

will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the right of Israel to act in self-defense, which requires the inspection of cargo going into area controlled by the terrorist organization Hamas surrounding the Gaza territory. The inspections are vital because Hamas has smuggled in thousands of rockets to attack and terrorize Israeli civilians. Hamas has clearly stated its goal is the destruction of the State of Israel and the leaders of the Gaza flotilla, particularly those on the Mavi Marmara, set out to intentionally use force to confront the blockade. If the blockade were to be broken, it would be impossible to tell which vessels were carrying humanitarian supplies and which were carrying deadly rockets.

As a sovereign nation, Israel has the right to protect its people from the threat of terrorism. Israel warned the boats that they were in violation of a lawful blockade and offered them an alternative where the humanitarian aid would be off-loaded and delivered to Gaza. The flotilla, however, insisted on attempting to circumvent the blockade because their primary motivation was confrontation.

Israel is a long-standing democratic ally of the United States. We must stand with Israel and defend their right to defend the Israeli people.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, today marks the one year anniversary of the enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I was proud to have partnered with Representative HENRY WAXMAN in introducing this bill and seeing its passage through the House of Representatives.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Control Act took important steps to educate the American public about the harmful effects of tobacco-use. The law provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to regulate tobacco products and ensures that these products are not advertised or sold to children.

While many of the provisions of this law are still being implemented by the FDA, a number of important changes have already taken place. For example, a ban on flavored cigarettes is now being enforced. Cigarettes with flavors such as strawberry and lemon were clearly marketed toward children and lured young adults into trying their first cigarette.

In addition, tobacco companies are now prohibited from sponsoring athletic and cultural

events, which are widely attended and viewed by millions of children each year. No longer will a child's favorite race car driver be covered in tobacco ads nor will a favorite baseball player hit a homerun over a large cigarette banner.

The FDA has also begun enforcing the prohibition of vending machines that sell tobacco products in settings in which children are present. Vending machines served as an easy way for minors to access tobacco products since no age verification is present. Because the vast majority of all smokers try their first cigarette between the ages of twelve and twenty, these important changes will go a long way toward preventing children from trying their first cigarette, and becoming smokers as adults.

Thus far, the FDA has moved expeditiously in their implementation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I hope that they will continue their efforts to discourage our nation's young people from smoking and educate them of the harmful effects of tobacco use. For too long tobacco companies have targeted our nation's children through cartoon ads, event sponsorship, and free merchandise. I am confident that the continued implementation of this law will lead to generations of fewer tobacco-addicted youth.

HONORING ATHLETE AND HUMANITARIAN MANUTE BOL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sudanese athlete and humanitarian Manute Bol, who sadly passed away on June 19, 2010, at the age of 47.

Seven-foot 7-inches tall, Manute Bol joined the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1985 with the Washington Bullets, after catching the eye of an American basketball coach working in Sudan. When he arrived in the United States, he didn't speak any English and hadn't completed any schooling beyond a basic elementary level. His exceptional height and shot blocking ability made him an instant hit in the NBA, and, in addition to two stints with Washington, his 10-year career took him to Golden State, Philadelphia and Miami. He twice led the league in the number of blocked shots per game and shares the record as the tallest person to ever play in the NBA.

While many undoubtedly knew Mr. Bol due to his prowess on the basketball court, he was perhaps most proud of the humanitarian work he did to help his native Sudan. In 2007, after relocating to Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Bol partnered with a Kansas-based relief organization, Sudan Sunrise, to help educate and improve living conditions for children in Sudan. He pledged money and support to help construct a school in his native Turalei, Sudan, which was partially completed in January 2010, and now serves 300 children a day.

Ravaged by prolonged civil wars, Sudan lacks many of the basic services that you and I take for granted. Eighty-five percent of the population in Southern Sudan is illiterate. Only about seven percent of teachers in the southern part of the country have any professional

training, and it is not uncommon to visit a school where the teachers themselves have not been educated beyond fourth grade. Drawing from his own experiences and struggles due to a lack of basic education as a young man, Mr. Bol came to place a high value on learning. He felt that one of the keys to peace in Sudan is education for its children, and dedicated his life to improving the educational opportunities in his native country.

While Mr. Bol was helping Sudan make significant strides forward in its education system, it is clear that there is still much work to be done. It is my hope that we in Congress, and others across the globe, are inspired by the work of Manute Bol to help children in Sudan and that together, we continue the mission he has begun.

IN RECOGNITION OF BUD AND SHERRY GRINSTEAD'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Bud and Sherry Grinstead.

Bud Grinstead of Gary, IN, and Sherry Ryzenga of Holland, MI, met at Bryan University in Dayton, TN. In September of 1959, the couple transferred to Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On June 4, 1960, Bud and Sherry were married at Rose Park Baptist Church in Sherry's hometown by Revs. Garland Cofield and James Gurley. After college graduation in June of 1962, the couple moved to Jacksonville, Florida to serve at Victory Baptist Church where their first two children were born. On May 26, 1965, Bud was ordained as a Baptist minister.

The family relocated to Oxford, Alabama in 1969 where Bud served as minister of music and taught the young adult class at Trinity Baptist Church. Their third child was born in 1970. That same year, Bud started Trinity Christian Academy (TCA). The school added a grade each year until their first graduating class graduated in 1979. Bud also started a radio broadcast in 1979. During their time at Trinity, Sherry taught piano lessons and a music class.

In 1975, the family joined the Tom Williams Evangelistic Team and traveled from church to church ministering to all. In 1978, they moved back to Oxford to serve at Trinity Baptist Church and in 1980, Bud accepted the position of pastor. The radio station, WTBJ, aired for the first time in 1994. Bud has ministered in every continent of the world except Antarctica and Sherry has taught full time at TCA for 28 years and is retiring this year.

Bud and Sherry have three children: Debbie, Darryl and Dawn and nine grandchildren. A reception in their honor will be held on June 26th at Trinity Baptist Church.

I salute my friends, Bud and Sherry, on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.