

from Korea, Mr. Fuller joined VFW Post 6596 in Liberty Center, Ohio, and became a Life Member in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Fuller has served in many positions within the VFW ranks including Post Commander, Hospital Chairman, and District Chaplain. Mr. Fuller is also a Life Member of the American Legion, AMVETS Post 1313, and the VFW National Home for the children of deceased or disabled Veterans. Commander Fuller chose "Second to None" as his theme for 1999-2000. His efforts and work on behalf of veterans indicate that he carries those words with him every day.

Mr. Speaker, our veterans put their lives on the line and are called upon to make the supreme sacrifice in the preservation of freedom. Robert Fuller served his country with distinction and has worked tirelessly on behalf of our veterans. I would urge my colleagues of the 106th Congress to stand and join me in paying special tribute to District One VFW Commander Robert Fuller. He is a true American patriot. We wish him the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO EDYTHE MILLER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished American and proud Californian, Edythe Miller, on the occasion of her induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Edythe Miller has held numerous offices in the Redwood City Women's Club, the Golden Gate District of Women's Clubs, and the California Federation of Women's Clubs. She has participated in fund raising activities for the organizations and she has also provided food, clothing, and shelter for the Battered Women's Organization. Edythe Miller has served as President of San Mateo County's American/Italian and Historical Associations and as the past President of the Association of Republican Women.

Since she survived ostomy surgery more than 34 years ago, Edythe Miller has given tirelessly of herself to the San Mateo Ostomy Association and has led the organization as President. She has taught ostomy care, speaking in retirement homes and hospitals, training nurses, raising money, appearing on TV and working with the media to educate the public about this disease.

Edythe Miller is the loving wife of the now retired Superior Court Judge Robert Miller, and they are the proud parents of four, and grandparents of fourteen. The Miller family was given the "Family of the Year" award from San Mateo County. In addition, Edythe Miller has received an award recognizing 50 years of extraordinary service to the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She has been honored many times by the Cancer Society, Stanford Hospital and U.C. San Francisco for her volunteer work with the Ostomy Association. Edythe Miller is widely admired for her endless energy and effective work and serves as a model for both young and old, healthy or ill.

Edythe Miller's life of leadership is instructive to us all. Her dedication to the ideals of democracy and community service stands tall. It is fitting that she has been chosen to be inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, and I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring this great and good woman whom I am proud to call my friend. We are indeed a better county, a better country and a better people because of her.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT MURDERS 35 SIKHS: U.S. MUST TAKE ACTION AGAINST THIS ATROCITY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, like everyone in this House, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the brutal murders of 35 Sikhs in Kashmir. The loss of life is a tragedy. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in expressing our sympathies to the victims' families.

Although the news media reported that "Kashmiri militants" were responsible for this incident, the latest information shows that India's Research and Analysis Wing carried out this brutal and cowardly atrocity.

There are over 700,000 Indian troops in Kashmir. How could the persons responsible for these crimes simply disappear without being detected? What motive would the Kashmiris have to kill Sikhs, who are their allies in the struggle for freedom? When these incidents occur, Mr. Speaker, one must ask who benefits from them. The only beneficiary is the Indian government, which again divides the minorities, setting them against each other to continue their divide-and-rule strategy.

India's pattern of terrorism is well known. It recently tried to blame the Sikhs for the murder of Christian missionary Graham Staines by arresting a Hindu man who calls himself Dara Singh despite the fact that Staines and his family were murdered by Hindu extremists allied with the ruling party. According to the Hitavada newspaper, the Indian government paid the late Governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, to foment terrorist activities in Punjab and Kashmir to generate more repression and set minorities against each other.

In this country, if someone tried to create violence between, say, African Americans and Hispanics, that person would be rejected and likely arrested. In India, this is government policy.

It is also disturbing that this atrocity occurs just after President Clinton lifted the sanctions imposed on India after its nuclear tests. In light of these murders, those sanctions should be reimposed and India should be declared a terrorist state. Here in Congress, we should cut off U.S. aid to India and we should declare our support for the freedom movements in Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and throughout India. We must do these things to promote freedom for the people of South Asia and the world.

Mr. Speaker, Burning Punjab published the names of the victims of this massacre and the

Council of Khalistan published an excellent press release on the incident. I would like to introduce these items into the RECORD to honor the memory of the victims and inform my colleagues and the people.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT MURDERS 35 SIKHS
RAW AGENTS POSE AS KASHMIRI MILITANTS—
CONTINUES PATTERN OF PITTING MINORITIES
AGAINST EACH OTHER

WASHINGTON, DC, March 21.—Thirty-five (35) Sikhs were murdered in Kashmir today by agents of the Indian government's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) posing as Kashmiri militants. There are over 700,000 Indian troops stationed in Kashmir, yet the murderers disappeared without detection. The murders were carried out during President Clinton's visit to South Asia.

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, strongly condemned the murders. "These murders are evil, cowardly, and stupid acts designed to pit one community against another and prop up India's image for the President's visit," Dr. Aulakh said. "Whoever carried out these brutal acts, they are cowards," he said. "They may escape justice in this world, but they will face the justice of God. That will be worse for them."

"Sikhs and Kashmiris are allies in the struggle for freedom," said Dr. Aulakh. "What motive would Kashmiri freedom fighters have to kill Sikhs? This would be especially stupid when President Clinton is visiting. The freedom movements in Kashmir, Khalistan, Nagaland, and throughout India need the support of the United States," he said. Khalistan is the Sikh homeland declared independent on October 7, 1987.

The murders continue a pattern of divide-and-rule terrorism by the Indian government. The government has recently tried to blame Sikhs for the murder of Christian missionary Graham Staines by arresting a Hindu man who uses the alias Dara Singh. Every Sikh male uses Singh in his name. Yet it was reported at the time of the Staines murder that he and his two sons were burned to death in their jeep by a mob chanting "Victory to Hanuman," a Hindu god. That mob was affiliated with the Fascist RSS, the parent organization of the ruling BJP. In November 1994, The Hitavada reported that the Indian government paid the late Governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to organize and support covert state terrorism in Punjab, Khalistan, and in Kashmir. The book "Soft Target," written by two respected Canadian journalists, proved that the Indian government blew up its own airliner in 1985, killing 329 people, to blame the incident on the Sikhs and provide an excuse for more repression and bloodshed. This is a well-established modus operandi of RAW.

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights organizations. The figures were published in "The Politics of Genocide" by Inderjit Singh Jaijee. The government has also killed over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, more than 65,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Manipuris, Tamils, Dalits, and others. The U.S. State Department reported that the Indian government paid more than 41,000 cash bounties to police to murder Sikhs. Amnesty International recently reported that there are thousands of political prisoners, including prisoners of conscience, held in Indian jails without charge or trial. Some Sikh political prisoners have been in this illegal detention since 1984.