

the larger struggle with jihadist terrorism and those tempted to support or harbor them, the perception that the United States has a certain moral authority is invaluable. Moral authority was a key factor in the long, twilight struggle with aggressive communism we call the Cold War. Using torture undermines that moral authority.”

For the information of our colleagues, I am attaching the full text of the editorial in the April 3 edition of the Rocky Mountain News.

[From the Rocky Mountain News, Apr. 3, 2008]

NOT ABOVE THE LAW, DESPITE THE MEMO

The Justice department has released the full text of the infamous 2003 “torture memo” brushing aside the legal restraints on military interrogators. The memo, which originated in the department’s Office of Legal Counsel, argues that the president’s inherent powers in wartime overrode any federal law or international treaty, raising in the layman’s mind the point, Why bother to have laws and treaties?

Our government is supposed to be one of checks and balances but the Office of Legal Counsel saw no check on the president’s powers. The courts had no jurisdiction on what Americans did overseas and in any case “Congress cannot interfere with the president’s exercise of his authority as commander in chief to control operations during a war.”

This was one step on the path to the Bush administration’s unfortunate assertion, until the courts knocked it down, that the president had the power to snatch an American citizen on U.S. soil and hold him incommunicado in solitary confinement indefinitely, without charge, trial or counsel.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office’s National Trademark Expo. After a 10-year hiatus, I am excited to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role that trademarks play in the global economy.

This 3-day event, beginning on April 10, 2008 will turn the USPTO’s campus into a “Trademark Theme Park,” featuring themed displays, company booths, costumed characters, and much more. During the expo, costumed trademarked characters, including the Pillsbury Doughboy, Sprout, Hershey Kisses, and the Chocolate Bar will parade about the USPTO campus, and large inflatable characters including the “Cat in the Hat,” “Thomas the Train,” the “Jolly Green Giant,” and “Shrek” will decorate the grounds.

Trademarks are valuable symbols of quality in our increasingly competitive global marketplace. On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day and more than 30,000 if they make a trip to the grocery store. The exposition will feature celebrity trademarks, which are often subject to counterfeiting, unusual trademarks, the evolution of certain trademarks, the people behind the names of trademarks, and century-old registered trademarks.

Exhibitors will include many of America’s leading corporations, whose exhibits will high-

light some of the benefits of Federal trademark registration. These exhibitors include the American National Red Cross, Burberry, The Travelers Companies, Inc., Starmaker Products, Microsoft Corporation, Owens Corning, Callaway Golf Company, Caterpillar, Inc., CMG Worldwide, NASCAR, YKK Corporation of America, UPS, Bridgestone Firestone, the International Trademark Association, INTA, and the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition, IACC.

The expo will emphasize the essential role the USPTO plays in approving Federal trademark registrations. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses. Trademarks protect words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods of one party from those of others. The USPTO, an award-winning leader in handling electronic filings, will showcase the impact of electronic filing and processing of trademark applications.

I applaud the USPTO for its efforts to educate the public on the role of trademarks during the National Trademark Expo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO at a time when trademarks and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy.

GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1187, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act authored by my friend Representative WOOLSEY.

I am proud to say that I represent the 2nd largest National Marine Sanctuary in the system, which also includes the longest stretch of coastline. I can attest to their value in preservation of some of the most stunning seascapes in the world and in education of the public. The Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries are adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and they have national and international significance. These sanctuaries exceed the biological productivity of tropical rain forests and support high levels of biological diversity.

The sanctuaries were established “to maintain the natural biological communities in the national marine sanctuaries, and to protect, and, where appropriate, restore and enhance natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes.” They are the “National Parks” of our ocean. As such, they were the first application of ecosystem-based management to our oceans. This type of management is recommended by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, which we in Congress created and charged with the study of the state of the oceans and the management of this shared, valuable resource.

The expansion of the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank Na-

tional Marine Sanctuaries will protect a vital part of the California Coast and the upwelling zones, which form the basis of the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean. Expanding these boundaries will also help to preserve these exceptional underwater environments. We are the stewards of our oceans and coasts, and we are failing them. The oceans belong to all the people of the United States, and we must protect them and manage them for everyone’s best interest.

Madam Speaker, with our oceans in crisis, the Sanctuaries are a beacon of hope for future generations. I support H.R. 1187 and urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES YOO

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James Yoo, an incredible man who has worked in my district office as a constituent advocate for nearly 7 years, and who, sadly for me, will soon be leaving.

I want to first let others of my staff describe what James has meant to them and to the constituents of the ninth Congressional District.

Cathy Hurwit, Chief of Staff: When I think of James, I think of someone who has the strongest, most finely-turned moral compass of anyone I know. It is evidenced in terms of his compassion and understanding of the problems facing our constituents—particularly those caught up in a draconian immigration system. In dealing with constituents, he is always calm, professional and dedicated—but in talking about the unfairness of the system and the indignities that so many faced, his moral outrage is evident. His sense of justice led him to law school to learn the skills and get the degree necessary for him to represent them. But it also is evidenced in the way he deals with his colleagues and everyone around him—modest about his own outstanding accomplishments but always willing to praise the efforts of and look out for others.

James is a role model—the standard of what a constituent advocate should be. Fun to be around, collegial and thoughtful.

Leslie Combs, District Director: James is such an integral, essential and special part of our district office, that it truly is hard to imagine the office and team without him. He makes us all laugh daily with his dry sense of humor and his fascination with Malcolm Jamal Warner (Theo on the Cosby Show). He is an extraordinarily generous and compassionate person, both towards his colleagues and the constituents who he has helped. James has helped over 2,600 constituents since he started working for Representative SCHAKOWSKY 7 years ago on July 1, 2001. He has helped reunite families that have been separated due to immigration backlogs. He has helped explain the complicated nuances of the immigration process to hundreds of families and to his fellow constituent advocates. He has made sure that immigration applications are processed quickly and that people get their oath ceremonies and green cards. James is extremely intelligent, thoughtful, and warm, and he will be missed. He is going to be an excellent immigration lawyer.

Taina Rodriguez, Constituent Advocate: James “Malcolm Jamal Warner” Yoo James