

It appears the Indian regime is even willing to arrest its own agents to suppress the movement for Khalistan! Now Badal and Chief Minister Amarinder Singh have been accusing each other of being tied in with "terrorists." These leaders view support for Khalistan as terrorism, as the Indian government does. They have shown where their loyalties lie. How will these so-called Sikh leaders account for themselves? Remember the words of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh: "If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh."

Sikhs will never get any justice from Delhi. Ever since independence, India has mistreated the Sikh Nation, starting with Patel's memo calling Sikhs "a criminal tribe." What a shame for Home Minister Patel and the Indian government to issue this memorandum when the Sikh Nation gave over 80 percent of the sacrifices to free India. There is no place for Sikhs in supposedly secular, supposedly democratic India. Our moment of freedom is closer than ever. Sikhs will continue to work to make certain that we shake ourselves loose from the yoke of Indian oppression and liberate our homeland, Khalistan, so that all Sikhs may live lives of prosperity, freedom, and dignity.

Sincerely,

DR. GURMIT SINGH AULAKH,  
PRESIDENT,  
*Council of Khalistan.*

HONORING THE MILLS-PENINSULA  
MEDICAL CENTER GROUND  
BREAKING

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on November 1, 2006 is a day that will long be remembered in Burlingame, California, as the ground breaking for the construction of the Mills-Peninsula Medical Center. This medical facility, located in my Congressional District, is a continued example of why the Bay Area continues to be at the forefront of nation's healthcare system.

The New Mills-Peninsula Medical Center, scheduled to open its doors to the public in 2010, will be an extraordinary facility integrating the latest environmentally friendly technology design into a state-of-the-art \$528 million 450,000-square-foot building. This newly constructed modern marvel will boast an emergency room 40 percent larger than that of the existing Mills-Peninsula Hospital, and will also provide 243 patient beds in all-private rooms. This new hospital will also have space designated for accommodations for family members of patients, allowing for those who have traveled great distances the ability to remain close to sick loved ones. The blueprints also include an attached office building that will offer space for physician offices, a new parking garage and gardens for people to get away from the hustle and bustle of the hospital.

Mr. Speaker, the Mills-Peninsula Hospital has been in existence for nearly 100 years and is consistently held up as a beacon of excellence for hospitals in the Bay Area. The hospital has been a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions including, being named the Best Hospital in San Mateo County 14 years running by the readers of the San Mateo County Times as well as being named

the best place to work in the Bay Area for two consecutive years by the Business Journal Publications. Professional recognitions include being designated as one of the top eight hospitals in the State of California for cardiovascular surgery by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

Mr. Speaker, the ground-breaking and planned opening of this hospital has come to fruition due to the tireless efforts of the members and board of the Peninsula Health Care District, Mills-Peninsula Health Services, and Sutter Health, as well as the extraordinary support of community leaders and residents. Without their spectacular efforts, this state-of-the-art facility would be nothing more than a dream. I urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mills-Peninsula Hospital community on the successful ground breaking of their new hospital.

RECOGNIZING JOHN FINERTY'S 25  
YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE  
COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND  
COOPERATION IN EUROPE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to pay tribute to John Finerty for his 25 years of faithful service to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Helsinki Commission. John began his work as a member of the professional staff on November 8, 1981, just 6 years after the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, a period marked by ruthless Soviet repression and widespread violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Driven by a passion for upholding the dignity of the downtrodden, John devoted himself to documenting the cases of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience cast into the Soviet gulag or banished because of their beliefs. His career at the Commission began in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, a situation he followed closely. He also focused on the plight of Soviet Jewry, abuse of psychiatry and use of slave labor in the USSR, the persecution of human rights defenders, and repression of religious believers. His determined efforts were undertaken for well-known dissidents and the unknown alike without distinction. The resolution of hundreds of Soviet human rights cases were brought about in no small measure as a result of John's diligence.

The end of the Cold War brought new challenges and opportunities and once again John's talents proved invaluable to me and my fellow Commissioners as freedom began to take root in the former Soviet Union and the subjugation of the Baltic States came to an end. Throughout the turbulent transition, John remained focused on promoting peaceful democratic change while continuing his vigilant defense of human rights. He was part of the first teams to monitor elections in the former USSR. While the conflict in Chechnya has faded from the focus of many, John has not been willing to forget its victims. Similarly, he has helped draw attention to those who have fallen victim to terrorists in places like Beslan.

Mr. Speaker, in this year when we observe the 13th anniversary of the Helsinki Commission, as a long-serving Commissioner and Co-Chairman, I am pleased to recognize and commend John Finerty for his faithful service and tireless defense of human rights and dignity.

HONORING CHIEF TERENCE P. LIPINSKI OF THE BRIDGEVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Terrence P. Lipinski of the Bridgeview Fire Department, in recognition of his retirement, after 30 years of dedicated service. Chief Lipinski has been an invaluable asset to the fire and emergency management community in the United States and we are forever grateful for his passion, wisdom, and guidance.

Terrence Lipinski began his career with the Bridgeview Fire Department as a firefighter, rising to the ranks of lieutenant and shift commander before becoming chief. He has served as chief for over a decade, while simultaneously taking on other state and national leadership roles.

During his career, Chief Lipinski has been president of the Bridgeview ETSB Board, president and vice president of the MABAS Division 21 Chief's Board, a trustee for the Bridgeview Fireman's Pension Fund, and a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board. During times of devastation and disaster, as in the aftermaths of the tornado in Utica, IL and Hurricane Katrina, Chief Lipinski has responded as a member of the first command incident team. He has also assisted in establishing a mutual aid system in Texas and, recently, the State of Illinois appointed him as a lead coordinator for a statewide exercise. Currently, Chief Lipinski is vice president of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and serves on the Region 7 EMS Advisory Board, the Christ Advocate EMS Advisory Board, and the Moraine Valley Community College Fire Education Advisory Board.

It is my honor today to recognize Chief Terrence P. Lipinski. After 30 years, the Bridgeview Fire Department is privileged to have had his dedication, determination, and impeccable service. Chief Lipinski's contributions, insights, and hard-work have truly made our great nation a better place to live. I wish him the very best in retirement and congratulate him on his accomplishments.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAUL C. FISHER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Paul C. Fisher, who passed away on Friday, October 20, 2006.