

When it comes to Sheriff Arpaio, the Times laments that his "raids use minor infractions like broken tail lights as pretexts for mass immigration arrests."

In fact, minor infractions can ensnare major bad guys. As the Times itself reported in another story, accused Dallas terrorist Hosam (Maher Husein) Smadi was pulled over for "a broken tail light" before he was arrested for terrorist activities.

This is a powerful reminder that enforcing immigration laws against all those who violate them can prevent crime.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OTTAWA COUNTY CHAPTER ON 100 YEARS

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to congratulate Ottawa County's Red Cross on such a significant milestone—100 years serving Ottawa County.

The American Red Cross of Ottawa County, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The organization has helped people throughout the world, but closer to home it has provided residents of Ottawa County with tremendous help, whether it is emergency relief, offering health and safety classes or assisting active duty military personnel.

It is rightfully proud of its record in preventing and relieving suffering, offering community assistance and offering compassionate services across the board.

Most notably, it has facilitated in giving people the gift of life through countless blood drives every year. It is amazing that it is able to do all that it does with no taxpayer dollars, but by the generous donations of time, money and blood.

Moving into the next 100 years of dedication to Ottawa County, ongoing fundraising and community partnerships are crucial to the Red Cross's ability to serve.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the American Red Cross Ottawa County on its celebration of a century of success.

RECOGNIZING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ASSOCIATION

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association, Date which has been fighting on behalf of our great Atlantic marine highway for 10 years.

The AIWA was formed in 1999 to address the declining condition of the Atlantic Intra-

coastal Waterway, running along the eastern seaboard from Virginia to Florida. A persistent lack of maintenance funding has resulted in severe shoaling of the waterway through many sections, rendering the waterway impassable at times. The AIWA has been a strong advocate for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Association has earned the title "Voice of the Waterway".

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work closely with members of the AIWA over the years to secure funding to maintain North Carolina's portion of the waterway. The resolution on the floor before us today officially recognizes the contribution made by the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association and I am pleased to rise in strong support of it. I look forward to continuing to work with the AIWA and my colleagues in Congress to support the AIWA and to secure funding to dredge the waterway to its full authorized depth.

GASKIN CITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gaskin City Missionary Baptist Church, which celebrated its 100th anniversary this past August.

Pastor Andrew Yates and the congregation of 160 held its first service on August 21, 1909. Although the congregation is smaller today, its members still make an impact on both the local community and the mission field worldwide. Their commitment to service can be seen in many ways, such as singing at local care centers and retirement homes and sending pens to Botswana that are used to copy chapters from the Bible.

I would like to congratulate the members of Gaskin City Missionary Baptist Church for reaching this milestone and wish them a blessed and joyous celebration as they mark 100 years of service to God and their community, both at home and around the world.

SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LABORATORIES CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) and its founder, Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer III, on the 25th anniversary of the lab's first sale from its headquarters in Pullman, Washington.

From its first delivery to the Otter Tail Power Company in Fergus Falls, MN in 1984, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories has grown to provide a variety of power management systems and automated networking devices that are capable of withstanding extreme electrical and weather conditions. Ed Schweitzer is a pioneer in the field of power protection, having invented the first all-digital protective relay. This device reduces the cost and

complexity of power protection. This digital technology can respond in milliseconds to systems faults and keep millions of customers safely supplied with power.

The spirit of entrepreneurship is alive and well in Eastern Washington. Today, SEL continues to develop the next generation of energy-efficient technologies and to promote smart use of our nation's natural resources. The company is proud to be 100 percent employee-owned and to serve 126 countries, employing more than 2,000 people here at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and Ed Schweitzer represent the creative and bold nature of our country's innovators and the trailblazing spirit of the Inland Northwest in particular. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Schweitzer Engineering on twenty-five successful years in business and in wishing them many more successful, productive years to come.

HONORING MR. JERRY RASMUSSEN

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Jerry Rasmussen, Principal of Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, South Dakota. Mr. Rasmussen was named South Dakota High School Principal of the Year by the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP, National Principal of the Year Program. This award recognizes the achievements of secondary school principals like Mr. Rasmussen who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Mr. Rasmussen has proudly devoted 21 years to education, including 10 years as an administrator. Mr. Rasmussen is most proud of his efforts to create a caring, student-centered culture which permeates throughout the community in North Sioux City. Mr. Rasmussen's devotion to the success and well-being of all of his students and efforts to ensure that all are welcomed at school is an example readily followed by his fellow teachers and staff.

I send best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Rasmussen on this noteworthy honor and commend him for his years of service as an educator in South Dakota.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT TO INDONESIA IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK SUMATRA

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 810 to express condolences to the people of