

University extracurricular volunteer staff of over 200 students, WGRE hopes to continue to serve the Greencastle and west central Indiana communities. This community awareness continues to be manifested through the station's ongoing community outreach and fundraising activities. In recent years, WGRE has raised thousands of dollars for many causes, including the humane society and the local homeless shelter. This work has led to this station being the only college radio station nominated for a national broadcaster's community service award.

Currently at 91.5 FM on the radio dial, WGRE looks to have another 50 years of quality broadcasting recognized for its diversity and community orientation. The trail-blazing vision of Professors Turnell and Ross has grown into a bountiful mass media entity and dedicated to teaching its participants while serving the community.

Congratulations to the people of WGRE on the celebration of its 50 years of exemplary service.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### CALL TO ACTION IN AFTERMATH OF LITTLETON TRAGEDY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have on a ribbon of dark blue color to associate myself with the grief of America and the grief of those in Littleton, Colorado.

It would seem that over these last couple of days, so many of us have had the chance to express ourselves in words. There is a difficulty in that, for words can be soothing but, Mr. Speaker, they are not action, they do not stop the tragedy of what occurred, they are fleeting in their comfort, and they leave us looking for solutions.

Today, I was very pleased to join the President and First Lady and many members of the Cabinet and many Members of this House of Representatives and the United States Senate to once and for all put some action behind these words. First of all, we acknowledged that the people of Littleton, Colorado, were burying their dead children and with the pain that they experienced, we offered for them a moment of silence, hoping to connect in some way with the pain of bearing a teacher and students, children that were loved, children with futures, the pain that was experienced by that community, we hoped we could connect to it. But we also felt compelled, as I have done in the past couple of days, to do something more.

And so the remarks that were made today were very strong in action. They were also strong in passion. I hope that we were heard not only by the Members and those in the audience but really by America, because one of the most important things that was said by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY), America must express its outrage by action and America should stand up along with those who care about the proliferation of guns and gun violence by children against another incident like this happening and more words being said.

The first, Mr. Speaker, was I asked last week that you convene those of us involved in children's advocacy groups, caucuses that are part of the House, so that we can talk to each other about what we can do for children. Last week I also amended the juvenile crime bill to be marked up in Judiciary to provide a provision that deals with mental health services. Two-thirds of America's children do not have mental health services. We do not have a way of intervening, of risk assessment, we do not have a way of prevention and treatment. We do not listen to our children. We lock them up but we do not get into their minds ahead of time to find out about the anger, the anguish and the pain.

But we must realize that guns kill, Mr. Speaker, as well. And today we took a stand to eliminate the evilness of what guns do with children. First of all, 250 million guns in America, almost one gun for every American. Today, the President unveiled a package to increase the age at which you could get a gun and to hold someone liable for selling a gun to someone under the age of 21; to also hold parents responsible for those children who get guns into their hands; to not allow gunrunning by limiting the gun purchases to one a month; to acknowledging the fact that yes, people kill but they use guns to kill.

And, therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is sad to note that the National Rifle Association was not standing with us. I am not against hunting, I am not against sports, using guns. I realize that we have freedom in this country, Mr. Speaker. But if we do not remove that culture of arguing the second amendment and that we need these guns for sports and we shoot ducks and other things and do not realize that we have got to get the assault weapons, we have got to get the proliferation of guns off the street, we have got to do something about guns in the hands of children. Now is the time. The moment is here, tragically.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that we do not have to bury more children because we refuse to act. It is now time to ban guns from the hands of children, hold parents and adults responsible, move the age up to 21, stop buying guns and gunrunning, and ensuring, Mr. Speaker, that we do not have the bomb-making, if you will, recipes on the Internet, and that we do not allow our children to get guns in their hands.

Automobiles kill, yes, they do, Mr. Speaker, but most times it is classified as an accident. When guns are in the hands of individuals who are frustrated and angry and sad and in pain or just plain mean, they are intentionally used to kill people.

There is a time now, Mr. Speaker, to fight this gun siege and to end the tragic killings of our children. My sympathy to all of America. I ask that you stand up and be counted to make sure that we have a safer place for our children to live.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### ON KOSOVO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, it seems clear that the crisis in Kosovo is nearing a decision point. It is obvious that last weekend's NATO summit in Washington was a watershed. Now the administration and other NATO governments are talking openly of at least planning for the introduction of ground troops to secure Kosovo, something that the administration had until then denied it was even planning. Officials are using euphemisms like "troops in a nonpermissive environment," but the meaning ought to be plain.

At the same time, however, there have been high-level meetings between U.S. and Russian officials about the substance of Russian Envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin's mission to Belgrade over the weekend. There are contradictory reports coming out of Belgrade and Moscow about exactly what constitutes a basis for negotiation. The Russians are saying that a UN-authorized force that included elements from NATO would be acceptable to Milosevic, but Milosevic later denied he had agreed to that. But yesterday the Yugoslavian Deputy Prime Minister insisted that such an international force was acceptable.

NATO governments have downplayed the significance of the Russian peace proposal. But before we consider the step of introducing ground forces into a conflict that I believe was unwise for America to have become militarily involved in to begin with, we ought to test such peace proposals before we think about military escalation. Likewise, the UN Secretary General, Koffi Annan, is scheduled to travel to Moscow on Thursday for discussions on Kosovo. Such visits should not be spurned or belittled if they are constructive steps, however halting and uncertain, on the path to peace.