

I am deeply disturbed that police forces used excessive force to prevent students from vocalizing their discontent in an academic setting. I understand that as many as 41 brave individuals were killed on or near the campus at Addis Ababa University, while another 250 persons were injured in an indiscriminate attack by the police forces. The recent action taken by police forces can never be justified.

Although I have strongly spoken out against human rights abuses in Ethiopia before, I wholeheartedly join the Ethiopian community in the United States in denouncing the indiscriminate killings that recently occurred in Ethiopia. Justice must be served swiftly and fairly even though the brutal attack has already exacted an unimaginable toll.

Further, I am somewhat relieved that approximately 2,000 students who were detained by police have now been released. That is not enough, however. As some of you may know, the U.S. Department of State is concerned that dozens of persons who were arrested without warrant remain detained. The United States Government must vigorously call upon the Government of Ethiopia to promptly and unconditionally release all the students that remain in detention. Their freedom cannot be denied.

In the past, I successfully fought for a legislative measure that would prohibit the Government of Ethiopia from receiving aid until human rights abuses are eliminated. We must do more. The people of Ethiopia deserve to be treated humanely by their government.

Mr. Speaker, in the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "We believe that the only whole man is a free man." I hope we can support efforts to bring human rights abuses by government actors in Ethiopia to a halt.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

RICH SANCHEZ LEAVES WSVN AND MOVES TO MSNBC

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Rick Sanchez, a beloved television anchor in my district who is leaving WSVN Channel 7 to move on to even greater challenges nationally at MSNBC.

I am sure that many of my colleagues across the Nation have seen Rick's reporting. My colleagues would have seen it years ago when watching an energetic reporter ride along with police to get the real story. My colleagues would have seen it when they watched a young roving reporter absolutely transform a newscast. My colleagues have seen it when they have watched a professional and genuine, but unusual, piece of reporting and

thought, "What the heck is happening here?"

That is Rick Sanchez; Rick Sanchez, doing an unconventional but honest and impassioned style of reporting before that came into current fashion.

Perhaps the name "Rick" really stands for "maverick," for that is what he always has been. His unconventional ways are always talked about. His high-energy, in-your-face style, his use of expressive body language, his colorful adjectives, and his penchant for visual aids brought an interesting element to the traditional newscast.

City Link Magazine voted him the best newscaster ever, saying that "TV has come around to Rick's style. He asks the best questions, and he is not afraid to speak his mind."

Runaway Rick has never shied from danger. He began behind-the-scenes police beat reporting before there was a show which seemed to start that trend. "Maverick Rick" has always been a man of firsts. He was the youngest reporter and anchor hired in south Florida, brought on as a 21-year-old, right out of the University of Minnesota in 1982.

He was the first-ever Cuban American main anchor in south Florida, with the highest-rated newscast among all 10 o'clock newscasts in the Nation. He was the first to have a south Florida talk show. He was the youngest to win an Emmy for his five-part documentary, which aired nationwide, on Cuban American exiles. He has covered world news stories from Nicaragua, Cuba, Haiti, and Grenada.

Even when reporting just from back home, Rick's unique style transformed you to a new place. Who can forget turning on Channel 7 just to see what props Rick had this week? Who can forget the places he has been to, and the places he has taken us to?

This has been quite a journey for the son of a factory worker and a dishwasher, who was born in Havana and came to Miami when he was only 2 years old.

Although his high-profile status has made him a local celebrity, Rick has remained humble and appreciative. He has been the station spokesperson for wonderful organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and DARE, the program to keep kids off drugs.

Rick was honored by the Florida Broadcasters Association and the George Bush White House for his coverage of and his relief effort after Hurricane Andrew. Rick spearheaded an effort to move 60,000 tons of relief supplies while coordinating it with the U.S. Customs and U.S. Coast Guard.

At heart, Rick is a nice guy and a hungry reporter whose hard work and determination has made him the success story that he is today. I have had the pleasure of knowing Rick for years and watching him grow up on television. I have seen his work. I know of

his dedication to his family and of his deep service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, as his 20-year south Florida locally based career comes to a close, Rick will not be forgotten by our local area. Now he will be shared by millions nationwide. Rick Sanchez has never been afraid to ask tough questions, say what is on his mind, and do whatever it takes to get the story and get people to speak.

Thank you, Rick Sanchez, for taking your job seriously and making the news so interesting for us to watch each and every night. I wish you and your family, your wife Suzanne, your sons Ricky, Jr., Robert and Remington, and your newly arrived daughter Savannah, a smooth transition and the best of luck.

Rick, Felicidades! Y muchas gracias por tu servicio. (Thank you for your service.)

MACEDONIAN GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE A CHOICE

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I think all of us grew up in families where we were taught from an early age to be proud of our ethnic heritage. Millions of Americans were raised in homes where it was not uncommon to hear relatives speak Polish or Italian or Yiddish or Chinese or Urdu or Arabic or any one of dozens of other tongues. But we always understood that no matter what language our family spoke and what their ethnicity, at the core we were all Americans.

Imagine if it were different. Imagine if because your family spoke a different language or honored different traditions, you were barred from being a police officer or working for the Postal Service or even attending college. Imagine for a moment that this bigotry was not only sanctioned by the government but it was actually written into the Constitution.

If my colleagues can imagine that, then they have a pretty good idea what it is like to be an ethnic Albanian living in Macedonia today. Today the Macedonian government is being applauded by leaders worldwide; but has it truly earned its praise? Yes, the creation of the unity government was a step in the right direction. But it was a very small step in a time that calls for great strides, strides that can only begin with acknowledging the reality of today's Macedonia. It is a country whose constitution disenfranchises 33 to 40 percent of Macedonians who are ethnic Albanians.

Mr. Speaker, in any true democracy, equality is conferred by citizenship, not by ethnicity or by religion. That is why the Macedonian government must make a choice. Are they committed to