

to Syria of products of the United States other than food and medicine, including but not limited to items on the United States Munitions List or Commerce Control List, and I prohibited commercial air services between Syria and the United States by aircraft of any air carrier owned or controlled by Syria, as well as certain non-traffic stops by such aircraft.

It is important to the national security interests of the United States, however, that certain discrete categories of exports continue in order to support activities of the United States Government and United Nations agencies, to facilitate travel by United States persons, for certain humanitarian purposes, to help maintain aviation safety, and to promote the exchange of information. Also, it is important to U.S. national security interests that aviation-related sanctions take into account humanitarian and diplomatic concerns as well as the international obligations of the United States.

Accordingly, I have waived the application of subsections 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(2)(A) of the SAA to permit the export and reexport of: products in support of activities of the United States Government to the extent that such exports would not otherwise fall within my constitutional authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs and protect national security; medicines on the Commerce Control List and medical devices; aircraft parts and components for purposes of flight safety; exports and reexports consistent with the 5(a)(2)(D) waiver outlined below; information and informational materials, as well as telecommunications equipment and associated items to promote the free flow of information; certain software and technology; products in support of United Nations operations; and, certain exports and reexports of a temporary nature. These items are further identified in the Department of Commerce's General Order No. 2, as issued consistent with my order. I have also waived the application of subsection 5(a)(2)(D) to permit the following with respect to aircraft of any air carrier owned or controlled by Syria: takeoffs or landings of such aircraft when chartered by the Government of Syria to transport Syrian government officials to the United States on official Syrian government business; takeoffs or landings for non-traffic stops of such aircraft that are not engaged in scheduled international air services; takeoffs and landings associated with an emergency; and overflights of U.S. territory.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 11, 2004.

#### CALLING FOR RESIGNATIONS DOES NATION DISSERVICE

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld led this

Nation through two wars. There was a minimum loss of life on both sides. He was effective and provided freedom for millions of men, women, and children. General Kimmitt in January reported that there were problems at a prison, ordered immediate investigations under the rule of law. Unfortunately, someone released pictures to the press and blew it out of proportion.

There is a lot of anger from all Americans and many Arabs, but I think in the long run the world is going to see what a free nation is capable of. A rule of law, justice, is it perfect? No. But it is the best we have in any part of the world.

We will bring the guilty forward in punishment, and there will be probably more than the original six that will be tried. When we come out of this, we will be stronger, and those calling for the resignation of the Secretary, I think, do this Nation great disservice.

#### HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to do a Special Order today that I will not be able to do, but I join the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) and the rest of my colleagues on the occasion of Asian American Heritage Month. During this month, we celebrate the important contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made to our great country.

The gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) is head of the Asian Pacific Caucus, and the gentleman has helped all of us learn more about the concerns and issues facing Asian Americans and the Pacific Islander community, and I salute the gentleman's work on these issues.

More importantly, I thank every Asian American for the extraordinary contribution they have made to this country. I have a list which I will not have time to read, but it will be included in the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, suffice it to say I am pleased that the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) took out this very appropriate Special Order to honor Asian Americans during Asian American Heritage Month.

#### TRUTH WILL PREVAIL

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday afternoon for 2½ hours, I met with one of our soldiers from the unit that was assigned to the prison in Baghdad. I can tell Members that as this story unfolds, we will continue to be vigilant in prosecuting not just those soldiers who were involved, but those superiors who in some cases

ordered our soldiers to do the acts that they were asked to do and to also be involved in the oversight. We will hold these individuals responsible, and we will seek and obtain justice.

But, Mr. Speaker, I also rise to pay tribute to a neighbor of mine, who lived less than 15 minutes from my home by the name of Nick Berg who we just learned in the past several days was brutalized in the most unbelievable way imaginable by those same people over in Iraq who expect us to treat those perpetrators of crimes in the prison with justice.

I also rise to pay tribute to Tali Hatuel, an Israeli who was gunned down, along with her four children and her unborn child, in the most despicable way. Truth and justice will prevail. I just wish that were the case on both sides both with al Qaeda as well as with our own troops.

#### COMMEMORATING ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to also commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans in U.S. history.

I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALÉOMAVAEGA), the new chair and vice chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, for organizing this Special Order. And in particular, I want to recognize the contributions of Korean-Americans in my district and commend them for their tireless work in improving the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, today Asian Americans continue to gain new ground in even greater social and political representation. As we commemorate and celebrate the crucial role of Asian Pacific Americans and the role they have played in the development of this Nation, we must work harder to improve their lives and opportunities for 12.5 million Asian Pacific Americans who are still confronted with daily prejudices, discrimination, and economic inequalities.

#### ECONOMIC REMEDIES

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last week President Bush took one of his bus trips through the State of Ohio trying to argue for his economic policy. Ohio is a State that has lost 170,000 manufacturing jobs. Virtually every month during the Bush administration, we have lost manufacturing jobs. One out of six manufacturing jobs in the