

served as a past President and Chairman of the Board. Obviously, John stays pretty busy since he also owns and operates several cattle ranches in Oklahoma and also enjoys antique automobiles!

But John's avocation and service to Oklahoma has been in the area of wildlife conservation efforts. As the Commissioner of District 8 for the past 25 years, John has guided our Oklahoma Wildlife Department through a period of acquiring the Sandy Sanders, Cooper, Packsaddle, James Collins, Hackberry Flat and Deep Fork Wildlife Management Areas. He helped develop the biodiversity program with the Weyerhaeuser Company and assisted in creating oil and gas development policies for wildlife lands and reasonable oil and gas environmental regulations. During his 25 years of service, John also helped develop a cash leasing agricultural and grazing revenue program on wildlife lands and participated in the development of deer depredation and management policies.

Abraham Lincoln said, "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting John D. Groendyke, for his tireless service not only to Oklahoma but to the nation as well in his wildlife conservation efforts. He has made his years count! May he enjoy many more!

CUBA

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to you the attached article from earlier this summer written by Mr. Frank Calzon, entitled "Yes, Cuba is a Terrorist Nation". Mr. Calzon is the executive director of the Center for a Free Cuba in Washington, DC and is a tireless fighter for democratic causes. I encourage my colleagues to learn from his insightful article.

[From the Miami Herald, Nov. 7, 2001]

YES, CUBA IS A TERRORIST NATION

(By Frank Calzon)

Harvard scholar and former New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan once said that everyone is entitled to his own opinion but not his own facts. Not a bad concept to keep in mind now that Cuban government officials claim that the reason for including Cuba on the list of terrorist nations is total nonsense; that the inclusion of Castro's Cuba among Iraq, Libya, Iran and other unsavory char-

acters is motivated by U.S. domestic politics.

Sixteen anti-embargo activists, including Princeton professor Alejandro Portes and Johns Hopkins University visiting professor Wayne Smith agreed, charging that Castro is on the terrorist list due to the unwillingness of the United States to offend elements of the Cuban-American community.

Is Castro's Cuba a terrorist state?

Biological weapons are of no minor concern for Americans today. Castro's bankrupt regime has spent more than \$1 billion to set up a scientific infrastructure that, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen said in 1998, could support an offensive biological-warfare program. In 1995 the U.S. Office of Technological Assessment included Cuba among 17 countries believed to possess biological weapons.

Last year Ken Alibek, former deputy director of Biopreparat, the Soviet Union's biological-weapons program, revealed that a few years after Castro's visit to the Soviet Union in 1981, Cuba had one of the most sophisticated genetic-engineering labs in the world.

A few days ago the University of Miami School of International Studies released a report, *Castro and Terrorism: A Chronology*. It says that:

Castro refused to join the other Ibero-American heads of state in condemning ETA terrorism at the 2000 Ibero-American Summit in Panama and slammed Mexico for its support of the summit's statement against terrorism.

This summer Colombian officials arrested IRA members Niall Connolly, Martin McCauley and James Monaghan and accused them of training the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Connolly had been living in Cuba as the representative of the IRA for Latin America.

Argentine-born Cuban intelligence agent Jorge Massetti helped funnel Cuban funds to finance Puerto Rican terrorists belonging to the Macheteros group. The Macheteros hijacked a Wells Fargo truck in Connecticut in September 1983 and stole \$7.2 million.

Illich Ramirez Sánchez, known as Carlos the Jackal and responsible for numerous terrorist acts in Europe in the 1960s and '70s trained in Cuba.

Black Panther leaders in the 1960s received weapons training in Havana.

Does any of that have anything to do with the influence of Cuban Americans? Were exiles responsible for the expulsion of Castro's diplomats from Paris and London who were linked to Carlos the Jackal? Do exiles explain why Castro supported Puerto Rico's Macheteros, charged with terrorist acts there and on the mainland? Were exiles responsible for his training of the Faribundo Marti Front, El Salvador's terrorist group, or for Uruguay's Tupamaros, known for targeting Americans?

One day the archives of Cuba's intelligence service will be opened just like the KGB's and East Germany's Stasi's. Then details will be known, as well as the names and activities of Castro's "agents of influence" in the United States. But if history is any indication, they will say they fell for the romance of the revolution, that they could not have imagined such a regime and such a tyrant. They will go on with their lives, just like the old Stalinists who saw no difference between Stalin's Russia and Great Britain and who claimed, while it mattered, that Stalin's terror was simply an invention of the Russian exiles in Paris.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD LUEHRS

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Luehrs on his retirement as president of the Newport Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce.

Richard began his service with the NHACC in 1982 as its executive director, and for the last 15 years has served as president and chief executive officer. He has helped to expand NHACC's membership to more than 1,000 businesses.

Richard has been a visible and enthusiastic champion of the free enterprise system, fostering programs that contribute to the success of local businesses. Overall, his vision has been one of responsible growth and development for the city of Newport Beach. To achieve this goal, he has actively participated in civic development efforts through his work with the Newport Beach Economic Development Committee, the State Independent Living Council, the Baden-Powell district for handicapped Boy Scouts of Orange County, the 552 Club for Hoag Hospital, and the Newport Beach Building Code Commission on Environment Quality Affairs.

For these and many other efforts, Richard was recognized in 1995 as the "Executive of the Year" by the Western Association of Chamber Executives.

During his tenure, Richard has been lovingly supported by his wife, Susan; son, Richard; and daughter, Samantha.

In behalf of the U.S. Congress, many thanks to Richard Luehrs for his tireless dedication to the Newport Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce and the community of Newport Beach.