

Dr. Roy was born in Kothwan, a small village in the Indian state of Bihar. In 1971, after earning his degree from Ranchi Veterinary College, he immigrated to the United States with a mere \$7 in his pocket. He found employment with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York.

After his successful completion of an equivalency examination, Dr. Roy was hired by the Rahway Animal Hospital in New Jersey. In 1977, he purchased that same hospital. He would later acquire two additional veterinary hospitals in New Jersey and established the Central Jersey Emergency Clinic, an after-hours emergency room for animals.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Roy's son Pryia fondly conveyed his deep love for animals, stating that he believed "animals were capable of bringing joy to a person that humans cannot." His professional life was dedicated to the care of the countless animals that visited his hospital as well as providing comfort to their owners.

Mr. Speaker, I want to mention that Dr. Roy's commitment to service existed throughout his personal life. He was the head of the Bihar Jharkhand Association of North America called B-JANA. In 1999, under his leadership, B-JANA was able to raise a significant sum for the widows of India's Kargill War. Later that year, the Orissa Cycle ravaged India, resulting in a great loss of human life and property, and, again, B-JANA willingly lent a hand by collecting clothes for the survivors of the disaster.

I mention B-JANA, but that was just the beginning of Dr. Roy's involvement in numerous social and political activities both within the Asian Indian community as well as mainstream America. He was a regular at Indian cultural festivals such as Navratri and Devali that occur this time of year. He became very much involved in the political empowerment of the Indian community in central New Jersey, the effort to register voters, run Indian Americans for political office, and get young Indian Americans involved in politics.

Dr. Roy always felt that Indian Americans like himself, who were enormously successful in the United States, should give something back to the community, and he was generous both with his time as well as financially. I can't emphasize enough how much he influenced me and made me understand how important it was to give back. And he, of course, always was there when I needed help both politically as well as personally.

Although I am deeply saddened by Dr. Roy's death, I am grateful for the opportunity to have known a man of such great character. He was equally as passionate about providing assistance for those in need halfway around the world in his native India as he was comforting a worried pet owner sitting in the waiting room of one of his New Jersey animal hospitals.

Dr. Roy was a true humanitarian whose work has touched the lives of countless people, and with his passing we have all suffered a great loss.

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HOOPS FOR HOPE

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Missouri is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report upon a recent event which was refreshingly bipartisan that succeeded in advancing humanitarian causes and personal fitness, all in the same event. There were no political speeches. It was simply a group coming together from different political perspectives. I am speaking of the eighth annual Hoops For Hope, the intense athletic contest between select Members of this venerable institution and a representative team from the seemingly infinite number of registered lobbyists.

Our bipartisan bicameral group of eight, small in size and stature, took the court against an all-star team of superior athletes. On paper, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, our undermanned, overmatched band, should have never even been in the same building as our foe. But as they say on ESPN SportsCenter, that's why they play the game.

Suffice it to say that this impressive and gleaming trophy suggests the outcome of the game. Yes, we Members defeated the lobbyists 44-39.

But the true winners are the kids of the D.C. area and beyond who will benefit through three extremely worthwhile charities: Hill Help, Horton's Kids, and the Luke Tiahart Foundation. The moneys raised from this cause will help provide comprehensive service to underserved kids in an effort to improve the quality of each child's daily life and enhance each child's desire and ability to succeed academically. This is through money raised to go to tutoring, to participate in community service projects, summer camp and mentoring.

This annual event, Hoops For Hope, was the brainchild of Paul Miller, President of the American League of Lobbyists, and our former colleague from New York, Mr. Quinn.

The first game 8 years ago generated about \$7,500 for charity. After this most recent event the other night, the cumulative total has exceeded \$260,000. Over a quarter of a million dollars have been raised during the life of this charitable event.

There was some concern expressed earlier, I admit, concerning the scandal surrounding a high-profile lobbyist as to whether the game would even go forward this year. Well, the American League of Lobbyists passed a code of ethics in 1987 in order to help preserve

and advance the public trust in the democratic process. Paul Miller, who was instrumental in this game and this cause, has so passionately advocated for lobbying reform in several congressional hearings before the other body and our own.

Let me say a special thank you to that band of eight: Senator THUNE from South Dakota, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN), the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS), the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) and the dean of our group, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY), who is retiring after serving this institution so venerably. In fact, Mr. OXLEY was inducted into the Hoops for Hope Hall of Fame; and, as I remarked to the crowd then, Mr. OXLEY's belief about basketball is if it feels like leather, shoot it. We will miss Mr. OXLEY's on-court antics.

I want to thank Roll Call and George Washington University for their instrumental role as far as making a very successful eighth annual Hoops for Hope.

I invite my teammates on both sides of the aisle to share in the spoils of victory. I mentioned this to some of my teammates. This trophy can be an impressive office decoration. It certainly is a unique conversation starter or simply a gaudy hood ornament.

UNDERMINING EFFORTS TO FIGHT TERRORISM

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order speech at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Washington is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, we learned yesterday of a new intelligence assessment that confirms what the common sense of the American people concluded some time ago: The war in Iraq has undermined our efforts to fight terrorism.

The national intelligence estimate says the Iraq war has made terrorism worse on a global scale. The Iraq war has made the world more dangerous. These conclusions come from the agencies and specialists who work to keep America safe by keeping leaders informed of the latest verifiable information.

The intelligence assessment is sobering, but the White House and Republican response is staggering in its total denial of the truth. Faced with newspaper accounts of the new intelligence report in the New York Times and the Washington Post, the White House immediately issued a denial. They went so far as to have their appointees repeat the often-heard misstatement that significant progress is being made in Iraq.

Violence is the only thing that Iraq has more of today. More than 200 people have been killed in Iraq since the