

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting due to a family emergency on Thursday, December 9. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 626 and rollcall 627.

COMMENDING YUVRAJ PURI FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Yuvraj Puri for his initiative in crafting a bill to reduce the amount of annual Medicare fraud and prevent future Medicare fraud. Yuvraj is 13 years old and attends Cooper Middle School in McLean, Virginia, where he is currently in the 8th grade.

As a second-generation Indian-American and in tribute to his Asian culture which teaches children to respect and take care of their elders, it has been Yuvraj's dream to work with senior citizens. In fact, for the past 3 months, Yuvraj has been volunteering at the Herndon Senior Center for 4 hours every week.

At the center, his primary duties are to update the database, set up bingo, clean up and lock down the center, type up the lunch menu, decorate, write the program board, and clean out the closet for recyclables.

This experience has instilled in Yuvraj a desire to take his work further and so he chose to research Medicare fraud and present a paper and draft a bill as part of an assignment at school. Although the school had each student partner with another, I am impressed that Yuvraj went beyond what he was required to do and, on his own initiative, sought to visit the U.S. Congress to see how bills are introduced, managed and eventually passed into law.

As an Asian-Pacific American, Yuvraj also requested a meeting with Members of the Executive Board of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), including the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary who serves as Chair of the CAPAC's Healthcare Task Force. Since its inception in 1994, CAPAC has continued its commitment to promote and secure equal rights for not only Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), but all Americans.

Through his research, Yuvraj learned that CAPAC fights to eliminate health care disparities and works to ensure that Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities are not left out of policy decisions. Recognizing CAPAC's importance and knowing that CAPAC can influence the passage or defeat of a bill, Yuvraj referenced CAPAC in his presentation and sought a meeting with us to present his bill, especially since he is a member of the AAPI community.

Today, it was our honor to personally meet Yuvraj and accept his bill, and I thank Congressman MIKE HONDA, Chairman of CAPAC,

and also Congresswoman MADELEINE BORDALLO, Chair of CAPAC's Healthcare Taskforce, for joining with me to commend Yuvraj for his initiative.

As Members of CAPAC's Executive Board, we join together in wishing Yuvraj much success in his pursuit to attend the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology (TJSST) in Alexandria, Virginia. We believe Yuvraj is a rare student who has the capability to become a leader of the 21st century and it is clear that his intellectual curiosity will serve him well on his road to study medicine at Princeton as he seeks to do all he can do to serve the elderly to the best of his ability.

Again, I commend Yuvraj for his self-motivation and aspirations, and I extend to him and his family my very best regards.

"TRUTH EMERGING IN KENT STATE COLD CASE HOMICIDE"
BY LAUREL KRAUSE**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, this prose by Laurel Krause is entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the request of Laurel Krause, whose sister Allison Krause was shot and killed as she protested the Vietnam War at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. Laurel is the co-founder and director of the Kent State Truth Tribunal.

TRUTH EMERGING IN THE KENT STATE COLD CASE
HOMICIDE

The government crossed the line in the killing of four young people in the killing of our Allison as she rallied against the war on May 4, 1970. A civil rights battle on U.S. soil in our times Kent State is personal for us yet important for all

Arthur Krause knew the importance of the Kent State Tape. My dad knew it held the truth of what happened at Kent State even though back in 1970 and until just recently truth from the Kent State Tape was locked up

in a jumbled maze of analog antiquity. Dad passed away over 20 years ago. He knew the truth in the Kent State Tape.

A patriot and WWII soldier. Dad believed the American dream. When Allison his firstborn a freshman at Kent State University was protesting the Vietnam war on her campus

He never anticipated the American apocalypse. Our family would endure at the hands of our government.

Like Sandy, Jeff and Bill our Allison was shot dead at Kent State. Homicide by national guard gunfire. Dad knew they got away with murder at Kent State University just after noon on May 4, 1970.

Over the next ten years Dad sought truth and justice at Kent State demanding to know what happened to our Allison.

Taking it to the courts yielded only road blocks, cover-ups and threats. Every effort to uncover and face the deadly inhumanity of Kent State was completely thwarted.

A series of seamless stonewalls. Never examining the wrongs of Kent State. No accountability for the killings of Kent State. Not one person or group ever held responsible. Not one apology uttered. Yet governmental claims were consistent: There was no order to fire. The Guard reacted to sniper fire. The Guard felt under attack from the students.

A government-fabricated pack of lies that has now transformed into the recorded history of the killings of Kent State. That is . . . until 2010 and the examination of the Kent State Tape 40 years after the shootings. The Kent State Tape that Dad held so dear that was evidence in his court cases finally examined using tools of state-of-the-art audio technology unlocking the true record of what occurred at Kent State on May 4, 1970.

Sounds expertly analyzed by world-class forensic scientist Stuart Allen commissioned by the Cleveland Plain Dealer to explore the Kent State Tape for the very first time.

Whether copy or original is moot. Truth is recorded in the Kent State Tape. A tape does not remember, forget or change its story.

The Kent State Tape does not lie. At the Kent State Truth Tribunal in NYC October 2010 with Stuart Allen examining Hearing and unraveling the labyrinth of deadly sounds

including shots and national guard commands

and a violent altercation with FBI-paid Terry Norman all contributing to the shootings at Kent State 1970.

The government denied orders to fire were isolated, heard and verified.

orders of Guard, Prepare to Fire orders of Alright, Guard, Fiii—with the last word of the deadly order stepped on

by a barrage of 67 shots over 13 seconds. At unarmed students changing classes at noon.

At unarmed students more than a football field away.

At unarmed students rallying against the Vietnam War.

At unarmed students rallying against the military occupation of their campus in a battle where American dissent was also slaughtered.

HONORING TSgt WILLIAM
TIMOTHY "TIM" WYMORE**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor TSgt William Timothy "Tim" Wymore, an 18 year veteran of the Missouri Air National Guard and of Operation Enduring Freedom. I have the honor to count Tim Wymore as a constituent.

During a "Hometown Heroes Salute" on 4 December the Missouri Air National Guard paid special tribute to TSgt Wymore for his

service. I am grateful to the Guard for recognizing Tim's contribution to the security of our country.

In 2004, Tim deployed to Balad, Iraq, one of our largest air bases, with Missouri's 131st Bomb Wing. He was one of only five members of his unit sent to Iraq. While everyone who goes to war is affected, some return more affected than others. Tim Wymore is one such person.

Tim is one of thousands of our service members exposed to hazardous materials while operating in and around the burn pits in Iraq. Since returning, Tim's health has deteriorated to the point where he is unable to work. He's been in and out of the hospital and today cannot stand on his own and relies on oxygen to breathe.

Through it all, Shanna, his wife of 25 years has not only stood by his side, but fought to get the benefits and care he deserves from a system sometimes indifferent to his suffering. I got to know Tim and Shanna after they contacted my office seeking assistance with the Veterans Administration.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor TSgt Tim Wymore, so I won't take further time to elaborate on how the system has failed to support this warfighter. I will only say that I will continue to work to see that the Veterans Administration is held accountable for how it serves our citizen soldiers.

Despite his suffering, Tim Wymore remains a patriotic citizen and father. In fact, rather than try and dissuade his son from serving in uniform, he supports his youngest son Cody's decision to follow in his footsteps and enlist in the United States Air Force.

I pray God bless the Wymore family and the United States of America.

“STEVEN SOLARZ: A GREAT
MEMBER OF CONGRESS”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, America lost one of the outstanding people to have served in this House. Steven Solarz was a Member of the House from 1974–1992, and no Member either in my personal experience or in my reading of history was a more effective and constructive leader in foreign policy as a Member of the House. Too often, Members of Congress, especially the House Members, distinguish themselves in the foreign policy field mostly in a negative way. Sometimes that is a very good thing because these Members are preventing things from happening that shouldn't happen. But there is a tendency to demagogue and to play to public dislike of foreigners. Steven Solarz was a role model for those who think that Members of the House have a constructive role to play in foreign policy. Without ever having risen to the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he made himself an extremely significant positive force in foreign policy, for human rights, and for constructive American relations with a wide range of nations. He understood the importance of our being strong when we had to be, and of our being open and generous when that was called for.

Madam Speaker, Steve Solarz was a personal friend of mine for many years, and I suppose that people could claim that I have exaggerated the greatness of the role he played because of that. So I was particularly pleased to see that one of the best students of Congress, Norman Ornstein, expressed eloquently and cogently the importance of the role Steve Solarz played in foreign policy as a House Member, in his December 8, 2010 article in Roll Call.

Madam Speaker, as an example that I believe all Members ought to aspire to, I ask that Norman Ornstein's deserved tribute to Steven Solarz's foreign policy leadership be printed here.

[From Roll Call, Dec. 8, 2010]

REP. SOLARZ WAS A LEADER WORTH
REMEMBERING

(By Norman Ornstein)

This is the season for farewell addresses from many lawmakers leaving at the end of the 111th Congress. Some speeches, such as those of Sen. Ted Kaufman (D-Del.) a few weeks back and of Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) last week, are particularly poignant, reflecting decades of dedication to the Senate and reverence for its traditions (if a touch too much deference to its existing rules and too little concern for how the contemporary abuse of the norms have distorted those traditions and call for modest but meaningful tweaks in those rules).

But their eloquence underscores how elections, while bringing necessary change for a democracy and reaffirming popular will, also result in the departure of some of the most solid citizens of the Congressional village. The loss of expertise, insight and institutional memory—not to mention fundamental decency—that comes with the departures, some voluntary and some not, of people such as Reps. John Spratt (D-S.C.), James Oberstar (D-Minn.) and Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) and Sens. George Voinovich (R-Ohio), Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) and Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), among others, is painful to those of us who care about Congress.

Then there are other losses. Former Rep. Steve Solarz (D-N.Y.) died last week at age 70, after a four-year battle with esophageal cancer. While he received prominent obituaries in the Washington Post and the New York Times, chances are many new and not-so-new Members of Congress who weren't around in the 18 years that Solarz served in the House, from 1975 to 1993, were either unaware of his passing or paid little attention to it. As a start, they should go back and read those obituaries, and then make a note to read his wonderful book, “Journeys to War and Peace: A Congressional Memoir,” which will be published next year.

I wrote a foreword for the book, in which I noted my striking experiences on visits to the Philippines and Cambodia; in each case, when I met with academics, high government officials and others, I was asked frequently, “Do you know Steve Solarz?” In the Philippines, actually, the question was, “Do you know Steve Solarz personally? He helped save my country from dictatorship.” In Cambodia, it was whether I knew the Steve Solarz who was instrumental in saving Cambodia from the murderous excesses of the Khmer Rouge.

Solarz was not a secretary of State, a Senator or even the chairman of a powerful committee. He was a rank-and-file House Member who, by the force of his personality, a remarkable work ethic, a political savvy, an articulateness unmatched in contemporary politics, a commitment to democracy and human rights mixed with hard-headed sense of reality, and a willingness to work across

the aisle to accomplish mutual goals, had a greater effect on the world than most secretaries of State, Senators and chairmen of powerful panels.

Solarz traveled the world, but not with Congressional delegations; he went alone. American embassy personnel dreaded his arrival; they would not have to arrange trips to the souk or the rug store, but would instead have to keep up with 18-hour days choreographed by Solarz to include meetings with the foreign minister, the defense minister, the intelligence chief and the key opposition figures.

When he scouted out situations and found corruption, abuse of power and worse, he used his skills and connections to relentlessly push for change. Back in Washington, D.C., his office became a home away from home for dissident leaders from around the world who got short shrift elsewhere. As a consequence, to pick one example, Solarz probably had better ties with the Kurdish leaders in Iraq than any other American.

Solarz's shining moment, perhaps, was on the House floor during the stirring debate over whether to authorize the use of force against Saddam Hussein after his invasion of Kuwait, i.e., the first Gulf War. There were dozens of emotional and wrenching speeches as Members struggled with the decision about whether to send young Americans to war, and perhaps to death; at the time, there were predictions of potential mayhem in the desert. When liberal Democrat Solarz stood up and spoke in favor of the authorization, it was truly a riveting moment. Everyone stopped to listen. He was powerful and eloquent, and he did as much as anyone to shape the outcome. There are few examples in which an individual lawmaker has any effect, much less one that is consequential, from a speech on the House floor.

It is hard to imagine another Solarz emerging in a political system that is now so polarized that a powerful opinion leaders and statesmen like Sen. Dick Lugar (R-Ind.) cannot persuade his own party colleagues to vote for the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. It is even harder to imagine a House Member throwing himself into peripatetic travel to every corner of the globe and trying to shape events and outcomes in the world without being shredded by cable news and anonymously funded campaign attack machines, or finding ways to build unlikely and persuasive partnerships across every partisan and ideological divide. But it is not impossible to imagine some new Members of both parties persuaded by Solarz's example to take some trips abroad despite the predictable criticism of junkets and the equally predictable partisan flak, and to think about core values of freedom, human rights and America's national interest as transcending petty partisan interests. At least I like to think is not impossible.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF LONG
BEACH, CALIFORNIA

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fire Department of Long Beach, California. Specifically, I would like to thank and honor firefighter paramedics Chuck Hakopian, Mark Miller, Joyce Vanderweide, and Carston Sorensen for their heroic response to an apartment fire in Long Beach last week. These firefighters risked