

1960s. In addition, he has been an active member of the Monroeville Civitan Club, the Monroe County Cattleman's Association and the Monroe County Conservation Club, to name just a few of the other groups that have benefited from his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I have met few public servants as committed and dedicated to the well-being of their community as Judge Otha Lee Biggs.

His tenacity and work ethic are matched only by his kindness and generosity. It goes without saying but I am proud and deeply honored to have developed a strong friendship with him, as did my predecessors, Congressman Jack Edwards and Sonny Callahan.

Monroe County and, indeed, all of south Alabama have benefited greatly from his experience and wisdom. He is a true friend to many people, and it is a pleasure for me to ask my colleagues to join me in praising Judge Otha Lee Biggs for his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to the Watauga High School football team of 2006. The Pioneers of Watauga High School in Boone, North Carolina set out with modest expectations and ended up just one game away from the state championship for 4A football. Along the way, they won 12 games and lost 3, and they set an example of character and perseverance that made a lasting impression on their school and their community.

This team frequently came from behind in the second half to win their games. Three times in the playoffs for the state championship, they won by one point. By scores of 20-19, 24-23, and 15-14, they advanced further toward that championship than any team from Watauga County in 28 years.

Watauga County, home to the Pioneers of Watauga High School, is a place that is used to taking pride in the academic quality of its schools but that has not often enjoyed similar success in team sports. On the academic side, the Watauga County School system is one of just three school systems in the state where all schools made Adequate Yearly Progress under No Child Left Behind last year. At Watauga High School, students achieve proficiency levels that are better than over 92 percent of high schools in the state, and average SAT scores are consistently well above the state and national average.

The football team, however, had not enjoyed a winning season in several years. They won just 4 games the previous season and only 2 the year before that. Success on the football field had to be built from the ground level. And as the success of the team gained momentum in this special season, it brought a new spirit and energy to Watauga High School and indeed to the whole community.

At the school, art students and teachers created designs for giant "W's" on the football

field, and the w's appeared on every door at the school. The local Touchdown Club—which is not affiliated with the high school—fed the players and their families each Thursday night. Local businesses announced their support for the Pioneers on the marquees outside restaurants and hotels. In churches and stores, you could hear excited conversations about the team's success.

In the end, they did not capture the state championship, but they did achieve something of greater and more lasting importance: they demonstrated the values of determination, hard work, and courage in the face of adversity. They showed that a past of limited success does not stand in the way of a bright future. In proving that history does not have to be destiny, they provided a very real example of the best of the American dream and they lived at the heart of the American experience. Their school and their community are the better for it.

PROFESSOR EXPOSES FAKE SIKH
SCRIPTURES, HINDU PLAN TO
DESTROY SIKH RELIGION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Professor Gurtej Singh JAS is a Professor of Sikhism and a very widely respected intellectual leader in the Sikh community. Recently, he wrote an article exposing the Dasam Granth, which is alleged by some Hindus to be a Sikh scripture. What apparently was done was to take a few of the writings of Guru Gobind Singh, the last of the Sikh gurus, and combine it with some sexually explicit material from a Hindu sect known as Shakat. The aim is to discredit Guru Gobind Singh and bring the Sikhs into the Hindu fold, according to Professor Gurtej Singh.

The authors of the Dasam Granth identify themselves within the text, yet many insist that the work was written by Guru Gobind Singh and should be equal to the Sikh holy scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib.

Professor Gurtej Singh commented that a leader of the militant Hindu fascist operation known as the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), which was formed in support of the Fascists, had commented that all the Sikh "high priests" including Akal Takht Jathedar Joginder Singh Vedanti are on the RSS payroll. Thus, they are cooperating in this effort by the Brahmins to destroy the Sikh religion. Nice trick in a supposedly secular country!

Also cooperating in this effort is former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, who led the most corrupt government in the history of Punjab. These are the kinds of people with whom the Brahmins choose to ally themselves.

This kind of control over the leadership of the Sikhs is one reason that they need their independence, to protect their identity and their safety before the Indians wipe them out, as they seek to do. Over a quarter of a million Sikhs killed since 1984 proves that. In addition, the Indian regime has killed over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, more than 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir and 2,000 to 5,000 in Gujarat, as well as Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country and Tamils, Manipuris, Dalits, Bodos, Assamese, and other minorities.

Tens of thousands of people are held as political prisoners, according to Amnesty International. The Movement Against State Repression reported that India acknowledged holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. Many of these have been in illegal detention since 1984.

These political prisoners must be released at once and those who violate human rights must be brought to justice or we should stop all of our aid and trade with India. And we should put the U.S. Congress on record in support of freedom everywhere in South Asia in the form of a plebiscite on the subject of independence, under international supervision to ensure its fairness. Isn't that the democratic way to do things?

While Professor Gurtej Singh's article is too long to put in the RECORD, the Council of Khalistan did an excellent press release on it. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that press release on the Dasam Granth fraud to the RECORD at this time for the information of my colleagues.

PROFESSOR GURTEJ SINGH EXPOSES DASAM
GRANTH FRAUD

WASHINGTON, DC, DECEMBER 7, 2006—Professor Gurtej Singh, a leading Sikh scholar, Professor of Sikhism, and an advisor to the International Journal of Sikh Affairs, has published an extensive article exposing how Hindu fundamentalists have promoted the Dasam Granth, which contains very little of the work of Guru Gobind Singh, as his writing and as genuine Sikh scripture, parallel to the Guru Granth Sahib. He exposes the fact that "the Hindu plan to drag the Sikhs back to the Hindu fold" requires promoting the Dasam Granth and that this plan has received the support of such allegedly Sikh leaders as former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and the high Sikh "high priests" led by Jathedar Joginder Singh Vedanti. Badal led the most corrupt government in Punjab's history, selling jobs for money, and regularly visits Hindu and other anti-Sikh places of worship, according to Professor Gurtej Singh.

Professor Gurtej Singh writes that Jathedar Vedanti "was given the task of actually dragging the Sikh panth into the fold of Hinduism." He notes that Jathedar Vedanti, like Mr. Badal, succumbed to the temptations of money. In order to carry out this nefarious plan, Professor Gurtej Singh writes, Vedanti embraced the Dasam Granth as genuine Sikh scripture, claiming that it was written by Guru Gobind Singh and was to be treated as scripture and canon. The Dasam Granth includes vivid, lewd descriptions of sex acts and other pornographic and obscene references that were added to Guru Gobind Singh's writing to make him look bad.

Professor Gurtej Singh notes that the authors of the Dasam Granth identified themselves in the text. Yet the Hindus insist that Guru Gobind Singh is the author and that the book is Sikh scripture. According to Professor Gurtej Singh, it is a scripture of the Shakat sect, who are worshippers of the Hindu goddess Shiva, as it reflects their mode of worship and their practices. "It has been a long standing Hindu desire to bring the Sikhs under the umbrella of the Shakat sect," he writes. "This involves getting them to accept some of the rituals of that sect as modes of worship." He goes on to write, "To propagate the dasam granth as Sikh scripture at par with Guru Granth, has been the aim of a section of the Hindu zealots and a section of the Media mostly controlled by such Hindus."

According to Professor Gurtej Singh, Mr. Sudarshan of the fascist, Hindu militant