

that would encourage charitable giving, expanding charitable choice to include faith-based organizations just like Youth Need Prime Time; and saying to these organizations that they would be allowed to compete for Federal grants in the areas of housing, job training, child welfare, child care services, crime prevention programs and the like.

As I looked this morning into the eyes of Shorika, a 14-year-old girl who had made a decision, Mr. Speaker, to say yes to life, bringing a small child into the world even at that tender age, I thought of the frustration of a system that discriminates against ministries like Youth Need Prime Time simply because on occasion they mention God, on occasion they have a Bible study or have a cross on the wall.

So I simply rise today to speak of an extraordinary experience with J.C. Watts, a man of extraordinary voice in our party. But I also think, Mr. Speaker, of the critical need for this Congress and this government to amend the laws of this Nation, to come alongside organizations like Youth Need Prime Time, to courageous men like Thomas Jackson and his family and the volunteers that are there every day of the week, day in and day out, coming alongside some of the most troubled and disadvantaged young people in the district that I serve and saying that not only is the American dream alive, but it is alive for them if they will but have the faith and the self-sacrifice and the determination to reach it. Let us in this Congress extend the faith-based initiative and come alongside the least of these.

MUSHARRAF EASING UP ON TERRORISTS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, since September 11 the United States and the rest of the world have been curiously watching President Musharraf of Pakistan and the role he has been playing on the war on terrorism. Fortunately, Mr. Speaker, he has been cooperative with the United States in our anti-terrorist activities. But unfortunately, Musharraf has shown no dedication to quelling terrorist activities in his own backyard, Pakistan and Kashmir.

Musharraf has created a double standard where he fights against terrorism globally, but winks at terrorist activity locally.

Mr. Speaker, following the October 1 attack on the Jammu and Kashmir State Assembly and the December 13 attack on the Indian Parliament last year, it was clear that action against Islamic militants needed to take place. At that time, it was reported that President Musharraf outlawed two organizations responsible for terrorism in Kashmir, Jaish e-Muhammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba, in addition to arrest-

ing nearly 2,000 men supposedly linked to terrorists. This was done in an effort to crack down on terrorists. The impression was also given by Musharraf that the madrassahs, those schools with training in fundamental Islamic principles which were directly linked to terrorism, would be closed throughout Pakistan. But, Mr. Speaker, this is in fact not the case at all.

To begin with, the 2,000 supposed militants rounded up were for the most part arrested for minor crimes. From my understanding, there were two exceptions to this: the arrest of Masood Azar, head of Jaish-e-Muhammad and the arrest of Hafiz Saeed, leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

At this point, however, Mr. Azar has been demoted to house arrest, Mr. Saeed has been freed, and most of the 2,000 others that have been arrested have been released under the condition that they maintain good behavior.

There is no accountability, Mr. Speaker, for terrorist activity in Pakistan or Kashmir.

Musharraf is reversing his crackdown on terrorists, and terrorist groups that formerly existed are now rejoining other groups under new names.

Mr. Speaker, President Musharraf is cozying up to the United States and its allies under the pretense that he is leading Pakistan in a war against terrorism, while at the same time he is condoning terrorism at home, in Pakistan, as well as in Kashmir. This is not only exemplified by the release of those arrested, but also by the continued operation of the religious schools with curricula that encourage violence. This double standard is unacceptable and should no longer be tolerated by the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it is no coincidence that Musharraf has released many of these arrested, including the leaders of terrorist organizations at the same time as the referendum which would continue his dictatorship for 5 more years.

Musharraf relies on the militant fundamentalists to maintain his illegal seizure of power as president. He does not have the legitimacy that comes from being elected president by the people of Pakistan. He is required to link his military rule to a fundamentalist religious theocracy in order to justify staying in office.

Mr. Speaker, I also believe that peace between India and Pakistan and the negotiated settlement of the Kashmir issue is inevitably linked to a democratic government in Pakistan. Democracies rarely war with each other and are more likely to settle their differences through peaceful means.

General Musharraf's actions are moving in the opposite direction. An extension of his military regime will mean more encouragement to terrorism in Kashmir and ultimately I unfortunately think the greater likelihood of war with India.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman 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.)

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

(Mr. BLUMENAUER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I know that there are a number of Members wishing to come over tonight to talk on this Special Order, and I also know that there is a markup going on in the Committee on Armed Services, so a number of Members may put their remarks in as an extension of remarks.

We are holding this Special Order tonight to provide our colleagues and the public with information about a key component of the 1996 welfare reform law, title V, Abstinence Education Block Grant program. When we passed welfare reform in 1996, we emphasized a number of points, two specifically: work and responsibility. And we have made great strides in promoting work, but too many young people's dreams have been cut short by poor decisions that dramatically affect the course of their lives.

Teen birth rates have been falling for the last 9 years and that is good news. But nearly half a million teens are giving birth each year, a rate higher than those of most industrialized nations. And 8,519 births last year are to girls