

their own property in the storm, in the week that followed the hurricane, members of the church and others in the community came together descending on the church grounds to help FEMA distribute over 60,000 MRE's as well as ice and water to those in need.

In the months that followed, with the glorification of God's work in their hearts, the community, congregation and other churches in the surrounding area came together to begin rebuilding Elizabeth Chapel. It has been nearly 2 years since Ivan devastated the Gulf Coast, and the reconstruction is complete. On Sunday, June 11, 2006, I will join in the fellowship and celebration of the consecration of the Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I truly represent an incredible group of people. It warms my heart that the community, congregation, and other churches have come together, through the hardships and heartache that have been prevalent since hurricane Ivan, to once again provide a house of worship to the amazingly resilient members of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's rollcall votes on 5 amendments to H.R. 5522, the Fiscal Year 2007 Foreign Operations appropriations measure.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcalls 245, 246, 247, 248, and 249.

I would have voted in favor of final passage of H.R. 5522.

CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AND RACIAL INTOLERANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I first want to thank my friend and fellow Californian, Congressman JOE BACA for organizing this Special Order to condemn hate crimes and racial intolerance, and particularly to address the very dangerous and growing problem of the use of the Internet to spread racism, bigotry, prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, I can speak personally of the horrors that can result from the propagation of hate. Such messages can be spread in many ways, but perhaps the most recent medium, the Internet, is the most effective and therefore the most dangerous. Modern technology has given us the ability to spread information and ideas far and wide almost instantly, and, as a result, the world has become very small indeed. Hate messages can circle the globe in minutes or even seconds. The circumstances of the terrorist arrests in Canada, the United States, and Europe just this last week are a reflection of how quickly messages of intolerance and exhortations to violence can be widely spread on the Internet.

Because of my deep concern for human rights, I co-founded the Congressional Human

Rights Caucus in 1983. In 1995, a number of colleagues joined me in founding the Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism to address more specifically problems of racial intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, and anti-Semitism. I continue to co-chair both groups and remain steadfastly committed to fighting such ugly and vicious hatred. This is a battle in which we must all be engaged. We confront a central danger to America's national interests and cannot be complacent in the face of such threats.

Mr. Speaker, the Anti-Defamation League, which monitors far-right extremists, reports that neo-Nazis and white supremacists have capitalized on the recent immigration reform debate and have ratcheted up their anti-Hispanic action. Racist use of the national debate to further their ideology in pursuit of a "Whites only" America is a hateful display and reminds us of the insidious racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism that exists and that is spread on the Internet.

The Anti-Defamation League reports a disturbing trend of increased violence against Hispanics and of persistently troubling levels of anti-Semitism. Games that target particular immigrant, ethnic or religious groups are indicative of the deeply-rooted hatred that we confront. The recent up-tick in the spread of racist shoot-to-kill video games on the Internet is very disconcerting. The level and intensity of attacks against Hispanics has reached dangerous new highs, with right-wing extremists joining anti-immigration groups. The recent racist protests and rallies held across our nation are a disgrace to our country and a threat to American stability.

Immigration is likely the most important factor in the growth of extremist groups, and in their gaining new members. We must be vigilant in guarding against the racist, xenophobic sentiments surrounding our immigration debates. While such hatred is sadly not new, our recent debates and legislation are attracting the attention of extremists. Over the weekend, the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis protested nearby at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland. Under the auspices of speaking out against "black on white crime" and illegal immigration, the message vocalized could not have been clearer: as a Klan member said, "Mexicans, Jews, all these immigrants, we want them out of here . . ." Such rhetoric is frightening.

There is no gain, but loss by all, when hatred and anger are spread. Hispanics, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, are increasingly becoming the targets of hatred and violence from white supremacists.

In an attempt to call attention to some of the problems of modern tools for spreading hate, the Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism sponsored a briefing last September that highlighted the importance of fostering international cooperation in combating internet hate, and of working with organizations like the OSCE to combat anti-Semitism globally.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join in working together to find ways to stop the use of the Internet to spread hate, so that we will not suffer horrible consequences. As I learned personally and tragically over six decades ago, words have consequences. Hate, intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, and Anti-Semitism lead to actions that a free society such as ours can—and must—never tolerate. We must speak out, we must take action.

LADY FALCONS SOAR TO VICTORY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that public high schools in the Sixth District of North Carolina are not the only ones housing state championships these days. Now O'Neal School in Moore County, North Carolina is able to sit in the same seat of glory having won the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association 2A conference competition in women's soccer.

The Falcons endured fierce competition in the pursuit of their ultimate goal battling through two overtimes (one in the quarterfinals and the other in the semifinals). The fact that the road which they traveled to victory was so rocky made the end result all the more sweet. The women beat out their rival, Calvary Baptist Day School, 1-0 in the final game of the championship.

Freshman Syd Mcllwain made everyone proud with the excessive determination required for a defender to score the only goal of the game. The goal occurred on a corner kick in which sweeper Caroline Cordell kicked it perfectly for Mcllwain to head it in. After the game Mcllwain said, "I was just thinking that I had to get some part of my body on it," according to the Moore County Independent. It's a good thing that she did because that split-second decision was crucial to victory.

We are pleased to recognize all members of the O'Neal School soccer team who contributed to this nearly perfect championship season. Members of the team include: Alex Allen, Carey Averbook, Kristin Black, Caroline Cordell, Margaret Cross, Cate Dahl, Kathryn Davis, Jessica Gregory, Sarah Griffin, Kelsey Hukee, Meagan Johnson, Kate King, Lauren Krahnert, Kathryn Maples, Syd Mcllwain, Anna Post, Nicole Poteat, Kate St. John, Allaire Welk, and Stephanie White.

The women's outstanding record was achieved largely due to their ability to work together on and off the field. Responsibility for this close bond rests in the hands of Head Coach Kyle Kegl and Assistant Coach Jason Byrd whose hard work throughout the season was imitated by the players culminating in ultimate victory among private schools at the state level.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the O'Neal Falcons for completing the first ever state championship and doing so with only one loss the entire year. Congratulations to Headmaster John Neiswender, Athletic Director Steve Dahl, the teachers, staff, students, parents, and fans for bringing home a state championship to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUARANTEE OF MEDICAL ACCURACY IN SEX EDUCATION ACT

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Guarantee of Medical Accuracy in Sex Education Act," a bill that prohibits