

A further, important consideration: the proposal's adoption would deal a severe, long-term blow to the environment because it would undermine the ability of the international community to agree to, and enforce, new and improved noise standards in the future.

Banning Concorde flights to and from the United States will have positive environmental benefits. According to a preliminary analysis from the FAA, such a prohibition will reduce the noise footprint around New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport by at least 20 percent. The Concorde aircraft has enjoyed a waiver from noise standards for over 20 years even though it does not meet Stage 2 noise standards. We in the U.S. have been very tolerant of and cooperative with the Concorde. I am willing to continue cooperating and allow continuation of this waiver, but only if the EU drops this outrageous proposal.

The Administration has seen through this thinly-veiled attempt to give a competitive advantage to EU aircraft and engine manufacturers. Transportation Secretary Slater, Undersecretary for International Trade Aaron, and U.S. Trade Representative Barshesky have already tried to persuade to the EU Commission to defer action on this issue, and instead refer it to the proper forum—ICAO. These requests have been rejected. We must now make it clear to the EU that their initiative cannot proceed without severe consequences. Banning the Concorde is only the first step. I am committed to additional actions, including discussing the issue directly with the EU Parliament or Commission, if necessary.

The EU proposal is bad environmental policy and bad for American businesses. If we are to deal seriously with noise and air quality standards in the future, we must ensure that the process is fair and based on scientific and technical evidence. The EU proposal fails on both accounts. By taking a strong stand against the EU action, we will help stop this current policy as well as lay the foundation for future, constructive action on aviation environmental issues. I hope my colleagues will join me in this effort, by cosponsoring this legislation.

THE SITUATION IN KOSOVA

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, peace and security for the Kosovan people will never become a reality unless NATO brings military pressure to bear on Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic, and unless the ongoing peace negotiations include a guaranteed right to self-determination for the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosova.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, NATO should have intervened a year ago when widespread violence against the Kosovan people was first initiated by Mr. Milosevic. Thousands are dead, tens of thousands are homeless, and many more have fled the country. Thousands of refugees now live in camps and settlements in neighboring countries, too afraid to return out of fear of reprisals. These countries are bear-

ing the burden of the lack of peace in this region.

Sadly, we have seen this spectacle before. Once again Milosevic carries out a genocidal campaign of ethnic cleansing, once again the international community is slow to react, and once again it is innocent civilians who must pay the terrible price that world indifference imposes.

The renewed violence in Kosova is but the latest example of the manner in which Milosevic attempts to use terror and murder to hold together the republics which made up the former Yugoslavia. His policies of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, policies which shocked the world and eventually led to international intervention, are now being carried out with renewed vigor in Kosova. Sadly, the very same lack of resolve on the part of the international community which allowed Milosevic to kill thousands in Bosnia is allowing him to carry out a new campaign of terror against the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosova, which makes up 90% of the population.

Perhaps no event better illustrates Milosevic's brutal policies than the recent massacre in the village of Racak, where 45 ethnic Albanians, many of whom were women and children, were found murdered by Serb military and police units. As in the past, it took a tragic event to finally focus the world's attention to the plight of the Kosovan people, and to move governments to act to stop the violence.

Mr. Speaker, unless we wish to see more massacres, more fighting, and more misery in Kosova, the peace negotiations currently underway in France must include a military commitment to enforce the peace. Despots such as Milosevic and Saddam Hussein do not respect international law. They do not respond to impassioned appeals for peace and human rights. They do, however, recognize and respond to the very real threat of overwhelming military force. The world community was slow to learn this fact in Bosnia, and we continue to inch along painfully slow toward understanding this fact in Kosova.

The Kosovan people are running out of time, however. Humanity cannot stand idly by and witness further atrocities such as those committed in Racak. Milosevic enforces his policies from the point of a gun, and I fear that time has long past for NATO to confront him by doing the same.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, any peace settlement must also include an iron-clad commitment that the Kosovan people will have the opportunity that we often take for granted—the right of self-determination. Anything less is a recipe for renewed violence and death in the future.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LEOTTA GITTENS HOWELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Leotta Gittens Howell, who on February 14, 1999 will be 100 years old. She is a woman whose passion filled life serves as an example to us all.

Born on February 13, 1899, Leotta Gittens was the first of four children born to Alberta and Thomas Gittens on the sunny island of Barbados, West Indies. Leotta was educated in Barbados and at an early age showed an affinity to the sewing craft. She created garments for her family, and beautiful and imaginative party dresses and gowns for special occasions.

Leotta Gittens immigrated to the United States in 1922. She met and married Edgar Howell in 1924 and from this union, a daughter Marilyn Alleyne, was born. Leotta exhibited a true entrepreneurial spirit by continuing her seamstress business, while working full time during the day. After the death of her husband, Ms. Howell continued her success as a seamstress. When her daughter, a professional musician, performed she was adorned in her mother's creations.

Ms. Howell retired in 1970 and true to her spirit became active in the Fort Greene Senior Citizens Center. She became and remains an active member today. Mr. Speaker, I would like you and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in a standing ovation for Ms. Leotta Howell Gittens.

RICHARD GOLDBERG TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the accomplishments of my very good friend, Attorney Richard M. Goldberg, to the attention of my colleagues. This month, Dick will receive the prestigious S.J. Strauss Lodge of the B'nai B'rith Community Service Award at the group's 55th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this event.

The Community Service Award is presented each year to an outstanding citizen who has made a valuable contribution to the fabric of community life through courageous leadership and dedication to humanity. Dick Goldberg is a shining example of such leadership.

Those of us who know Dick know of his extreme love of country and his pride in having served for thirty years in the United States Army Reserve. Prior to his retirement, Colonel Goldberg was Chief of Staff for the 79th Army Reserve Command at the Willow Grove Air Station in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Services Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Armed Forces Reserve Medals, and five Army Reserve Components Achievement Medals.

Dick Goldberg has had an equally outstanding legal career. A member of the prestigious local law firm of Hourigan, Kluger, and Quinn, Dick has also served as Luzerne County Solicitor since 1984. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Dick received his bachelor of arts degree from Dickinson College and law degrees from the Dickinson, Pennsylvania