

I have always believed that the courage required to compromise and reconcile is far greater than that required to confront. I appeal to Israel to show that courage. I appeal to the American Jewish Congress, and the entire Jewish Community, to use their considerable influence to put an end to the Palestinian dispute once and for all and to usher in a period of peace and tranquility in the Middle East and perhaps the whole world. Failure is no longer an option.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me conclude with a word about the prospects of Pakistan's relations with Israel. Pakistan has no direct conflict or dispute with Israel. We pose no threat to Israel's security. We trust that Israel poses no threat to Pakistan's national security. But, our people have a deep sense of sympathy for the Palestinian people and their legitimate aspirations for statehood. In response to the bold step taken by Prime Minister Sharon to withdraw from the Gaza, Pakistan decided to initiate an official contact with Israel. Our Foreign Ministers met in Istanbul through the good offices of our Turkish friends. As the peace process progresses towards the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, we will take further steps towards normalization and cooperation, looking to full diplomatic relations.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we can remain mired in old prejudices and keep the world hostage to the politics of perennially defining and redefining of enemy, or we can move forward with courage and reach out to work for the rebirth of history and a new future of peace, harmony, mutual respect, dignity and shared prosperity. We can lose this opportunity to narrow vision and a failure to see humanity in each other. The responsibility to make the right choice is in our hands.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY ON TSA SCREENER CUTS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a resolution of inquiry regarding the recent reallocation of Transportation Security Administration airport screeners that is leading to massive cuts in screener workforce levels at Portland International Airport, in my district, and at many other airports across the country. This resolution directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to turn over to Congress all the information in his possession regarding this screener reallocation. Only with this information can our airport authorities ensure that they were treated fairly by this process and can Congress do its oversight job to ensure that our air transportation system is safe, efficient, convenient, and an engine of economic growth for our communities.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS AND IVORY MURPHY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to two glowing flames that found one another at a

young age, and have had the fortune of sharing their lives for the last 50 years.

Ivory and Doris Murphy are two dear friends of my wife, Emily, and me. Our paths first crossed in Charleston, South Carolina in 1962. That chance meeting blossomed into a 43-year friendship that has grown stronger over time, despite the physical distance that has separated us since 1967. Ivory and Doris are a dynamic couple who serve as an inspiration to everyone whose lives they touch.

Both Doris and Ivory grew up in a rural community near Wallace, North Carolina. They met in 1953, and two years later were married. Ivory enlisted in the Air Force and their life together became an extraordinary adventure, which Doris dropped out of Fayetteville State University to pursue.

Shortly after coming to Charleston (South Carolina) Air Force Base, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Doris decided to return to Fayetteville State from which she received a degree in education while raising three children, Ivory, Jr., Andrea, and Octavius. Ivory's career took them to Air Force bases around the world in distant places like Greenland, Libya and Thailand.

In 1977, Ivory retired from the Air Force, and the Murphy family settled in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Ivory began a second career with Allstate Insurance Co., and Doris devoted herself to a career in education working her way up from classroom teacher to principal. In 1994 Doris was named "Assistant Principal of the Year" while serving at Spring Creek Elementary School.

Ivory and Doris' strong foundation in family and faith has sustained them through their 50-year marriage. The Murphy's golden anniversary is as much a celebration of the institution of marriage as it is this couple who set the standard for so many around them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring a couple that has persevered throughout a lifetime of joys and adversities. Their dignity, grace and love after 50 years together are an inspiration for all of us.

TRIBUTE TO GENE KREKEL

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, a friend passed away this week.

Who was Gene Krekel and why do we mourn his passing?

The irony in America is there are a lot of lawyer jokes. Actually good lawyers are the most respected people in the community. Gene personifies the best in his profession—the professional who is careful in judgment and caring in concern. His career and his life were characterized by decency and a steadfast commitment to causes.

Gene was a Republican, the Des Moines county Chairman and my campaign leader for many years, but Gene had as many Democratic as Republican friends. His commitment to his chosen party had little to do with partisanship and everything to do with selfless fair play.

American divides between two political teams, each with a great heritage. The mod-

ern-day trend is to accentuate differences, appeal to lowest-common-denominator instincts, and resort to divisive strategies. Gene was an old-fashioned political loyalist who was appalled by such tactics. He believed in principles and values, friendship rather than grudges.

It may have been courtroom training, which while advocacy-oriented, recognized that all sides generally have some justice to their case; it may have been his understanding that there will always be another battle to follow that caused him to eschew the negative. But his approach to work and life were rooted in a deeper instinct as well. Gene was born on a Des Moines County farm and always maintained a rural reserve in a city profession. While temptations to glibness and cynicism abound in our society, Gene was imbued with a genteel Iowa optimism that evoked trust in all with whom he dealt.

It is this trust that caused everyone associated with good causes to seek his leadership. From politics to his church, from bar associations to 4-H, Gene could be counted on for the thoughtful mettle that had earned him Phi Beta Kappa honors in college and order of the coif in law school.

But of all his activities, the one Gene enjoyed the most was the Des Moines county fair, which for many years he chaired. Gene loved, above all, the youth education projects: the showing of cattle and hogs, chickens and sheep, rabbits and gerbels. It was the tie of generations and the nature and history of Iowa's agricultural enterprise that appealed so deeply to him.

None of us can imagine Gene's disappointment not to meet in this life his first grandchild due in just a few weeks. This tragedy is more poignant because Gene and Debbie suffered together one of the gravest of life's tragedies, the death of their son Eric in a car accident eight years ago.

In their close-knit family, nothing could have been sadder than the passing of this freckle faced boy who developed a genius for happiness and friendship.

Now Debbie and Molly are left alone, struck by the loss of the anchor of the family. Their grief is ours also.

This big man with a big hand and bigger heart will be much missed by all who had the good fortune to be touched by his gentleness.

GENERAL WELFARE

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I recently spoke with a young high school student in the wake of the Katrina disaster. He was quite interested in discussing the taxpayers role in absorbing costs of reconstruction and relief in the affected areas. He was so enthusiastic, in fact, that he presented me with a research paper he drafted for his government class. The paper provides some interesting historical insights, and I submit it for the RECORD.

GENERAL WELFARE

(By Zachary Robinson)

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.—The year was 1829, and the setting for a Constitutional test was the nation's capital. A