

I also urge that our State Department continue to hold Pakistan accountable for provoking the current fighting in Kashmir by its support for the militants who have infiltrated India's territory.

Even before the current fighting, there has been a disturbing pattern of massacres of civilians carried out by the militants operating in Kashmir. While it is predominantly Hindus who have been the victims of these attacks, we have also seen attacks against Muslim residents of Jammu and Kashmir who have dared to assist the legitimate state authorities in putting a halt to the violence.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this is the true face of the insurgency in Kashmir. The militants have transformed a peaceful, secular state in India, one which happens to have a predominantly Muslim population, into a killing field as part of the goal of turning the state into an area under strict Islamic rule. From the standpoint of international stability, this would be a disaster. From the human standpoint, the militants' campaign has already been a disaster as the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community demonstrates. It is wrong to continue to ignore their plight. We must address their concerns and hopefully the Human Rights Commission will do so and reconsider some of the decisions that it has already made.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

SALUTE TO BRIANA SCURRY AND THE U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly this evening to salute a constituent who is one of our Nation's newest sports heroes, Briana Scurry from Dayton, Minnesota. I also want to pay tribute to all the other members of our champion United States Women's World Cup Soccer Team who have made all Americans proud.

In the championship game Saturday, Mr. Speaker, in Pasadena, California, before more than 90,000 screaming fans, two great teams, one from the United States and the team from China, played to a scoreless tie in regulation time; then, two 15-minute sudden death overtimes, and still a dramatic, nail-biting 0-0 tie; a shootout and finally a world championship for our women's team, thanks to a diving save by our great world-class goalie, Briana Scurry.

Mr. Speaker, it was Briana Scurry, the Dayton, Minnesota, native who soared to deflect China's third penalty shot setting up the final victory. All of

Minnesota celebrated with our Nation's sports fans as Briana ran to the stands following the game, slapping hands with the fans, the huge crowd as they chanted again and again, "Scurry! Scurry! Scurry!"

Mr. Speaker, Briana Scurry has been the number one United States goalie for 6 years. They call her "The Rock," they call her "The Wall," and she is both, as she showed the world Saturday night. Today, we call Briana and her marvellous teammates World Cup soccer champions.

Briana Scurry, Mr. Speaker, is also a great role model for other young women in sports. She is a great leader both on and off the soccer field. Briana excelled in her political science studies in college at the University of Massachusetts and she also gave a great deal back to her community, working as a volunteer for AIDS education and awareness and also for the Make A Wish Foundation.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, America's team was in good hands in this World Cup. There is little to worry about when Briana is in the net. She gave up only three goals in the entire World Cup championships and one of those, by the way, was kicked into our net by one of our own players. Briana shut out opponents four times in six games in the tournament, four shutouts in the six games comprising the World Cup championship.

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Briana Scurry's work ethic, her fierce competitiveness, her engaging personality, great dedication and amazing talent all have had a powerful impact on the young women of Minnesota. Hockey may be king in Minnesota, Mr. Speaker, but soccer is kicking at its heels thanks to Briana Scurry.

At Anoka High School, Briana led her team to the 1989 State championship, was named All-American and was voted the top female athlete in Minnesota her senior year.

At the University of Massachusetts, Briana was the top college goalkeeper in 1993 and won two national "goalie of the year" awards her senior year. She led her team to the NCAA Final Four as well as to Atlantic 10 titles. Briana had 37 shutouts in her 4 years and a career goals-against average, listen to this, soccer fans, career goals-against average of 0.56. What a tremendous record.

So today, Mr. Speaker, we salute Minnesota's own Briana Scurry and all her teammates on America's World Cup championship soccer team. They proved what teamwork, dedication, hard work and heart can accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to our new World Cup champions. They are role models for all of us, and all Americans are proud of them.

CONDEMNING THE CULTURE OF HATE THAT FOSTERS VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, more than a week ago our Nation and my community in particular witnessed in horror the cruel and vicious consequences of the doctrine of hate. In a matter of days in the State of Illinois and Indiana a mad murderer full of rage and contempt for his fellow men took the lives of two innocent men and attempted to murder many more victims, including six Jewish men and two Asian students.

The spree of hate and violence began on Friday, July 2, just 2 days before we, citizens of this Nation of immigrants, celebrated Independence Day. It ended on July 5. I congratulate the efforts of law enforcement from the local level up to the FBI for so quickly identifying this individual, for its work with the community and for putting an end to his rampage. However, many questions still remain, including the role of white supremacist hate groups in fostering this attack.

In my district, where most of these attacks took place, my community breathed a sigh of relief when the killing spree came to an end. But we were left grieving for Ricky Byrdsong and his family; Woo-Joon Yoon, the Asian student from Bloomington, Indiana; and angry for the assault on Jewish men peacefully observing the Sabbath.

Ricky Byrdsong lived in Skokie, Illinois. He was a loving husband, a father, a leader in the community, a former basketball coach at Northwestern University, a man of deep religious faith and a constituent. He was murdered in cold blood. His only crime was the color of his skin. He was African American. Ricky Byrdsong was a proud American man who was living the American dream. He left an unmistakable and everlasting impression on all those who had the opportunity to meet him, and he positively touched the lives of countless youth during his lifetime.

He was committed to a cause. His cause was to help under-privileged youth reach their full potential and follow their dreams. He was working on his first book: Coaching Your Kids in the Game of Life. The book was scheduled to be released next year on Father's Day. At his funeral his pastor vowed that his book would be completed. Now his family will have to go on without him, his children will grow up without their father's guidance, his friends will no longer hear his infectious laugh, and the community, especially the children, has lost forever a leader.

I will never forget the look on the faces of the hundreds of people who attended his funeral last Wednesday. It

was a look of disbelief, pain and yet inspiration because Ricky Byrdsong was truly inspiring. I never wish to attend another funeral of a victim of such hatred. Ricky Byrdsong has made our mission clearer than ever. The culture of hate has no place among us. We must educate and use the truth to counter the lies being spread by hatemongers, groups and so-called churches in our communities, schools, places of worship, neighborhoods and especially on the Internet to our youth.

As a society, we must not be intimidated by the few who refuse to live peacefully among us. We must stand firm and never ever be afraid. That is why I was so proud to join the Jewish Family and Community Services, Jewish Children's Bureau and the Anti Defamation League, the rabbis and other leaders of the Jewish community in Chicago, particularly Mr. Michael Kotzin of the Jewish United Fund and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago who showed such leadership, to join with them on the day after six Jewish men were shot to say that an attack on even one is an attack on all of us.

I wish to recognize the Jewish United Fund for opening a special fund to aid families affected by bigotry-related violence. The initial goal of the JUF Fund for Hate Crime Victims and Families will offer assistance to the family of Ricky Byrdsong for the children's higher education.

As the Sabbath came to a close last Saturday evening, we walked the streets of the Rogers Park neighborhood in solidarity. Rogers Park is the kind of community that haters hate the most. It is diverse, integrated, independent, peaceful and all-American. But in a perverse sense of Americanism during the 4th of July weekend a crazy person attempted to take that away, and he failed.

Our community is stronger than ever. We stood together at a time of great anxiety and grave danger. Now is the time for Congress to respond to the tragedies that took place on the 4th of July weekend and pass sensible gun safety legislation. Congress must act now to make it more difficult for individuals to obtain weapons in order to convert their hatred into terror and death.

Guns used by the assailant were bought from an illegal gun dealer. He recently purchased more than 60 guns for the sole purpose of selling them for a profit. Unfortunately, two of these guns were sold to a murderer, with complete disregard for the sanctity of life. We have a responsibility to protect the lives of our constituents. Congress must pass and the President must sign bills to limit the purchase of handguns to one per month and to require the registration of every handgun sold in the United States. Our constituents

demand it, and our children deserve it, and we should also pass stronger hate crimes legislation so all of us will be safe in our communities.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
HAILED AS LEADER IN ELECTRONIC
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, critics often hasten to draw attention to government agencies' failures, while ignoring successes if they notice them at all. Today I want to draw the House's attention to two prestigious awards and other accolades recently received by the Government Printing Office (GPO) for its leading role in electronic information dissemination through GPO Access, its acclaimed Internet information service (www.access.gpo.gov).

First, the Vice-President's National Partnership for Reinventing Government has honored the GPO and the Energy Department (DOE) jointly with a "Hammer Award" for the "Information Bridge," a project which makes available thousands of unclassified DOE scientific and technical reports in electronic format.

Using the World Wide Web, users enter the DOE electronic dissemination system through GPO Access, where they can view over 30,000 DOE reports already on-line, with more becoming available every day. The Information Bridge eliminates the need to disseminate these reports to depository libraries in printed form, thereby saving production and distribution costs to the government, and processing and storage costs to the libraries.

This is GPO's second "Hammer Award" for GPO Access; the first came in 1997 for re-engineering the Commerce Business Daily with the Commerce Department. In 1998 Vice-President GORE and Government Executive magazine named GPO Access one of the 15 "Best Feds on the Web."

In addition, the legal community has recently lauded GPO Access. Law Office Computing magazine's April/May issue named GPO Access one of the top 50 legal-research web sites for 1999. The magazine's top 50 web sites, which included only seven federal sites, were chosen as favorites of law librarians, attorneys and paralegals based on experience with the sites and their usability.

Further, the April 1999 issue of Chicago Lawyer magazine reports that the newsletter *legal.online* has selected GPO Access as both the "best research site for laws" and the "overall best Government site." Finally, the GPO just received the first American Association of Law Libraries' "Public Access to Government Information Award" as the "official, no-fee, one-stop public access point for the growing universe of web-based electronic Government information." These accolades follow GPO's selection in February by *In-Plant Graphics* magazine as the top in-plant operation in the country, and in March as a top technology innovator by *PC Week* magazine.

Public- and private-sector entities alike appreciate the leading role GPO is playing as we advance into the information age. Let's join in

the applause for the dedicated professionals of the GPO.

COSTS THAT ILLEGAL NARCOTICS
IMPOSE ON OUR SOCIETY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor again tonight to discuss the issue of illegal narcotics and the tremendous cost to our Nation. Over and over again it is important that I think we repeat the message that I have with me here today, and that is a simple one, that drugs destroy lives. And I believe if every Member of Congress takes a few minutes to look at the impact of illegal narcotics they will be absolutely startled as to the damage that it does to our society, the cost to countless families across this Nation and also the tremendous responsibility cast upon the Congress to finance the social, the judicial and other costs that illegal narcotics impose upon our society.

Tonight I want to talk for a few minutes about some of those costs and tell the Congress and the American people that there are some very specific and direct costs to illegal narcotics and what they have done to this Nation and to, again, families and young people. In fact, during the past year over 14,000 Americans lost their lives as a direct result of the misuse or abuse of illegal narcotics in this Nation.

I come from a beautiful area in central Florida. My district is between Orlando and Daytona Beach, a very peaceful, affluent, high employment, high income area. Even my area has been plagued with countless deaths. In fact, a recent headline in Orlando Sentinel newspaper blasted out that in fact the number of drug-related deaths had now exceeded the number of homicides. Drug overdose deaths now exceed homicides in central Florida.

So the statistics are not only bad in my area but across the Nation, with more than 14,000, and again we do not count in all of those that are in traffic accidents or in suicides or other unreported deaths that may have some other report of the demise of the individual which is not included in this 14,000 figure.

In 1995, we had almost 532,000 drug-related emergencies which occurred across this Nation, and that figure has been on the upswing particularly among our young people, which should be of concern again to every Member of Congress. In 1995 we also have a figure that is reported of a retail value of the illicit drug business being over \$49 billion.

The cost goes on and on again to our society. Across the land tonight there