

here. This is a cattle guard that has been put up at this particular point because so many people have come across them. They have knocked down this fence so many times, they have just given up putting up any sort of protection, because all it is is a 3-strand barbed-wire fence to begin with, but it has been knocked over so many times they just put up a cattle guard to keep cattle from going across the border. But it certainly does not protect or seal the border. And this is the case for literally thousands of miles of the border.

This is a sign. Maybe this is what the head of the agency is referring to when he says things are better now than ever before. This sign was put up there; actually it was put up a while back. Here is a sign near another little spot around the border where the ruts in the road, they will show you how many times they have come across here from Mexico into the United States where we were standing taking a picture of this sign. The sign says, "All persons and vehicles must enter the United States at a designated port of entry only." This is not, underlined, this is not a designated port of entry. And, of course, we are out in the middle of nowhere. There is not anything for hundreds of miles except where everybody has been coming across and knocking down fences and coming into the United States.

Maybe this is the security device that we are talking about. Maybe this is what we will see when people come across, terrorists and others, who come across this place which is not a port of entry, and look at the sign and say, oh, golly, this is not a port of entry. I guess I should go several hundred miles to where it is a port of entry and try to come across there, and then they will turn back and go back into Mexico. Surely that is what this, we are assuming, is going to make happen.

Well, of course, it is not. The borders are not only not sealed better than ever, they are entirely porous.

There is a report from the Tucson sector from the U.S. Border Patrol that said that as early as November of last year they apprehended in just one sector 23,000 illegal aliens, but they also said that at least for every one they get, five get by them. So in the month of November, according to the Border Patrol, 100,000 people came across just the Tucson sector into the United States. They got 23,000 of them, turned them back, and of course those people very soon just came across the border as soon as somebody was not looking; 100,000 in the month of November.

There is a gentleman here that owns a ranch, not too far from where this picture is taken, as a matter of fact. His name is Roger Barnett. He has personally, he, his wife, and his brother have personally interdicted 2,000 people a month on their land, called the Border Patrol, had them come and get them and take them away; 2,000-some people a year, these folks stop them-

selves on their ranch and get the Border Patrol and come and get them.

The Tohono O'odum Indian Reservation, also in Arizona, not too far from where this picture is taken, has 1,500 people come across their land, across their border every single day; 1,500 illegal immigrants come across a 71-mile section of the border called the Tohono O'odum Indian Reservation which has a coterminus border with Mexico; 1,500 a day and we are supposed to believe that our borders are sealed better than ever. They are not sealed; they are not even remotely secure.

Now, maybe we are devising better methods of identification for people to show, so when people come through a port of entry they have to prove who they are. That is a good idea. But let me suggest that people do not come across the port of entry if they are coming to do us great harm. They are coming across right over here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING KATHLEEN TEX MILAMI

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

Mr. OSE. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to join members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's issues in recognizing the accomplishments of women and the outstanding contributions they have made to our country.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor an extraordinary woman from my district, Kathleen "Tex" Milami, for her 60 years of dedicated service as a registered nurse working in a number of hospitals throughout the country. On her 81st birthday on February 27 of this year, Tex celebrated another momentous occasion, her retirement, marking the end of her exceptional 60-year career as a nurse, 30 years of which were spent at Mercy's Sacramento birthing center facilities as a labor and delivery nurse.

Tex began nursing at the age of 18, studying for 3 years at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. In 1945 she began working in various hospitals in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, specializing in labor and delivery nursing. In 1972 she moved to the Sacramento area, working first at the Birthing Center at Mercy American River Hospital just down the street from where I live, and then in 1995 moved with the birthing center to Mercy's San Juan Hospital where she spent the remainder of her career. After 30 years of distinguished service, she has become something of a

legend among her co-workers and patients in the Sacramento area and has seen many changes in birthing techniques and technology over her career.

When asked what sets Tex apart from other nurses, her co-workers said that they are amazed at her willingness to embrace advances in technology. Not only was she open to change, she became an expert in learning these new techniques, enrolling in classes to learn the proper applications, and then acting as a proctor to other nurses, teaching them those same techniques.

In her career, Tex has seen fetoscopes replaced by fetal monitors, the emergence of epidurals and improved pain medications, the introduction of the LaMaze technique, and the advent of homestyle deliveries where labor and birth take place in one room, and family members are welcome.

In her own words, "You tell me there is a new way of doing something, and I want to learn how to do it and do it well. As long as you arrive at the same destination, it just does not matter how you get there."

Among her co-workers, Tex's commitment to her job, her enthusiasm and her devotion to her patients, acts as an inspiration to other nurses. Tex retired in order to keep a promise to her husband Frank that she would retire at age 81. This remarkable and energetic woman says that even at age 81 she was not ready to retire and that 81 came too soon. In all that she has experienced, Tex said the hardest part of it all has been to retire.

Madam Speaker, I wish to acknowledge Tex for her myriad of contributions to the nursing profession and to the Sacramento area families whose lives she has touched with exceptional attention and care to birthing mothers and her eagerness to improve the experience of all her patients.

Kathleen "Tex" Milami emerges not only as a leader in her field, with an established and respected career, but also at 81 years of age, is a role model for all women.

I am honored to recognize her and all her accomplishments for Women's History Month and would like to wish her the very best in her retirement.

HONORING SAM JONES

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

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, "From within or from behind, a light shines through us on things, and makes us aware that we are nothing, but the light is all." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A fitting tribute of behalf of Mr. Sam Jones on the occasion of his home going celebration, preceded first by a few days his 74th birthday.

In Indianapolis, Indiana this week, Madam Speaker, citizens of all walks of life, political, religious and philosophical persuasion, persons who represent every person and race imaginable, will celebrate the life of Mr.