

How poignant and thought provoking as we pay our deepest respects to an honorable man, Dr. John Charles Lungren.

HONORING THE SURVIVORS OF
THE BATTLE OF MALMADY

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a group of men that survived a massacre over 50 years ago. It was a cold December day when the gentlemen we honor today were caught up in the confusion that would eventually be called the Battle of the Bulge. They were members of Battery B, 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, a unit with many Central Pennsylvanians in its ranks.

Attacked by an SS Panzer Division, nearly half the battery was compelled to surrender. Although dazed and depressed about the prospect of spending Christmas as prisoners of war, few expected the nightmare about to be unleashed by their Nazi captors.

Completely unprovoked, the guards fired systematically into the group of defenseless prisoners, killing or wounding most of them. Many of those still living, suffering from exposure and wounds, were murdered by prowling SS guards.

A handful of soldiers escaped by either playing dead or hiding in buildings close by. They lived to tell the tale of one of the most brutal crimes inflicted on U.S. troops during the war in Europe. Some were given aid by friendly Belgians, others were rescued by Colonel Pegrin, commander of the 291st Engineer Battalion. Some were lucky enough to limp back to American lines.

The story of these men is a story of valor and sacrifice. Each of them gave selflessly of themselves to liberate a continent from Nazi tyranny. When their nation called, they went, regardless of danger and personal loss. They saw their friends die at the hands of SS thugs and wondered helplessly whether they were next. By escaping that bloody field, these men gave their comrades and their families at home a rallying cry which helped carry America to final victory over Hitler's Nazi empire.

I know that the entire United States House of Representatives joins me in saluting the survivors and the fallen for their courage and perseverance that overcame the greatest menace to freedom the world has ever known. Their sacrifice remains an inspiration to our entire nation.

ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S CHINA
LEGACY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in reference to President Clinton's foreign policy towards China, last Wednesday's front page of the Washington Post Business section had the headline: "Score One for the Legacy" because of passage in the Senate of Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China.

While it lies in the future to determine the success or failure of PNTR upon improving China's horrible human rights record or in bringing about effective change in China's communist regime, we do know certain facts that have to be calculated into the picture that will be President Clinton's legacy on China.

We know that on this Administration's watch, more people are in prison because of their faith than at any time in recent memory.

There are thousands of Muslim Uighurs in prison because of their faith.

The Chinese government is pillaging Tibet, while the Clinton Administration remains silent and obsequious. Thousands of Tibetan Buddhist monks, nuns, and believers are in Chinese prisons because of their faith. The Chinese government has repressed, oppressed, and persecuted the Tibetans with impunity. There is no doubt, things have gotten worse in Tibet during the Clinton years. With certainty, President Clinton's actions and lack of action have to be figured into a formulation of his legacy on China.

The 1999 State Department Human Rights Report on China states numerous aspects of how the situation in China has deteriorated during President Clinton's tenure and ought to be included in determining his legacy on China:

Government interference in daily personal and family life continues to decline for the average person;

The Government increased monitoring of the Internet during the year, and placed restrictions on information available on the Internet;

The Government continued to implement comprehensive and often intrusive family planning policies;

The [Communist] Party and Government continue to control many—and, on occasion, all—print and broadcast media tightly and use them to propagate the current ideological line; and

The Government intensified efforts to suppress dissent, particularly organized dissent. By years end, almost all of the key leaders of the China Democracy Party were serving long prison terms or were in custody without formal charges, and only a handful of dissidents nationwide dared to remain active publicly.

We know that the State Department's 2000 Report on International Religious Freedom says that the Chinese ". . . Government's respect for religious freedom deteriorated markedly . . ."

We know from this report that ". . . unregistered groups, including Protestant and Catholic groups, continued to experience varying degrees of official interference, harassment, and repression." We know from this report that "The Government's efforts to maintain a strong degree of control over religion, and its crackdown on groups that it perceived to pose a threat, continued."

We know that the Chinese regime continues to persecute, arrest, and imprison 80 year-old Roman Catholic bishops and priests. According to an article in the September 18, 2000 New York Times, while the Senate was preparing to vote on passage of PNTR, the Chinese government was busy sending back to prison 81 year-old Roman Catholic Bishop Zeng Jingmu. Bishop Zeng had already spent close to 30 years in Chinese prisons and prison labor camps, just because of his faith.

There are some 13 Roman Catholic Bishops suffering in Chinese prisons and prison

through labor camps because of their faith. Their languishing in prison is part of President Clinton's China legacy. That President Clinton was silent, that he bent over backwards to placate a regime that persecutes old and frail people of faith—this has to be factored into compiling President Clinton's China legacy.

That there are hundreds of Protestant House Church leaders in prison or prison through labor camps because of their faith has to be included in assessing President Clinton's legacy.

President Clinton used tough words about China to help get himself elected in 1992, criticizing President Bush's policy of engagement with China. It is too bad that President Clinton did not live up to his campaign rhetoric and campaign promises about China. Now with the passing of PNTR, with all of this talk about Clinton's China legacy being shaped by the passage of PNTR, it is imperative to focus on the truth and history.

History will show, that Clinton's China legacy is that the U.S. government kowtowed to a Chinese regime that worsened in its persecution and oppression of its own people. Clinton's China legacy will be that more people of faith and lovers of freedom in China languish in forced labor camps and bear the scars of torture and imprisonment because of their beliefs.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DONALD
HAMILTON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an outstanding resident of Indiana's First Congressional District, Mr. Donald Hamilton. On September 29, 2000, Mr. Hamilton, along with his friends and family, will be honored for his 32 years of dedicated service to the Laborer's International Union Local #41, at a dinner to be held at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #150, in Merrillville, Indiana. Mr. Hamilton's distinguished career in the labor movement has contributed to the safety and security of workers in his community and improved the quality of life for laborers throughout Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Hamilton has devoted his entire working career toward the expansion of labor ideals and fair standards for all working people. For more than 30 years, Mr. Hamilton has been a member of Local #41, and has held several positions throughout his tenure. His peers were sorry to see him retire from perhaps his most important role at Local #41, that of Business Agent, on August 1, 2000. Don served admirably as Business Agent for Local #41 since his election 18 years ago. While this was his longest held position, and the one for which his co-workers at Local #41 will always remember him, he never limited his dedication to that one position. Mr. Hamilton served as vice-president of the Indiana State District Council of Laborers and HOD Carriers for eight years, sat on the executive board for six years, and served as auditor for three years. For five years, Don served as president of the Northwest Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, two years as its vice president and three years as its secretary-treasurer.

Don's contributions are not limited to labor causes. He regularly finds time to serve his community as well. He is the past president of the Lake County Planning Commission and was a board member for eight years. He has also spent two years as a board member of the Lake County Association for Retarded of Northwest Indiana. Don Hamilton has dedicated much of his life to efforts that benefit his fellow union members and advance the prosperity and strength of his community of Northwest Indiana and the entire state.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Don Hamilton. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana with opportunities they certainly would not have otherwise enjoyed. Mr. Hamilton's leadership kept the region's labor force strong and helped keep Americans working. Those who have worked with him in the labor movement and in his community will surely miss Mr. Hamilton's dedication and sincerity. I hope my distinguished colleagues will join me in wishing Don Hamilton a long, happy, and productive retirement.

HONORING GRANDMASTER DAE
WOONG CHUNG

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Grandmaster Dae Woong Chung, who has been teaching the traditions of Taekwondo to the citizens of Pomona and the surrounding area for over 35 years. Grandmaster Chung has a 9th degree black belt.

Eighteen years ago, Grandmaster Chung started a program of teaching high school students at Pomona Unified School District at no cost to them. He also has instructors teaching at many local churches and service organizations, such as Boys' and Girls' Clubs and YMCA's.

Grandmaster Chung is currently the Director of the Saehan Bank, which has four locations in the counties of Los Angeles and Orange. In fact, the newest location opens today, in the my district, in the city of Rowland Heights.

Grandmaster Chung was the first Taekwondo master to teach Taekwondo in California, starting back in 1965, and has since dedicated his life to teaching the martial art of his mother country to the citizens in the Pomona Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House please join me in recognizing, honoring and commending Grandmaster Chung for his 35 years of commitment and outstanding service to our community.

HONORING OLYMPIAN GARRETT
LOWNEY

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I offer a brief tribute to a young man

from my district, Garrett Lowney, who this week was awarded the Bronze Medal at the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Garrett, a U.S. Olympian competing in Greco-Roman wrestling, overcame injury and adversity to bring the Bronze Medal home to the United States in a sport typically dominated by other nations. I know all of us back in northeastern Wisconsin are very proud of his achievements, and folks across America should share that pride. For Garrett's medal is as much an achievement for our nation as it is for Garrett himself.

To win his victory, Garrett defeated a two-time champion Silver Medal winner, a five-time world champion, and another two-time world champion, among others. Despite a neck injury and being forced to battle through overtime in four of his matches, Garrett managed to win every match except one—and became the youngest American ever to win a wrestling medal in the Olympic games.

So today, I say thank you, Garrett Lowney. Thank you for making us proud. Thank you for devoting so much of yourself, your time, and your talents to excellence and to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, on September 26 and 27, 2000, I was attending to business in my district, and as a result, missed 6 rollcall votes. The votes I missed are rollcalls: Nos. 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, and 499. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all six rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING PURDUE
UNIVERSITY CALUMET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you to congratulate Purdue University Calumet as it holds its Chancellor's Gala and Hall of Fame Reception tonight, September 28, 2000, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Part of the internationally renowned Purdue University system, Purdue University Calumet, located in Hammond, Indiana, is a comprehensive regional university with some 9,300 students and 80 academic programs focused on the educational needs of the people in Northwest Indiana. Tonight's dinner will be in recognition of the people who helped make Purdue Calumet what it is today. As part of the gala event, Purdue Calumet Chancellor James Yackel and new Purdue University President Martin Jischke have the honor and privilege to induct this year's honorees into Purdue Calumet's Hall of Fame. The Purdue University Calumet Hall of Fame was founded in 1996 in honor of Purdue Calumet's 50th Anniversary. It is awarded to alumni and friends of Purdue Calumet who have made significant

accomplishments and have displayed a life-long dedication to the university, the community, and the world. This year's honorees include Steven C. Beering, the recently retired Purdue University President, Adam Benjamin, Jr., the late Northwest Indiana Congressman, and the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Steven C. Beering, Purdue University President Emeritus, will receive the Chancellor's Award for Dedication to Higher Education and Extraordinary Public Service, and will be inducted into the Purdue University Calumet Hall of Fame for his long-time support of the Purdue Calumet campus. He served as president of Purdue University for 17 years before his retirement last month. During his tenure, the Purdue system experienced significant growth in both enrollment and facilities. Clear examples of his commitment to expanding facilities and services at Purdue Calumet can be seen in the development of the Donald S. Powers Computer Education Building, the Classroom Office Building, the Charlotte R. Riley Child Center, the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana, and Purdue Calumet's newest facility, the Center at Purdue University Calumet, a conference and special events facility. His colleagues at Purdue Calumet will sincerely miss President Beering and his commitment to educational and administrative excellence.

The Chancellor's Award for Extraordinary Public Service will be presented posthumously to Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr. Congressman Benjamin represented Indiana's First Congressional District from 1976 until his death in 1982. Prior to his election to Congress, Benjamin served as the zoning administrator and the executive secretary to the mayor in Gary, Indiana. He was elected to the Indiana State House in 1966 and to the Indiana State Senate in 1970. The late Congressman Benjamin tirelessly devoted himself to advancing the interests of his constituents in Northwest Indiana. He was characterized by many as a dedicated and effective public servant, sharing the hopes and dreams of the people he served and the community he represented.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) will receive the Carl H. Elliott Award for exceptional Philanthropy for its extensive support of non-profit organizations in Northwest Indiana. Notably, NIPSCO has established an endowed scholarship at Purdue Calumet, and has provided start-up funding for the University's Resource Center and Entrepreneurship Center. The company's investment in the educational opportunities of those in its community has earned it the acclaim of students, educators, and administrators at Purdue Calumet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Purdue University Calumet and this year's Hall of Fame inductees for their lifetime dedication not only to the university, but to all of Northwest Indiana.