

his conduct for individuals and groups. He put in long hours for youth groups throughout the area, sang in the choir at Emanuel Baptist Church, and was the pastor at Mount Lily Baptist Church for nearly ten years at the end of his working career. While suffering a stroke two years ago may have slowed the Reverend's activities, the lessons he had instilled and the inspiration he had brought to those around him continued to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Reverend Williams. They, along with their community, have suffered a great loss. Reverend Hollice T. Williams served as a model for so many, and I am confident that many will remember him fondly and model their actions in life on what he showed them through his life.

**EMSLEY TAYLOR JACKSON MAKES  
HER MARK ON THE WORLD**

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Morgan Jackson and his wife Shawn on the birth of their first child, Emsley Taylor Jackson. Emsley was born on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 and weighed 10 pounds. Faye joins me in wishing Morgan and Shawn great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenges that children bring into your life. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. Through their inquiring minds and wide-eyed wonder, they will teach you just as you teach them, and show you the world in a fresh, new way. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

I welcome young Emsley into the world and wish Morgan and Shawn all the best as they begin guiding her through life.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE ANIMAL  
ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT OF  
2005**

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2005. This legislation would provide federal authorities with the necessary tools to help prevent and better investigate and prosecute eco-terror cases.

Between January of 1990 and June of 2004, extremist movements such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) committed more than 1,100 acts of terrorism causing more than \$120 million in damages. The FBI considers these extremists groups among its most serious domestic threats.

Animal rights extremists advance their cause through "direct action" which includes death threats, vandalism, animal releases, and

bombings. Their actions are calculated to aggressively intimidate and harass those identified as targets. Traditional targets include research and biomedical laboratories, fur farms, and restaurants. These extremists have also turned to targeting companies that do business or have a financial interest in an animal enterprise.

In my own state of Wisconsin, mink farmers and researchers at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center have experienced their own fair share of intimidation, harassment, and vandalism at the hands of animal rights extremists.

Current federal law is inadequate to address the threats posed by violent acts committed by these animal rights extremists. They have recognized the limits and ambiguities in our current statutes, such as the Animal Enterprise Protection Act, and have tailored their campaign to exploit them.

Mr. Speaker, the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2005 would address gaps in the law that keep authorities from using it in the most effective manner possible. The bill provides for penalties for intentional economic disruption or damage and for intentionally causing bodily harm or placing a person in reasonable fear of death or bodily harm.

It also specifically addresses the "tertiary targeting" tactic employed by these extremists by prohibiting intentional damage of property belonging to a person or organization with ties to an animal enterprise.

Enactment of this legislation will enhance the ability of law enforcement and the Justice Department to protect law-abiding American citizens from violence and the threat of violence posed by animal rights extremists.

**FREEDOM FOR BLAS GIRALDO  
REYES RODRIGUEZ**

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Reyes Rodríguez is an opposition activist and independent librarian in totalitarian Cuba. His life is dedicated to the proposition that the men and women of Cuba must be free: free to learn, free to worship, free to elect their leaders, free to enjoy their inalienable human rights. Independent librarians in Cuba, such as the one operated by Mr. Reyes Rodríguez, provide the indispensable service of circulating truth at a time when the tyrannical regime provides only propaganda. These heroic librarians often circulate the great works of anti-totalitarian literature, including the important writings of Václav Havel and Dr. Martin Luther King. Literature is a great danger to totalitarian regimes: books often provide the truth that tyrants seek to hide.

Unfortunately, in March 2003, as part of Castro's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Reyes Rodríguez was arrested. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 25 years in the totalitarian gulag.

Amnesty International reports that he is suffering from serious medical concerns in the gulag. According to the U.S. Department of

State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2003:

In early August, officers of the Ministry of the Interior threatened to arrest the wife of prisoner Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez if she continued to receive activists who visited her to express sympathy for the jailing of her husband. Police told Isel de las Mercedes Acosta Obregon that they would try her for violating the Law to Protect National Independence and the Economy (Law 88) (see Section 2.a.) if she did not cease "counterrevolutionary activities."

Mr. Reyes Rodríguez has also been named an honorary member of Sydney PEN, an organization of writers devoted to emphasizing the role of literature in the development of mutual understanding and world culture; to fighting for freedom of expression; and to acting as a powerful voice on behalf of writers harassed, imprisoned and sometimes killed for their views.

Mr. Speaker, let me be very clear, Mr. Reyes Rodríguez is languishing in an infernal gulag because he believes in freedom, truth, democracy, and human rights. His family is being constantly threatened because of these "dangerous" beliefs. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 28, 2005, I had an out of town engagement and missed rollcall votes. I ask that my absence be excused, and that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD show that had I been present: For rollcall no. 556, I would have voted "aye."

Again and again, Iranian government's policies have shown utter disrespect for international law, oppressed the Iranian people, and facilitated international terrorism.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's comments on October 26, 2005 in support of annihilating Israel reaffirm the necessity of strong American and United Nations policies towards Iran. Knowing of Iran's desire to develop nuclear capabilities and intentions to use them against Israel, we must, in the strongest terms possible, condemn President Ahmadinejad's statements and continue working towards a freer and more stable Middle East.

**HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE GEORGE MASON  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INFORMATION  
AND ENGINEERING**

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of George Mason University's School of Information Technology and Engineering.

2005 is a year of great significance for the School of Information Technology and Engineering. On October 28, 2005, George Mason

University invited alumni and friends to join in celebrating the school's many accomplishments and its exciting plans for the future. This event also served as the commencement of the school's first-ever fund-raising campaign, the "2010 Campaign." Through this campaign, George Mason aims to raise more than \$20 million in private funds by June 2010. This funding will enable the School of Information Technology and Engineering to continue its path of national prominence and leadership and to create new programs in the area of information technology in the biosciences including bio-informatics, bio-technology, and bio-engineering.

Led by Dean Lloyd Griffiths, George Mason's School of Information Technology and Engineering is the first engineering school in the United States to focus on information technology rather than the traditional engineering science, and is also the first engineering school to offer a doctoral program in information technology. It was also one of the first engineering schools in the country to be named as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the White House Complex. Additional research areas of expertise within the School of Information Technology and Engineering include genetic algorithms, robotics, learning agents, air transportation, infrastructure protection, and data visualization.

Indeed, while many other colleges are experiencing a decrease in engineering enrollments, student enrollment at George Mason's School of Information Technology and Engineering continues to grow. To compliment the increase in enrollment, George Mason University has committed to raising the quality of the program to an even greater degree by making changes such as hiring a substantial number of new faculty members, leveraging research and donor funding, and enhancing its participation in high school mentorship programs, among others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating George Mason University's School of Information Technology and Engineering on 20 years of excellence. I look forward to applauding its continued growth and success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF EDITH ROBLES

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Edith Rocio Robles, a dedicated and intelligent woman whom I was fortunate to have served as my Communications Director from September 2001 through August 2005. During her tenure in my office I greatly valued Edith's strong communication skills.

Edith joined my office in 2001 as my Press Secretary. Edith quickly assumed her role as Press Secretary. Edith's strong public relations skills and knowledge of the press, particularly Spanish media, made her a valuable member of my staff and gained her the admiration of her colleagues. In 2002, I promoted Edith to the role of Communications Director in recognition of her hard work and invaluable help to my office.

As a grass-roots oriented Member of Congress, I take great pride in my office's extensive efforts to communicate with my constituents in the 32nd Congressional District about how the Federal Government can be of assistance to them and about the work I'm doing in Congress to improve their lives. As Communications Director, Edith played a critical role in this effort, strengthening my office's working relationships with members of the press and local community activists and overseeing my office's mail outreach program.

While I am sad to see Edith leave, I am confident that the future will bring her great success. I wish Edith and her family good health and wishes. I join my staff in Washington, DC, El Monte and East Los Angeles offices in wishing Edith the best of luck in all of her future endeavors. Buena suerte Edith!

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD E.  
SMALLEY

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of our nation's greatest minds. Last week, the scientific world and the nanotechnology community in particular lost a giant. Dr. Richard Smalley, the Nobel Prize-winning nanotechnology researcher, died after a long battle with cancer at age 62. Professor Smalley shared the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1996 for discovering the C<sub>60</sub> molecule, a soccer ball-shaped form of carbon called buckminsterfullerene.

A professor in the physics and chemistry departments at Rice University, he was the founding director of the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology at Rice and was director of the Carbon Nanotechnology Laboratory.

It is hard to overstate the role Dr. Smalley played in founding and fostering the development of nanotechnology, one of the most important and exciting new areas of scientific inquiry to arise in the past quarter century. The discovery of fullerenes is one of the earliest and most influential discoveries in the development of nanotechnology. Dr. James Heath, one of his former graduate students on the buckyball discovery who has become a leading nanotechnology researcher himself, described Dr. Smalley as "a Moses for the field. Without a Moses, there's no trip to the promised land."

Dr. Smalley was a key player in the development of the United States' National Nanotechnology Initiative, launched in 2000. His testimony on Capitol Hill, where he spoke about the promise of nanotechnology for treating cancer and other diseases even as he battled the disease himself, made a deep impression on policymakers.

In recent years, Dr. Smalley was an ardent supporter of commercial development of nanotechnology, helping to found Carbon Nanotechnologies Inc. to make sure his discoveries made it to the marketplace where they could benefit society. He was also a scientific adviser to biotech startup C Sixty, which is investigating the use of fullerenes for biopharmaceutical applications.

In 2002, Dr. Smalley embarked upon a crusade to promote the use of nanotechnology to

solve what he described as the No. 1 problem facing humanity in the 21st century—the need for cheap, clean energy. Smalley crisscrossed the country, gave dozens of keynote addresses, testified before Congress and met with countless government, academic and industrial leaders. Some of his friends and colleagues have said that they thought he fought so hard against his disease so that he could one day see nanotechnology deliver the societal benefits in clean energy that he so passionately believed in.

Citizens of the world were fortunate to have Rick Smalley, and will certainly benefit from his discoveries. We owe it to him to continue his efforts to use nanotechnology to solve the need for cheap, clean energy. As ranking member of the Science Committee's Energy Subcommittee, I intend to do what I can to honor Dr. Smalley's memory and continue his good work.

IN HONOR OF THE FRIENDSHIP  
FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN  
VIETNAMESE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese, as leaders and members of the Foundation unite with the Cleveland community in celebration of the grand opening of the Sai Gon Plaza Community Center.

The Community Center, located at the intersection of West 54th and Detroit Avenue in Cleveland in Ohio's 10th Congressional District, was made possible through the determination, conviction and energy of its founder, Ms. Gia Hoa Ryan, who also serves as the executive director of the Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese.

The Sai Gon Plaza Community Center promises to exist as a vital source of Vietnamese culture and Asian culture, wherein a strong foundation of cultural preservation and intercultural exchange is established. This Center, reflecting the rich cultural diversity of Cleveland, will unite citizens of Asian heritage and will serve as a cultural gathering place for people from all international backgrounds. Also included as part of the Center will be a dedication to the people and neighborhoods surrounding the Center. The Center will also showcase a museum and exhibition center, which will be home to the Asian-American Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Gia Hoa Ryan, Executive Director of the Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese. Ms. Ryan's tireless work and focused vision, supported by the work and efforts of countless members of Cleveland's Vietnamese community and many others, have created a Community Center where bridges of culture will transcend language, time and distance, preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions of Vietnamese culture—a culture that spirals back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders—from Vietnam to America.