

COMMEMORATING SIR ROGER
BANNISTER

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the accomplishments of Sir Roger Bannister.

Roger Bannister is best known as the man who ran the miracle mile. He was the first man in recorded history to break the four-minute mile barrier.

Until the time of his accomplishment, virtually no one thought it possible that a man could run that fast. But, it was through his athletic ability and technical knowhow that Roger Bannister persevered to run the miracle mile.

Bannister attended Oxford University to study medicine. His spare time was devoted to the track and he soon became an accomplished middle distance runner.

Despite the naysayers, Bannister believed that with perseverance he could run faster than anyone before him. He used his knowledge as a physician and painstakingly researched the mechanical aspects of running to develop scientific training methods to aid him.

In 1954, his hard work, discipline, and determination finally paid off as he sprinted to the finish line, in a time of three minutes fifty-nine point four seconds. That day, his name was forever written not only into record books, but into sporting folklore as well.

It was Dr. Bannister's dedication to excellence that paved the way for countless other athletes, including myself, to stretch themselves to new levels of achievement.

In later years Bannister concentrated on medicine, and became a consultant neurologist. He continued to run to keep fit right up until 1975, when he broke his ankle in a moping accident.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of his historic run. I hope this day can serve as a testament to young people everywhere that with perseverance and discipline, they too can achieve goals others never dreamed possible.

RECOGNITION OF KIM BIGLEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Kim Bigley who was recently killed in Kosovo.

Kim Bigley was an employee of DynCorp International which was serving with the United Nations as international police officers. Kim and other members were fired upon by a Jordanian police officer for unknown reason and she and two others were killed in the resulting firefight.

Kim Bigley was a 47-year-old who lived most of her life in southern and southwestern Illinois. She was the former warden of the Shawnee Correctional Center, and had just completed her first day of job orientation when she was killed. She is survived by her parents, Jim and Janice Bigley of Greenfield; sons, Casey Morrow of Springfield and Quinn Morrow of Decatur; daughter, Karly Morrow of Pa-

ducah; and a brother, Joe Bigley of Sherman. My thoughts and prayers go out to her families and loved ones. Ms. Bigley gave her life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OF CONGRESS OVER IRAN'S DEVELOPMENT OF MEANS TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. I commend the Chairman and Ranking Member for bringing this important discussion to the Floor of the House.

We are living in a dangerous and difficult time. It is absolutely essential that we continuously scan our world-through our intelligence agencies, through cooperation with our allies, and with the United Nations-to find threats to the American people and to the values that we hold dear. As the intelligence data rolls in, we need to have an honest and robust debate about how to deal with emerging threats.

We must prioritize the dangers that face us, make difficult decisions about what are the most imminent threats, and focus on them. Without focus and resolve on truly pressing issues, we can undermine our own positions and the safety of the American people and our allies.

Obviously, the focus of this nation has been turned to Iraq. That was the issue that the President chose to focus on; that is where we are losing men and women in combat; that is where we are spending hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer money. However, now we are realizing that perhaps Iran has been, and continues to be, a much more imminent and ominous threat to our well-being.

As we as a nation make decisions about how to deal with that threat, this time we should have an open and honest dialogue here in Congress. That is why I believe this resolution is important.

For over a decade, the United States has been trying to alert the world to Iran's efforts to covertly develop nuclear weapons. For many years, Iran has deceived the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the world about the true purpose of its supposedly peaceful nuclear energy program.

Iranian leaders, through the international nuclear black-market, acquired equipment and facilities to produce nuclear-weapons-grade uranium. As a result of IAEA inspections over the past fifteen months, we now know that Iran has acquired designs for sophisticated uranium enrichment equipment and has been hiding it for years. Iran has even experimented with material that could be used to initiate a nuclear detonation.

Because Iran used the same supplier network that provided Libya with the blueprint for a nuclear warhead, we must assume that Iran may also have an operable nuclear bomb design.

Recent limited cooperation with weapons inspectors, and diplomatic efforts, cannot overshadow the fact that Iran remains a real and

unpredictable threat that we must face. This is now at crisis level. Iran must not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. We must keep the pressure on Iran, as the international community did with Libya, to push Iran off this most dangerous path.

We must reach out to our friends and allies in the EU and elsewhere, and lead them to take strong action. America cannot bring about change in Iran on our own, especially with our soldiers spread thin in Iraq and Afghanistan already. It will take a truly global effort to bring about a peaceful resolution to this difficult situation.

Mr. Chairman, this resolution sets a new standard for states to have access to technology for peaceful nuclear purposes. It declares that Iran, through its repeated and flagrant violations of its international obligations, has forfeited the right to be trusted with technology that can be misused to produce weapons-grade uranium and plutonium. This is tough medicine, denying Iran a valuable source of energy—but it is necessary, to protect Ourselves and the region. Perhaps peaceful use of nuclear power can be a carrot that encourages the Iranian leadership to be a more trustworthy member of the international community.

Mr. Chairman, this is truly a critical time in the history of the Middle East. Tensions of the past are now combining with technology of the future. Poor diplomacy over the past years has further fanned the growing flame. We need to find a way to put this fire out. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, to send a message to Iran and the world that this Congress is ready to make bold and strong moves to enforce the Non-Proliferation Treaty and international law.

HONORING WILLIAM LEVINSON OF
MARIN COUNTY, CA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Levinson who is retiring after 12 years as Superintendent of Tamalpais Union High School District in southern Marin County, California. His passion for education is evident in his work in the district as well as in his mentoring of other superintendents and his leadership in working with government agencies, the business community, and non-profit organizations to maximize resources for children and families.

Bill grew up in White Plains, New York, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 with a BA in English literature. In 1966 he earned an MA in Elementary Education at the same university. There he met his Judy Falick, his wife of 36 years. He later earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration at Teachers' College, Columbia University. His daughter JoAnne was born in New Jersey and graduated from Redwood High School in 1994.

Bill's work experience has included stints at the New York City Welfare Department and as a Vista Volunteer as well as teaching in schools in New York, New Jersey, and California. He also served as superintendent in the Reed School District in Tiburon and the