

CHINA'S BRUTAL ONE-CHILD
POLICY

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OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I continue today to bring to our colleagues' attention the Chinese government's perpetual human rights abuses and would like to highlight the atrocious acts of barbarism that have arisen from the government's One-Child Policy.

In the long list of cruel acts committed by the government of China against its own people, this one is the most inhuman. Forced abortion, sterilization and the abandonment of female children in favor of males are the end results of this policy. None of our colleagues would tolerate such treatment toward their own mothers, wives, daughters and granddaughters and it is no more acceptable because we cannot see the faces or know the names of those living in terror.

"IN THEIR OWN WORDS" STATEMENTS ON CHINA'S COERCIVE ONE-CHILD POLICY PROVIDED BY THE LAOGAI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

For over 20 years, the Chinese government's one-child policy has perpetuated systemic human rights abuses against the Chinese family.

Using threats, coercion, destruction of property, detention, forced abortion, infanticide, involuntary use of birth control (IUDs), and involuntary sterilization as its enforcement mechanisms, China's population control policy is, at its core, depriving Chinese the right to give birth. Police, secret police, military, courts, social services, schools, and hospitals coordinate efforts to ensure maximum compliance.

Official one-child policy propaganda offers a variety of distasteful and cruel slogans: One Sterilization Honors Whole Family! (Shandong); One Over-birth, Whole Village Sterilized! (Chuxiong, Yunnan); Sterilization Dodgers Wanted! (Sichuan); Better One Family Ruined Than Whole Nation Devastated (Shandong); Induced Delivery and Abortion Wherever Possible, But Never Birth! (Shandong); Better Ten Graves Than One Birth! (Anhui); Better One River of Blood than One Over-birth! (Jiangsu).

Women are often forced to use IUDs or undergo sterilization, sometimes even before they have had their first child. Parents and their children who violate planning laws become outcasts, ineligible for government services and benefits.

This policy has created a culture where forced abortions, infanticide, and orphaned children are commonplace.

No government documents ever explicitly stipulates that an offender's house can be ransacked/demolished. However, this happens in several rural areas.

Most family-planning offices in Fujian rural areas have their own detention facilities, one for men and one for women. Most detainees are women, some are pregnant without "birth-permitted certificates," some are to be sterilized or be fined. If a woman cannot be seized, her husband, brothers or parents are taken. Women are generally not released until they give consent to sterilization or abortion.

Some women bribed physicians and received falsified sterilization certificates. However, if Yonghe office suspects the certificates, the women are given acid with water flushed through their oviducts.

The traditional predilection for male offspring, combined with coercive nature of the

one child policy, has created an environment where females are simply unwanted. As China prohibits the use of sonograms, the decision to keep one's child is not made until after the child is born. As a result, gender-based infanticide and child abandonment are commonplace. In addition, there is a healthy black market for infants and fetuses (used in soup/cosmetics) in China.

HONORING TAIWAN ON ITS 92ND
NATIONAL DAY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the people of Taiwan on their 92nd National Day. October 10th commemorates the Wuchang Uprising in 1911, which led to the overthrow of the Qing dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912.

Taiwan has grown to be a strategic ally to the United States as well as a powerful trading partner. Despite its small size, Taiwan is the world's sixteenth largest trading nation and the United States' seventh largest trading partner.

Taiwan also shares our democratic ideals and should be recognized as an example of freedom in a region that needs strong leaders. Taiwan supports political freedoms, human rights, and is the home of more than 90 active political parties.

Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian was one of the first world leaders to condemn the events of September 11th and to support U.S. efforts to combat terrorism. Taiwan has assisted by sharing intelligence, increasing security at its airports and providing humanitarian aid to Afghan refugees.

Again, congratulations to President Chen Shui-bian, Vice President Annette Lu, and the entire nation of Taiwan on their National Day.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON ALVAREZ,
2003 RIVERSIDE BOY SCOUTS OF
AMERICA DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Ramon Alvarez is one of these individuals. On October 16, 2003 he will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Boy Scouts of America in the City of Riverside as he is named the 2003 Distinguished Citizen.

Ramon moved to Riverside in 1995 from San Diego and quickly involved himself in the community. Ramon established his business, Alvarez Lincoln Mercury and Alvarez Jaguar Dealership, in Riverside and in 1996 the dealership was named Hispanic Business of the Year and the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Ramon also

involved himself in the University of California, Riverside Entrepreneurial Program—inspiring young men and women to follow their entrepreneurial dreams.

Despite the demands of a successful business, Ramon always finds time to give back. He is a Board Member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce and of the Riverside Community Hospital. He is an Advisory Board Member of YMCA and a member of the Raincross Club. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of California, Riverside and as a Board Member of the March of Dimes. He is past president of the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Riverside Auto Center Association, and a past member of the Riverside Community College Foundation. In 1999, Ramon was named the Ernst & Young Outstanding Entrepreneur and in 2001 he was the Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association.

Ramon is the current Executive Director of the Boy Scouts of America of Riverside, California. His tireless passion for business and community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Ramon a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he is named the Boy Scouts of America of Riverside, California 2003 Distinguished Citizen.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEAR-TV'S
SUE STRAUGHN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Straughn for her 30 years at WEAR-TV in Pensacola, FL.

In 1972, Sue Straughn began her distinguished career with WEAR as a clerk typist, moving up the ranks to eventually become a news anchor. Every evening at 6 o'clock thousands of families welcome her as an extra dinner guest as she updates them on the community news. She is the trusted face and voice for local news in Northwest Florida.

Sue Straughn's influence reaches far beyond her TV personality, as she has dedicated her time and efforts for the interests of children and reading. She sits on dozens of organizations aimed at family values and improving the quality of life for people of Florida's Panhandle, and has received numerous awards for her work, such as the David R. Thomas Child Advocate of the Year and the Judge John P. Kuder Family Values Award. Her influence has even sparked the establishment of the Sue Straughn Endowment Scholarship Fund.

WEAR and Northwest Florida communities are very fortunate to have such a distinguished newswoman with a genuine concern for local issues.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Sue Straughn for her thirty years of service and offer my sincere appreciation for her work in the communities of Northwest Florida.