

anti-satellite operations, although the Air Borne Laser program would be an exception—the Air Force sponsored its development for tactical air superiority as well as missile defense.

Our use of lasers—directed energy weapons—could be quickened. For example, instead of consigning the high-energy gas-chemical Alpha laser used in the Space-Based Laser program to a museum or trash bin, as is perhaps contemplated by the Missile Defense Agency, we should build such a defense. We should use advanced technology, not throw it away.

The use of medium-power lasers in aircraft, equipping them with another countermeasure against SAMs or air-to-air missiles could be hastened. Realizing the potential of lasers to irradiate the heat-seeking element of a SAM or air-to-air missile, Russia is planning to equip jet fighters with laser pods. China's use of laser technology for anti-satellite or air-defense applications should not be discounted. In July, 2002, a Department of Defense report on the PLA noted how it excels in lasers.

Other technological developments could be highlighted, including our reluctance to build military space vehicles with rapid launch access. Both NASA and the Air Force declined to finish development of the X-33, leaving behind another half-finished reusable rocket program like the DC-X/Delta Clipper. An emphasis on space technology and reusable launch vehicles is needed to counter the PLA, which recognizes the importance of establishing superiority in space.

SUMMARY

In World War 11, Germany defeated France using blitzkrieg warfare. The French Army was demoralized by its lightning attacks while the British escaped at Dunkirk. The PLA has developed a similar but modern capability for lightning attacks, planning to seize and retain the initiative. Surprise is key to its planning to launch a sudden, powerful blow.

The tools the PLA will use in the spearhead of its attack—ballistic missiles, high-energy lasers, and information warfare—are tools against which we have virtually no defense, with information warfare being a possible exception. A preemptive ballistic-missile strike, aimed at our air and naval forces would cause widespread devastation, as would the use of high-energy lasers against our satellites.

Should China launch an attack—and the only plausible situation where we would engage China—the resulting depth of warfare would be the same magnitude as found in World War 11. Not a minor skirmish as in Special Forces deployed in Afghanistan, or a replay of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, war with China would involve an all-out commitment to victory and the re-allocation of federal resources to achieve that victory.

For these reasons I wish to note for the record that we are woefully unprepared for the more serious and eminent war. As detestable as Saddam Hussein is, Iraq lacks the tools for a long-distance, preemptive strike as are possessed by the PLA.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR
RICHARD H. FINAN

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ohio State Senate President Richard H. Finan, who is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service to the people of the State of Ohio.

Whether it was managing the state's \$45 billion two-year budget or restoring the Statehouse to its original grandeur, Dick Finan has always seen the big picture and been guided by his unwavering principles and love of his home state and its people.

Dick Finan was a key figure in passing landmark ethics reforms and was a tremendous help to me on health care reforms I was sponsoring in the Committee on Health, Human Services and the Aging. Dick also will be long remembered for his tireless work in the restoration of the Ohio Statehouse and its annex, and in creating a unified organization to preserve and maintain all the facilities on Capitol Square.

The Statehouse restoration had been discussed for years, but for one reason or another, the plans were always shelved. When Dick was put in charge of the project, he did what needed to be done to save the building for future generations while being a good steward of taxpayer money. Dick made sure that the project was done in the interest of historical accuracy, and not to create a palace for the comfort of state legislators.

In Columbus, Dick Finan has been guided by faith and family and never chosen the trappings of office over the importance of being at home with his family. Dick is a true gentleman and leader, and I am proud to call him my friend.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to join with members of the Ohio delegation to honor the efforts and the many outstanding achievements of State Senator Richard H. Finan. His many contributions as a member of the Ohio State Legislature and leadership will be remembered.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON PACKARD AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GLORIA MCCLELLAN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share some news about our former colleague Ron Packard. On October 30, President Bush signed into law H.R. 4794, which designated the United States Postal Service located at 1895 Avenida Del Oro in Oceanside, California, as the Ronald C. Packard Post Office Building. I believe that naming this post office in honor of Mr. Packard's service and leadership is a fitting tribute to a dedicated public servant.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has joined the President and Congress in recognizing Ron's career by awarding

Mr. Packard the first annual Gloria McClellan Public Service Award. The award, which will be presented annually, honors the local elected leader that best exemplifies Gloria McClellan's commitment and dedication to service. As the Mayor of my hometown, I can personally attest to the contributions Gloria McClellan has made to the community and the San Diego region.

The San Diego Association of Governments serves as a forum for decisionmaking on transportation, land use, the economy, environment, and criminal justice. Earlier this year the SANDAG Board of Directors, composed of mayors, council members, and supervisors from each of the San Diego region's 19 local governments, established an award to honor the 29-year public service legacy of Vista Mayor Gloria McClellan.

With over 30 years of public service, Mr. Packard was the perfect candidate to receive the Gloria McClellan Public Service Award. Ron Packard has been active in local civic and business affairs and his leadership brought him to the forefront of regional issues. Ron Packard's legacy as a public servant is characterized by hard work, honesty, leadership and patriotism.

Representative Packard began his public service in the United States Navy, which he entered upon graduation from dental school in 1957. Ron was elected to his first public post in 1962 and held various local government positions until he was elected to Congress on November 2, 1982. During Ron's 18 years on Capitol Hill he always made it a priority to support local projects that were important to his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I commend SANDAG for establishing this award to honor Mayor Gloria McClellan's public service. I also join SANDAG in congratulating my friend, Ron Packard, for his faithful public service to the people of California and on winning this prestigious award.

“YOU ARE A SUSPECT”

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to read “You are a Suspect” by William Safire in today's New York Times. Mr. Safire, who has been one of the media's most consistent defenders of personal privacy, details the Defense Department's plan to establish a system of “Total Information Awareness.” According to Mr. Safire, once this system is implemented, no American will be able to use the internet to fill a prescription, subscribe to a magazine, buy a book, send or receive e-mail, or visit a web site free from the prying eyes of government bureaucrats. Furthermore, individual internet transactions will be recorded in “a virtual centralized grand database.” Implementation of this project would shred the Fourth Amendment's requirement that the government establish probable cause and obtain a search warrant before snooping into the private affairs of its citizens. I hope my colleagues read Mr. Safire's article and support efforts to prevent the implementation of this program, including repealing any legislation weakening privacy protections that