

support the aspirations of the democratic political forces in Peru toward an immediate and full restoration of democracy in that country.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 964) "An Act to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, to be held in Berlin, Germany, November 17-22, 2000.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minute requests per side.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DEMORALIZED OUR MILITARY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Washington Times detailed the story of Shane Walsh, a former first lieutenant in the United States Army. And I say former first lieutenant because Shane Walsh has left the Army. His reason for leaving? Well, the Army he thought it would be and the Army he found it to be were two completely different things.

Lieutenant Walsh detailed the demoralizing situation facing our military today. For example, he said how M1A1 tanks sit abandoned with broken starter motors or unused simply because there is not enough money left to fuel them. His story is not unique. Our military is severely burdened by low morale and it continues to lose large numbers of servicemen and women today and every day.

The refusal of the Clinton-Gore administration to recognize this and to provide the necessary resources for our military, while still deploying them far and wide, has caused this desperate and disturbing situation.

Thankfully, this Republican Congress is truly committed to ensuring our military readiness today and in the future, and we are putting our military back on track with the needed resources to keep it strong and to keep qualified people like Shane Walsh in the military.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. KRAMER, DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT

(Mr. HOLDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished public servant from my Congressional District, former Berks County Sheriff John Kramer. John has been a legend in local politics in my district for many years and has become my close personal friend and mentor.

John served as Chief Deputy Sheriff in Berks County, Pennsylvania, until 1975, when he was elected to his first term as county Sheriff. John won the primary election by nearly 10,000 votes, and later that year defeated his opponent by 20,000 votes in the general election.

Following that first election in 1975, John was reelected Berks County Sheriff four times, and in three of those elections was top voter of any candidate for office in the county. In 1995, after 20 years in office, he announced he wanted to retire and would not seek a sixth term.

John was also a sports figure. He bought the Rising Sun Hotel from his father in 1955 and founded the Rising Sun Athletic Association in 1965. The association sponsored bowling, basketball and softball teams. The Sunners softball team won the national softball championship in 1975, and in 1976 the team became co-world champion.

In office and in politics, John Kramer valued loyalty. He enjoyed bipartisan support and was well respected by Republicans and Democrats alike.

He is a fine supporter of the Reading Phillies and Philadelphia Phillies and counts among his friends Mike Schmidt, Pete Rose and Gregg Luzinski.

John and his lovely wife, Doris, have been married for 47 years and reside in Reading, Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TILLIE FOWLER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict last night, I was unable to join my colleagues in a salute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER), so today I join my colleague, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), in saluting this wonderful advocate for the people of the great State of Florida.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER) came from Jacksonville to not only be an integral part of this august body but she came to represent what is the best in America: She took care to make certain our military was

well equipped, she made certain her home of Jacksonville was looked after, and she rose to the top ranks of this Congress as a member of the leadership team.

So as we prepare to adjourn the 106th Congress, I salute the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER), I salute her husband and family for allowing her to serve this great institution and our great State, and I know while her career may end in this House as we adjourn, hopefully this week, her sacrifice and her help for this Nation will continue long after this Congress adjourns. We all join Floridians everywhere in saluting her.

BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, Uchechi Anyanwu is a U.S. citizen born of Nigerian nationals who were here with U.S. green cards. She had a younger sister, Ogechi, also born in the U.S. Because of marital problems, the family went back to Nigeria. When they arrived there, the father informed the mother that the marriage was over, took possession of the mother's passport and the children. He wanted to get a divorce in Nigeria to avoid having to pay child support.

The mother was able to escape with her family's help. When she came back to the United States, the mother immediately got temporary custody. The father came back to the U.S. without the children. The mother and father appeared before a judge in August of 1997 and the judge ordered the return of the children. He refused, and has been in jail ever since.

The children were allegedly with a paternal aunt and uncle in Lagos, Nigeria. In November 1997, the mother got word that the younger daughter, Ogechi, died of malnutrition. The uncle was jailed for 2½ months for the murder of his niece, but then was released.

Interpol has verified the child's death, but the burial site is unknown. Interpol has checked at the aunt's and uncle's home for the surviving child, but has not found her there. Uchechi's mom has hired an attorney in Logos, who took all her money and disappeared.

Mr. Speaker, do we have to wait until children die before this Congress takes notice of children being taken across our borders? It is time to bring our children home.

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(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)