

Under current laws, there are practically no limits or restrictions on filing habeas corpus appeals. It is about time that the Government end the continued filing of dilatory appeals that have no merit or evidence to establish a need to address the offender's confinement or execution. The American people are sick and tired of convicted violent felons using this process to delay justice. Moreover, such a provision will help relieve the ever increasing crowding of Federal court dockets across the Nation.

Mr. Chairman, I also rise in support of provisions that provide funding for States to defend convictions obtained in State courts. The Federal Government currently provides funding for defense actions on behalf of convicted death row offenders. I strongly support measures to provide similar funding for States defending their right to sentence convicted felons to death.

Mr. Chairman, this reform has been necessary for quite some time. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 729, which will help this country serve justice.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S FAILED BOSNIA POLICY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago today, Secretary of State Christopher unveiled the Clinton administration's Bosnia policy while lamenting the fact that the West had repeatedly missed earlier opportunities to effectively address the conflict and prevent it from deepening.

During his presentation, Christopher outlined United States interests and strategic concerns at stake in Bosnia. "Our conscience revolts at the idea of passively accepting such brutality," he said, and "it tests our commitment to the nurturing of democracy * * *". Recognizing the implications of the Bosnian crisis he warned, "The world's response to the violence in the former Yugoslavia is an early and crucial test of how it will address the concerns of ethnic and religious minorities in the post-cold war world."

One year ago, in the aftermath of the marketplace massacre in Sarajevo, President Clinton echoed this view when he said, "This century teaches us that America cannot afford to ignore conflicts in Europe. And in this case, our Nation has distinct interests." He concluded, "While the cold war may be over, the world is still full of dangers and the world still looks to America for leadership."

President Clinton had it right when he vowed in his inaugural address that, "When our vital interests are challenged or the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act, with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary."

Mr. Speaker, our interests have been challenged.

The will and conscience of the international community have been defied.

Peaceful diplomacy has failed.

And the world still looks to America for leadership * * *.

TRIBUTE TO ANNANDALE ATOMS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to pay tribute to the Annandale Atoms, a high school football team in the eleventh district of Virginia. The team won its second consecutive State football championship in the AAA division, the most competitive in the State. This is the first time in the school's history and one of the only times in State history that this has happened. The Atoms entered the season with a 12-game winning streak and extended that streak to 26, by winning all 14 games this year.

Over the years Annandale High School has fielded many teams, and has won 2 previous State championships. Annandale also continues to produce outstanding graduates with 80 percent going on to college or post secondary education. The players on this championship team also have additional honors in addition to being State football champions. The honors are as follows:

Patriot District: All District Offense—First Team: Ryan Brooks, TE; Mike Herlands, OT; Maurice Daniels, OG; Jasmin Glenn, RB; and Derrick Crittenden, WR, K.

All District Offense—Second Team: Britton Clarke, OG; Tom Venetsanos, C; Giovannin Santa Ana, RB.

All District Defense—First Team: Sean Mignona, DB; Britton Clarke, DL; Maurice Daniels, LB; Corey Peterson, LB; Donovan Yarbough, DE.

Patriot District Offensive Player of the Year: Jasmin Glenn.

Patriot District Defensive Player of the Year: Maurice Daniels.

Northern Region: All Region Defense—First Team: Ryan Brooks, Maurice Daniels, Jasmin Glenn.

All Region Defense—First Team: Derrick Crittenden, Maurice Daniels, Donovan Yarbough.

All Region Defense—Second Team: Britton Clarke, Sean Mignona, Corey Peterson.

All State—First Team: Maurice Daniels, Donovan Yarbough, Jasmin Glenn, and Derrick Crittenden.

All State—Second Team: Ryan Brooks, Derrick Crittenden.

All-Washington Metropolitan Team—First Team: Maurice Daniels, Derrick Crittenden, Donovan Yarbough.

NBC Channel 4 George Michael's "Golden Eleven" Team: Maurice Daniels, Derrick Crittenden, Sean Mignona.

Gatorade's Circle of Champions Virginia High School Football Player of the Year: Maurice Daniels.

Mr. Speaker, the team as a whole has honors that I would also like to mention as well:

No. 1 ranking in Virginia.

No. 1 ranking in Washington Post.

No. 5 ranking in ESPN.

No. 12 ranking U.S.A. Today.

Twenty-six consecutive game winning streak.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Annandale High School, their coach Richard Adams, their assistant coaches Bob Birmingham, Jamie Carayannis, Billy Edwards, Marshall Jefferson, Konrad Molter, Bill Curran, Scott Sadowski, Chuck Hoskins, Steve Quesenberry, Bill Maglisceau, Mark Lenert, Rick Baucom, and Dave Kish, their principle Donald Clause, and their remarkable achievement.

TENTH NATIONAL HOLIDAY HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CITY OF ANDERSON, INDIANA

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I commend to your attention a speech given by Mr. Rudy Porter, assistant to the mayor of Anderson for community affairs, on the occasion of the 10th national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the city of Anderson, IN, community-wide celebration. In the following speech delivered on January 16, 1995, Mr. Porter eloquently and plainly shows how the legacy of the late Dr. King empowers and encourages us all to serve our fellow man. Mr. Porter's words remembering Dr. King should be a guide for us throughout the year. Mr. Porter:

I would like to acknowledge The Honorable Mayor J. Mark Lawler, mayor of the great city of Anderson; Dr. Robert Jackson, Pastor First United Methodist Church, Officers and Members; Dick Vannatta, President of UAW Local 662 and Lennon Brown, Principle of Highland Senior High School, co-chairs of this city-wide celebration; Russell B. Johnson, President Paramount Heritage Foundation; and the entire board of directors; Mr. Tom Snyder, President Delco-Remy America; Kim Blagg who works very hard behind the scene to make this service possible; members of the Martin Luther King Memorial Commission; Rev. J.T. Menifee, President; students who participated in the essay contest, and poster contest from our schools parochial, private, and the Anderson community school system.

It is indeed an honor and a privileged pleasure for me to be here to share perspective and participate. I am truly honored. I am a firm believer that the "I will" is greater than the "I.Q." By that statement I mean, I would rather have a person who did not have as much talent, but was willing, than to have a person who possessed enormous talent, but was not willing. As a keynote speaker, I do not possess enormous talent, but I am more than willing.

The city of Anderson, Indiana through our mayor J. Mark Lawler allowed me to attend a national planning retreat September 28-30, 1994 in Orlando, Florida hosted by "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission." This Commission provides guidance to local and State holiday commissions, committees, and organizations. The purpose of this planning retreat was to develop a five-year strategy plan for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her son Dexter King were present. Also present were representatives from cities all across the country. The general focus was "Help Somebody!" through community service.

Many of the planning sessions centered on how individuals and cities can make a difference. Mrs. Coretta Scott King stated that service, interracial cooperation, nonviolence, is what the King holiday is all about. I learned that Anderson, Indiana was ahead of most cities in the area of total community involvement in the celebration of the national holiday. I was happy to share with the nation's representatives that Anderson, Indiana has a city-wide observance of the King