

entitled "Kazakhstan's contribution" in which he addressed these issues in a most persuasive manner. I call upon my colleagues to read this article and request your permission to include it in the U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

KAZAKHSTAN'S CONTRIBUTION

U.S. SHOULD STRENGTHEN COOPERATION EFFORTS

(By Kanat Saudabayev)

Although the recent PBS screening of "Avoiding Armageddon" did mention Kazakhstan as a country that chose to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), it was disappointing that Americans were not fully informed of what was behind that choice and what it means for global security.

Kazakhstan's "notable example" of disarmament, as the White House recently described it, could be used as a counterweight to aspirations of some countries to develop WMD as means to assert their interests in the world. I strongly believe that Kazakhstan's story of responsible international behavior and strong cooperation with the U.S. is of paramount importance, as it might lead to solutions to today's most acute international problems.

In 1991, having suffered through almost 500 Soviet nuclear tests that destroyed the lives of 1.5 million people, Kazakhstan voluntarily renounced what would have been the world's 4th nuclear arsenal and shut down the world's largest nuclear test site at Semipalatinsk. Together with the United States, we have since destroyed the remaining infrastructure of the loathsome legacy of the Cold War. Amongst the most graphic examples of our cooperation under the Nunn-Lugar program have been Project Sapphire, which shipped more than 1,300 pounds of weapons-grade uranium from Kazakhstan to the U.S., and the destruction of the world's largest anthrax production and weaponization facility at Stepnogorsk.

The path of history could have been different, however, had President Nursultan Nazarbayev chosen to go with the significant portion of Kazakhstan's elite that was in favor of keeping the nuclear weapons as means to ostensibly gain international respect.

To the contrary, it was Mr. Nazarbayev's unwavering commitment to disarmament during all these years that led Kazakhstan to renounce the nuclear weapons, becoming a strong disarmament advocate, and ultimately, gaining the recognition as a peace-loving nation.

Indeed, it is our policies that enabled Kazakhstan to launch a new security organization for Asia with the participation of the leaders of 16 nations. At its inaugural meeting in Almaty in June 2002, we hosted the presidents of China, Russia, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the prime minister of India and others. At the height of a crisis between New Delhi and Islamabad, their leaders sat at one table and were able to directly listen to each other. This event became Kazakhstan's important contribution to the reduction of tensions between the two nuclear powers of the subcontinent.

"Countries like Kazakhstan that have renounced nuclear weapons for all time provide an example and can provide valuable leadership on these issues," former Sen. Sam Nunn said this month at a Washington conference. "One of the things I hope we can do is pay some real attention, and put in a leadership role, to countries that have given up nuclear weapons."

I couldn't agree more. We believe our example should become international public knowledge and a factor in dealing with threshold countries.

Though our disarmament might seem something of the distant past, it also relates directly to present challenges to global security.

We still need to take care of what Mr. Nunn calls the human factor. As we moved to disarm and destroy the military infrastructure, scores of experienced nuclear scientists and biological specialists and their families, were left lingering in ghost towns with neither proper jobs nor means to live. They can be instrumental in commercial projects of conversion in such areas as the peaceful use of atomic energy and biotechnologies. The help from the United States will not only give them an opportunity to peacefully apply their skills, but will also strengthen our joint counterproliferation efforts at a time when numerous countries and terrorist groups continue to seek WMD.

Our cooperation with the United States in nonproliferation and fighting terrorism has served as a strong foundation for our relations, dubbed "strategic partnership" by Presidents Nursultan Nazarbayev and George Bush.

The people of Kazakhstan were outraged by the horrific attacks of September 11, and we have worked closely with the United States in bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan. As of now, more than 1,000 coalition aircraft have flown over Kazakhstan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. We have provided our major airport for the use by U.S. Air Force, and significantly expanded the cooperation between our armed forces and intelligence services.

We have supported the American-led efforts to disarm Saddam Hussein, who failed to present clear evidence of the disarmament of Iraq and hence bore the full responsibility for the military action. Today, we stand united in bringing stability to that country and the region.

It is crucial then that in this fragile time, policy-makers and people of both Kazakhstan and the United States make strong efforts to support our cooperation further. This will bode well with the long-term interests of both nations and will help us build a safer and more prosperous world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Chairman, unfortunately I missed the votes on H.R. 1596 the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building Designation Act," H.R. 1625 the "Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building Designation Act," and H.R. 1740 the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act." Had I been present, I would have voted for these bills.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WALLACE H. LEIPER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Wallace H. Leiper and the United States Merchant Marines for their great services to this Nation.

Mr. Leiper donated his model of the Liberty ship *SS Zebulon Pike* to the United States

Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York and sadly, he passed away the very day it arrived. He is a graduate of the Academy, the original "Pike" was his first ship and he served on several others in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans during World War II. The model is Mr. Leiper's labor of love and is intended to symbolize the contributions of all ships and seamen of the United States Merchant Marine as mandated by the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. It should also be noted that the Merchant Marines continue to deliver support to our Armed Forces for recovery efforts in Iraq as well as food for starving nations.

May 22nd is National Maritime Day and this year, two plaques honoring Mr. Leiper will be unveiled at the Academy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to honor Mr. Leiper and all the men and women of the United States Merchant Marine who serve our country both in peace and in war.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded on rollcall votes 155, 156, 157 and 158. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 155, 156, and 158. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 157.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during four rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted as follows: No. 155—"yes"; No. 156—"no"; No. 157—"yes"; and No. 185—"yes".

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HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today concerning the Federal Communications Commission's, FCC, pending Triennial Review proceedings with respect to its potential effects on the health of the telecommunications industry.

There is no question that this sector is experiencing a decline in business and investment. Since the year 2000, more than 600,000 telecommunications-related jobs have been lost. Telephone companies have significantly reduced their capital spending. In fact, incumbent local telephone companies are hesitant to invest in broadband deployment due to regulatory uncertainty. With the lack of new infrastructure, equipment suppliers suffer, as do service providers and their employees, further stunting research and development. Ultimately, this slows consumer spending and demands for telecommunications services.

As we all are aware, there is a great deal of controversy with respect to the deployment of broadband services. This complex issue has divided Congress and the American people, as well as polarized segments of the telecommunications industry. However, we also know that broadband deployment is essential, especially in rural America. Communities in Ohio and the nation alike, equipped with broadband technology provide an environment encouraging economic growth by attracting new business, residents, knowledge, and jobs.

Mr. Speaker, as we in Congress continue to focus on spurring growth within the telecommunications sector, I thank the FCC for their efforts and ask that they create more certainty within the industry by moving expeditiously to complete action on the Triennial Review.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 157, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 157, the Pitts Amendment to H.R. 1298, a bill to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF
KOREAN YOUTH IN KAZAKHSTAN**HON. BOB BEAUPREZ**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Republic of Kazakhstan for their hospitality in hosting the first ever International Forum of Korean Youth Organizations. This forum has the goal of establishing an international framework for young Koreans throughout the world. These youth organizations are dedicated to the ideals of free markets and individual liberty. By hosting this democratic forum, Kazakhstan will further its growing international reputation as a free and democratic state.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is home to more than 14 million people and is the ninth largest nation in the world. It is an active member in the United Nations and the European Organization of Cooperation and Safety. After gaining their freedom on December 16, 1991, the emerging republic adopted a constitution on August 30, 1995.

Since 1998, the Korean Youth Movement in Kazakhstan, MDK, has been building relationships with different republic-minded organizations at home and abroad. By hosting the first international forum for Korean youth organizations around the world, the MDK is creating an environment to exchange experiences and build international cooperation throughout the Korean community.

Mr. Speaker, during this forum, young Korean leaders from around the world will be able to tour and sample the vibrant democracy that is flourishing in Kazakhstan. I ask that my

colleagues join me in commending our friends in the Parliament of Kazakhstan for their assistance and vision with this great International Forum on behalf of Korean Youth worldwide, and wish them much success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Tuesday May 6, 2003 and missed rollcall votes 159, 160, and 161. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 159, 160, and 161.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY "ACE"
MILLER**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jerry "Ace" Miller, the long-time supervisor of boxing for the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, in my District.

Ace Miller is one of the most respected people in East Tennessee. He is part of a very influential group in our area called the "Burlington Boys," and we share many mutual friends.

Ace Miller has devoted his life to underprivileged young people by inspiring them to be the best that they can be no matter what they have to overcome in life. He has made a difference in the lives of many young men around the region.

Ace is widely regarded as a boxing expert all over the country and has made many friends around the Nation. He has long been associated with the Golden Gloves Charities and will continue to be the general manager of this great organization after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry "Ace" Miller is a fine American who has touched the lives of countless young people. His dedication to the sport of boxing serves as an example for people all over our country. This Nation would be a much better place if there were more people here like Ace Miller.

I would like to congratulate Ace Miller on a tremendous career, and I urge all of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to read the fine article about him that was published in the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

[From the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Mar. 20, 2003]

ACE MILLER RETIRES AS KNOXVILLE'S
SUPERVISOR OF BOXING

(By Chuck Cavalaris)

Ace Miller wanted to try and keep news of his retirement quiet.

You might as well ask someone to bang a drum softly—for 33 years.

It just isn't going to happen.

Miller retired as the City of Knoxville's supervisor of boxing, effective Feb. 27. He survived everything from three heart attacks in a matter of hours in April 1999 to floods and personal threat at the gym. Miller was hired in 1970 by former mayor Kyle Testerman and will continue to be the general manager of Golden Gloves Charities.

"This is just a particular time in my life when I am not so sure what the future holds," said Miller, who is known as "The Colonel" and will be 64 on March 31. "We've had disasters galore, but the greatest tragedy is losing some of the great volunteers who have been a part of this program."

It was a huge loss when his sister-in-law, Shirley Eckard, lost a battle with cancer in the 1980s. Bobby Mills died several years earlier. Cotton Jackson will never be replaced. Nor will Skinny Miller, Don Marshall or former State Rep. Ted Ray Miller, who was Ace's big brother. Others come to mind, such as Jim Brown, Norman Anderson and Raleigh Johnson.

On the other hand, someone like Stan Hamilton remains a vital part of a model program. He just happens to be one of the most-respected boxing referees in the world. Dr. Robert Whittle has been a Hall of Fame volunteer, working alongside Con Hunley, Gene Limbaugh, Glenn Allen, Max Witt and Joyce Spraker. Longtime City Council members Jack Sharpe and Larry Cox have provided advice, along with friendship.

"No one person could possibly accomplish what we have accomplished," said Miller, whose group raises almost \$100,000 a year. "It takes a team effort and I am fortunate to have a family who has been a big part of my passion for doing this."

The team he was referring to includes assistant coach Steve Whitt, Regina Sams Odom, Tracy Miller Davis, Dusty Miller Graves, Jerry Miller, Ellen Luttrell and, of course, his wife Lady Di, or Dianna the Great.

"My time with the city has ended," Miller said, "but my time in the gym is not over. The floor needs to be mopped. Then somebody has to sweep it."

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MEN'S TENNIS
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the hard work, talent, and dedication of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Men's Tennis Team. Recently, the team won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Men's Indoor Championship, a victory which demonstrated the team's tenacity and willingness to continue to strive for new feats of excellence, as well as why they are such a source of pride to their school and the Champaign-Urbana community.

The University of Illinois Tennis Team was the first team to win this tournament since 1983 that was not from the State of California, and, in addition, was the first Mid-Western team to come in first in the 31-year history of the competition.

True leadership is needed to allow any team to reach its full potential. Such leadership is exemplified by the work of Coach Craig Tiley and University of Illinois Athletic Director Ron Guenther. Their determination and vision have made the U of I Tennis Team a force to be reckoned with on the national level. Credit must also go to the student athletes themselves, who put forth and incredible amount of effort and sacrifice to meet the high standards set by their coaching staff.

Athletics often demonstrates how intelligence, physical ability, leadership, and teamwork allow men and women to overcome