Executive Officer for the County of Fresno Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Magarian leads, directs and manages a highly sophisticated, diversified and complex organization. Operating throughout a 6,000-square mile area, he holds responsibility for meeting the needs of residents throughout Fresno County, with an annual Department budget in excess of \$60 million and personnel of approximately 1,000.

In his vital role, Sheriff Magarian has earned the public's trust, confidence, and support. Through his hard work, he established the department's primary mission. It is a mission that upholds fairness, justice and responsiveness to public needs and feelings while enforcing the law and protecting life and property.

Sheriff Magarian's leadership has guided the efforts and demeanor of the Department to conform with the high standards expected by the public. In administering the Patrol, Detective, Jail and Administrative divisions, his underlying commitment is to maintain the integrity of the constitutional rights as established by the framers of our Constitution.

Sheriff Magarian graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1972. In 1974 he received his Masters Degree in Criminology with distinction.

Sheriff Magarian has worked hard in the law enforcement arena. He created and implemented a county-wide narcotic suppression program through acquisition of a \$500,000 state grant. This grant has been increased to \$900,000 and approved for its eighth consecutive year. He also developed a highly successful Tactical Unit within the Patrol Division which targeted property crimes and arrested dozens of criminals. At a cost of only \$35,000, this Unit successfully recovered several hundred thousand dollars in stolen property and returned property to its legal owners. As noted above these are just some of the contributions Mr. Magarian has accomplished.

Sheriff Magarian's 30-year career with Fresno County Sheriff's Department has been marked by significant law enforcement and management experience.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Sheriff Magarian. I am honored to have Sheriff Magarian as a law enforcement official in the 19th Congressional District. I congratulate him on his lifetime of accomplishments and ask my colleague to join me in wishing him every success on his future endeavors.