

living in grandparent and other relative headed households. About 2.5 million of these children are living in homes without either parent present. Regardless of the many reasons children enter relative care, including death of a parent, neglect, and substance abuse, it is never, ever the fault of the child. I commend grandparents and other relatives who step forward to care for these children, keeping them out of foster care while providing safe, stable, homes, often at great personal and financial sacrifice.

Stories of a 78-year-old grandmother raising a four year old, a 71-year-old grandfather raising 5 teenagers, or a single grandmother raising more than 6 grandchildren are all too common throughout Colorado and our nation.

Grandparents and other relative caregivers are often the best chance for a loving and stable childhood for the children in their care, but their hard work and dedication often goes unnoticed. Mr. Speaker, today, I offer my formal acknowledgement and deepest appreciation for the ongoing service of these caregivers to our country and our nation's most valuable asset, our children.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues and the world community in honoring the life and work of Simon Wiesenthal. Especially during the High Holidays, it is important and appropriate to recognize the extraordinary achievements of a man who devoted the last 60 years of his life to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the Holocaust. Hitler's Nazi regime was responsible for the murders of nearly six million Jewish men, women, and children and more than 11 million people overall.

Today, the relentless efforts of Simon Wiesenthal have led to the conviction of more than 1,000 of these Nazi war criminals. He was instrumental in the captures of Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the Nazi plan to annihilate the European Jewish population, and Karl Silberbauer, the Gestapo officer responsible for the arrest and deportation of Anne Frank.

Although Simon Wiesenthal has passed away, his memory will live on forever. One way to ensure this is through the work of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The organization actively promotes awareness of anti-Semitism while continuing to bring to justice surviving Nazi war criminals. Although its headquarters are located in Los Angeles, I am proud that my district is home to the Simon Wiesenthal New York Tolerance Center.

I urge the House today to reaffirm our commitment to the fight against anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice. Simon Wiesenthal's legacy teaches us that the perpetrators of genocide cannot be allowed to continue their path of persecution. It is crucial for Congress to continue to support Holocaust organizations like the Simon Wiesenthal Center so that history does not repeat itself. Simon Wiesenthal once said; "When we come to the other world [after death] and meet the millions of Jews

who died in the camps and they ask us, 'What have you done?'. . . I will say, 'I didn't forget you'." It is important that we take another step to remember the man who would never consider the atrocities of the Holocaust a part of the past.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3402) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and for other purposes:

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the amendment I am offering with my friends Mr. KOLBE and Chairman LEWIS to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

Illegal immigration is a critical federal responsibility and a serious local problem. Local law enforcement are on the front lines when it comes to keeping neighborhoods safe from illegal immigrants who commit crimes. Our officers are forced to shoulder the added burden of punishing undocumented individuals who endanger our communities.

The SCAAP program is designed to fulfill the federal government's responsibility to reimburse states and localities for the significant costs they incur when jailing illegal aliens. Passage of this amendment will demonstrate our unwavering support for local law enforcement as they uphold the law and protect our communities.

This amendment authorizes \$750 million for SCAAP in fiscal year 2006, \$850 million for 2007, and \$950 million for each of fiscal years 2008–2011. While significant, this money represents only a fraction of the true costs incurred by state and local governments. California alone spends more than \$750 million each year to jail criminal illegal aliens.

The amendment also adds an additional measure of accountability and oversight to the SCAAP program. It requires the DOJ Inspector General to report to Congress on how effectively jurisdictions that receive SCAAP funding are cooperating with the Department of Homeland Security on deporting criminal aliens. Clearly, it is a national security priority and a local necessity to deport criminal aliens. This measure will help keep the federal focus on securing the borders, right where it should be.

It is also important to note that the SCAAP program is not only critical for border states, such as California and Arizona, which Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LEWIS and I are privileged to represent. States with the highest growth in illegal immigrants include North Carolina and Iowa. SCAAP has assisted all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Let's stand with our local law enforcement and support robust funding for SCAAP. Support the Kolbe/Dreier/Lewis amendment.

#### KYRGYZSTAN LEADERSHIP ON GLOBAL SECURITY, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 7, 2005*

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, in his September 17, 2005, address to the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Kurmanbek Bakiev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, called on his fellow Heads of State to join him in supporting U.N. peace keeping by fighting poverty and promoting democratic development. President Bakiev told the U.N. General Assembly "it is no accident that exactly in the poorest regions of the world the most serious regional conflicts arise".

Kyrgyzstan, the only state in Central Asia that participates in peace making efforts by the United Nations, has directed military observers and staff officers to the missions of the United Nations in Liberia, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Serbia, Kosovo, and Sudan. On September 23, 2005, Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, praised Kyrgyzstan's courageous leadership in supporting the resettlement of Uzbek refugees to third countries along with its commitment to the Geneva Convention. Mr. Despouy called on international donors to provide financial support for Kyrgyzstan's reform programs.

Kyrgyzstan has also been a critical ally in the international community's efforts to rebuild and strengthen Afghanistan. It has made its territory available to the coalition to combat terrorism and promote regional safety and security.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my congressional colleagues President Bakiev's September 17, 2005, address to the United Nations' 60th General Assembly and ask that it be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Secretary General, dear delegates, ladies and gentlemen, first of all, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your election to the responsible post of Chairman of the Sixtieth Anniversary Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations and to wish you every success in so honorable and noble a mission. Let me also express words of gratitude to your predecessor Mr. Jean Ping for the successful moderation of the previous session of the Assembly.

Mr. Chairman, the Summit of the United Nations which came to an end yesterday confirmed that the United Nations Organization remains the universal organization capable of bringing important contributions to the matters of strengthening international peace and security, the maintenance of sustainable development, and the search for adequate answers to new global challenges and threats. In this regard, I hope that the 60th Anniversary Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations becomes the major event in our time, and will give to all mankind a feeling of confidence and hope in our future.

Rapid changes in the world have not bypassed Kyrgyzstan. Our people, not remaining indifferent to its own destiny, in March of this year have chosen the way of development, progress and creativity. In the new history of Kyrgyzstan, one more page has been turned. We enter into the 21st century with firm determination to realize the deep