

SSA Dones' research interests include psychosocial behavior of radical extremists and violent criminals, including U.S.-based street and prison gangs. The dissertation for his doctorate degree broadly hypothesizes whether or not foreign terrorist groups are attempting to radicalize U.S. gangs into using weapons of mass destruction against American citizens and targets. SSA Dones' efforts are aimed at providing a more accurate account of the psychosocial mindset, behavior, and causation of violent criminal groups.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Supervisory Special Agent D. Darell Dones for his service to our community, and for his many years of service to our country and its continued safety.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HEARING ON CHILD CUSTODY

**Hon. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 29, 2012.*

MR. LEON PANETTA,  
*Secretary of Defense,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SECRETARY PANETTA We appreciate your interest stated during the February 15, 2012 House Armed Services Committee (HASC) hearing in protecting child custody rights for our men and women in uniform.

As you know, legislative language addressing this issue has already passed the House of Representatives on six separate occasions. It has passed five times as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, every year from 2008 through 2012. Additionally, in 2008 this language passed the House as a stand-alone bill (HR 6048) by voice vote. Sixty members from both sides of the aisle signed on to HR 6048 as co-sponsors. Most recently, the bill was included in the Managers Package in the FY12 House NDAA and was supported by the Department of Defense (DoD).

Enclosed are letters of support that both Secretary Gates and Secretary Stanley provided for this legislation last year. Also enclosed is the 2010 HASC letter to Secretary Gates. As we move forward with the current legislative session, we look forward to the same level of support from the DoD in addressing this important issue and ensuring that our men and women in uniform have their parental rights protected.

Sincerely,

Michael Turner, Rob Andrews, Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, Chairman, Adam Smith, Ranking Member, Mac Thornberry, Vice Chairman, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Walter B. Jones, W. Todd Akin, J. Randy Forbes, Jeff Miller, Joe Wilson, Frank A. LoBiondo, John Kline, Mike Rogers and Trent Franks.

Bill Shuster, K. Michael Conaway, Doug Lamborn, Rob Wittman, Duncan Hunter, John C. Fleming, Mike Coffman, Thomas J. Rooney, Todd Russell Platts, Scott Rigell, Chris Gibson, Vicky Hartzler, Joe Heck, Bobby Schilling and Jon Runyan.

Austin Scott, Tim Griffin, Steve Palazzo, Allen West, Martha Roby, Mo Brooks, Todd Young, Silvestre Reyes, Loretta Sanchez, Mike McIntyre, Robert A. Brady, Susan A. Davis, James R. Lan-

gevin, Rick Larsen, Jim Cooper and Madeleine Z. Bordallo.

Joe Courtney, David Loebsack, Niki Tsongas, Chellie Pingree, Larry Kissell, Martin Heinrich, William L. Owens, John Garamendi, Mark Critz, Tim Ryan, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Hank Johnson, Betty Sutton, Colleen Hanabusa, Kathleen C. Hochul, and Jackie Speier.

6TH ANNUAL D.C. LATINO PRIDE

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 6th Annual D.C. Latino Pride, the national capital region's celebration of our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Latino communities.

The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area has had an identifiable GLBT Latino community since the early 1960s. However, the community remained largely invisible until 1987, after the first LGBT March on Washington, D.C. D.C. Latino Pride's parent organization, The Latino Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender History Project, began in 2000. The organization grew out of a private archive kept since 1993 by its founder, José Gutierrez, who in turn organized the first D.C. Latino Pride in 2007.

It has been both a pleasure and an inspiration to watch D.C. Latino Pride grow from a panel discussion on the day before the annual Capital Pride parade, to this year's series of events between May 20 and June 7: La Corona, La Plática, La Misa, and La Fiesta. The four events incorporate the elements of D.C. Latino Pride's 2012 theme: "History, Celebration, Identity, and Diversity."

The volunteers who staff the Latino GLBT History Project and organize D.C. Latino Pride also embody the 2012 theme. Its President, David M. Pérez, is also the Director of Development of the League of United Latin American Citizens; José Gutierrez works at La Clínica del Pueblo and on the Mayor's GLBT Advisory Council; its Treasurer, Manuel Cosme, is the C.F.O. of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Secretary; Jorge Andres Sotos, is a civil rights attorney in private practice; Board Member Esther Hidalgo is a manager at Leslie Cashen Photography and a Library and Archives Assistant at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land; 2012 Latino Pride Co-Chairs Sergio Lopez and Oskar Moran work, for People for the American Way and NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate-Aviation Safety Program Office, respectively; Development Chair, Raul Olivo, is a manager; and the immediate past Latino Pride Co-Chair, is a health educator and advocate for Transgender Health Empowerment.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing the 6th Annual D.C. Latino Pride, welcoming all those who will attend, and congratulating the volunteers for work well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY COLONEL RICHARD E. CROGAN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of U.S. Army Colonel Richard E. Crogan. His dedication to soldiers as a leader, warrior, and innovator has had a profound and lasting effect on United States Army Aviation. As the Commander for the Aviation Center Logistics Command (ACLC), COL Crogan supported an Army at war by providing maintenance, sustainment and logistics support and proficient U.S. and Allied Aviation Officers.

COL Crogan was responsible for oversight and quality assurance on the largest aviation service support contract in the U.S. Army. He was tasked with maintaining 587 rotary wing aircraft, providing over 500 launches every day to support an ever increasing need for army aviation. COL Crogan was personally responsible for providing the aircraft required to professionally train aviators and provide the Army's next generation of great warriors. Aviation maintenance is an expensive proposition and COL Crogan's innovative leadership and creative solutions have shown a total cost savings during his command of more than \$750,000,000.

COL Crogan's great leadership contributed significantly to the elimination of the flight training backlog at Fort Rucker which reduced the time aviators spent training from 22 months to 12 months. Aviators will now report to their units ten months earlier to begin missions and the Army will see enormous cost savings in a time of fiscal reduction. COL Crogan raises the bar for those around him, as demonstrated by ACLC winning the Army Chief of Staff Supply Excellence Award in 2011.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Richard E. Crogan's exceptional service, dedication and devotion to duty, leadership, and professional competency. He exemplifies the fine tradition of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of the Army, and the United States of America. May he know that his nation is greatly appreciative of his dedication and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING IRAN FROM ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY

SPEECH OF

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2012*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 568, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability. I reluctantly missed this vote due to a longstanding commitment to