For the last 18 years, John ran the com-
puters and books for the Colorado Republican
Party. In his time at the party, he was a pio-
near of the mailing list. In the earliest days of
computers, he mastered integrating informa-
tion to create better mailing lists. With this ad-
vancement, those who John served were able to
do targeted mailing, therefore better con-
tacting constituents and ultimately, better serv-
ning the people. There may not be a Colorado
Republican in legislative or statewide office
today who wasn’t helped by a mailing list gen-
erated by John. Amazingly, John managed to
serve in very different Republican chairmans.
In addition, he once served as Boulder County
GOP chairman.

Although his professional accomplishments
will long be remembered and admired, most
who knew him well will remember John Dorrenbacher, above all else, as someone
who loved his country and had a deep faith in
our democracy. It is clear that the multitude of
those who, like me, have come to know John
as a friend will be worse off in his absence.
However, Mr. Speaker, I am confident that, in
spite of this profound loss, the family and
friends of John Dorrenbacher can take solace
in the knowledge that each is a better person
for having known him.

IN HONOR OF THE SOKOL GREAT-
ER CLEVELAND'S NEW ATHLETIC
FACILITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCHINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
announce the grand opening of the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater Cleveland's
new athletic, a state-of-the-art expansion to the
historic Bohemian National Hall. After considerable planning and construction,
the new facility opening this month will provide a variety of health, fitness, leisure, and
-cultural activities to everyone in the commu-
nity. In the tradition of the American Sokol Or-
ganization, the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol
Greater Cleveland’s new athletic facility will
provide Cleveland citizens with the opportunity
to strengthen both their physical and mental
character allowing them to enhance their cele-
ration of life and vitality. As membership
open to the community, this new facility is sure
to provide Cleveland citizens with an
opportunity to cultivate a harmonious and total
person.

The Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater
Cleveland’s new athletic facility promises to be
a popular place for fitness enthusiasts who will
enjoy the volleyball, gymnasium, cardio-condi-
tioning area and strength training center. Addi-
tionally, the facility will serve as a center for
community development where both young
and older generations can display their abili-
ties and knowledge in dance and gymnastic
performances. In short, the health and quality
of life for everyone in Cleveland will improve
greatly with the opening of this new facility.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in rec-
ognizing dedication of the Czech Cultural Cen-
ter of Sokol Greater Cleveland for building this
new athletic facility for the benefit of the
Cleveland community.

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN RE-
GARDING ARMED CONFLICT IN
NORTH CAUCASUS REGION OF
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

SPEECH OF
HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker,
I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 206. This res-
olution expresses the views of the Congress
urging all parties involved in the conflict, to
cease the indiscriminate use of force against
civilian population in Chechnya. In addition
this measure calls on all sides in this conflict
to enter into a constructive dialogue under the
auspices of the Organization for Security and
Cooperation in Europe. This group was
successful in brokering a settlement to end the

Mr. Speaker, this region as once be-
fore experienced the horrors of war. As the
1994–1996 Russo-Chechen war resulted in
the massive use of force against civilians,
calling immense human casualties, human
rights violations, large-scale displacement of
individuals, and the destruction of property.
In recent months this conflict has been renewed
as forces in Chechnya have mounted armed
incursions into the Russian Federation of
Dagestan and have committed bombing in
Moscow.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress must insist that
all parties in this conflict resolve this situation
peacefully, with complete respect to the
human rights of all the citizens of the Russian
Federation. We must also insist that all parties
commit themselves to allowing humanitarian
assistance to the victims caught in the middle
of this conflict.

I urge my colleagues to lend their support
and the considerable weight of this body on all
sides involved in this conflict.