

friend, and I honor his many contributions to the people of the State of Ohio.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
THE LLOYD FAMILY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 18, 2003*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lloyd Family for being selected the 2003 Outstanding Farm Family. The Lloyd family has continued a strong tradition of family farming in northwest Florida.

Both of Adone's grandfathers, Thaddus Lloyd and Oliver Smith, were farmers in Santa Rosa County and the Lloyds still farm some of their land. Adone started helping out on the farm at age 12, then began helping his Uncle Lewie Frank Smith during high school.

Adone was given a scholarship to play ball at Troy State, but he says "the love of farming kept me at home." Adone has been farming for 40 years and currently farms 700 acres where they grow cotton and peanuts and raise Angus cattle.

In 1967 he married the former Nancy McDavid of Flomaton, AL, where, he says, "has been my partner in the good and bad that farmers must face."

Adone and his wife Nancy have two daughters, Shannon Smith and Wendy Nash, and five grandchildren, Jared Smith, Olivia Wright, Cameron Wright, A.J. Nash, and Slater Nash. Adone and Nancy would like to see their grandchildren take over the farm one day and continue farming the ground their great-grandfathers started farming in the county.

The Lloyds are leaders in our country's production of food and fiber and are involved in various agricultural organizations. Adone has been on the board of the Jay Peanut Farmers Co-op for the past 20 years. He has also served on the boards of the county Farm Bureau and Farm Service Agency. Nancy currently serves as minority advisor on the county Farm Service Agency Board.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I would like to recognize this special family for the example they have set in their community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that the Lloyd family has done for northwest Florida.

HONORING EASTSIDE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 18, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a special elementary school in my Fifth Congressional District of Florida that has gone to great lengths in pursuit of academic improvement. Eastside Elementary School in Hernando County, which just 2 years ago, received a "D" rating on Florida's statewide school accountability scale this year has earned an "A" grade for its impressive scholastic turnaround.

The hard work of the students, teachers, and administrators at Eastside is certainly to

be commended as are the parents of children at Eastside, whose involvement in their students' educations is critically important.

Two years ago Eastside's students' test scores lagged behind others in the State, a large percentage of parents were unable to recall their children's teachers' names, and many students began elementary school not being able to recite the alphabet.

Eastside's teachers and administrators went "back to basics" and restructured their curricula to include an increased focus on the fundamentals of early education. They enlisted the help of the community and encouraged parents to become more involved. The staff at Eastside turned a negative into a positive, using their "D" grade as motivation to change for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Eastside Elementary School's faculty for their hard work and dedication to improving the quality of education for tomorrow's leaders. I also ask that you join me in honoring the students, whose arduous work resulted in positive change for Eastside, and for their own academic careers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 18, 2003*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Chairman, on Thursday, July 17, 2003, during rollcall 382 I mistakenly voted against House Amendment 263 to H.R. 2691, the FY 2004 Interior Department Appropriations Bill. The amendment, sponsored by Mr. GALLEGLY of California and Mr. MORAN of Virginia, sought to restrict the use of funds by the U.S. Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management to administer any action related to the baiting of bears except to prevent or prohibit such activity. As a cosponsor of H.R. 1472, the "Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003", I certainly support ending the practice of bear baiting and will work vigorously for the passage of this legislation during this session of Congress.

I sincerely regret this error as I intended to have voted in favor of the Gallegly-Moran amendment.

COMMEMORATING THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 18, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the 9th anniversary of the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In this effort, I have signed a letter directed to Argentine President Nestor Kirchner from Members of Congress supporting efforts to continue to monitor the AMIA trial and to reveal Hizballah activities in Argentina. To complement this letter, Mr. Speaker, I am introducing this resolution commemorating the 9th anniversary of the

attack on the AMIA, and highlighting the attack as characteristic of the threat to the United States from international terrorist organizations operating from Latin America.

In 1994, a terrorist bomb destroyed the AMIA building, killing 85 people and wounding 200. This was the second terrorist attack against the Argentine Jewish community in two years. While the two cases have been officially under investigation for over nine years, the responsible parties have not yet been apprehended.

Substantial evidence attributes the attack on July 18, 1994 to the terrorist group Hizballah, based in Lebanon and sponsored by Iran. Evidence indicates that the tri-border region where Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil meet was used to channel resources for the purpose of carrying out the AMIA attack by terrorists linked with Iran.

Regrettably, the scheming of international terrorist organizations such as Hizballah, and al-Qaeda are not confined to the tri-border region. Much of the Western Hemisphere is ideal for international terrorist groups to establish bases due to the ill equipped and poorly trained security agencies across the region.

For example, Cuba maintains close relations with countries that sponsor terrorism and has provided a safe haven to members of European terrorist organizations. Also, the demilitarized zone in Colombia provides international terrorists a safe refuge for training. Furthermore, the Caribbean is a strategic paradise for terrorist organizations given its established web for drugs, arms contraband, and money laundering. Terrorist organizations may be involved in money laundering as a means of hiding their financial assets.

In remembering the anniversary of this heinous attack, we should also focus on the threat to the United States from radical Islamic organizations operating from the Western Hemisphere.

The fight against terrorism must remain a top priority. Nowhere is this more true than in America's back yard. The AMIA attack, which showed the same cowardice as the September 11, 2001 attack, tragically illustrates the capability of Islamic terrorists to bring their jihad against Western civilization from our own hemisphere.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1950) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, while I voted in favor of H.R. 2691, the FY04 Department of the Interior Appropriations bill, I am hopeful that more funding for conservation programs will be included in the conference report. I am pleased that a critical amendment