

for creating its secret nuclear facility south of Tehran.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the Bush administration has chosen to dismiss the information in this report, especially since the Pakistan-Iran link is so well defined, and since Pakistan is in complete violation of international laws forbidding exchange of nuclear equipment with countries like Iran. Last June when Presidents Musharraf and Bush met at Camp David, and this was last June, it seemed that the United States would no longer tolerate Pakistan's nuclear transfers to any country within the President's so-called axis of evil, but Pakistan is now guilty of such transfers to both North Korea as well as Iran.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the Bush administration take appropriate action to punish Pakistan and to ensure that the same pattern of secretly supplying nuclear weapons to rogue nations does not continue.

The other pressing concern that I would like to highlight this evening is Pakistan's continued terrorist efforts in Kashmir. In the past few months, the world has seen a significant uprising in the number and severity of guerrilla attacks in Kashmir. This is largely a result of evidence-based increased infiltration by Islamic militants at the line of control. Assessments by intelligence officials show that during the summer of 2003, the amount of infiltration was double the amount during the summer of 2002, and the number of murders and casualties of Indian Army men, civilians, and political figures in Kashmir has dramatically increased compared to last year.

Mr. Speaker, we simply cannot afford to wait for these numbers to continue to rise. President Musharraf's participation in closing the borders thereby restraining militants from entering Kashmir is the key. To this day he denies that he allows cross-border terrorism to take place, and, in fact, he still provides direct moral and military support to terrorists that he terms "freedom fighters." The severity of the situation has also increased recently as terrorist training camps are reopening and as there has been a rise in the number of youth in Kashmir traveling to Pakistan to attend these camps.

As a result of pressure from the United States after 9/11, there seemed to be a somewhat successful effort to slow down infiltration at the border and to close terrorist camps throughout Pakistan, but, Mr. Speaker, that pressure has subsided, and the results are quite tangible in terms of increased terrorist activity in Kashmir that has brought much suffering to its people.

I urge the Bush administration to renew its role in ending global terrorism by pressuring Musharraf to enforce measures for ending cross-border terrorism in Kashmir.

Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday's New York Times ran an editorial called "Pakistan, a Troubled Ally," a title that could not have been more appro-

priate, in my opinion. The content of this editorial further strengthens my argument that Musharraf is pretending that he is not responsible for aiding Iran and North Korea's secret nuclear weapons program and furthermore that Musharraf is denying his role in promoting increased cross-border terrorism in Kashmir.

I believe the United States has to respond to the numerous reports of nuclear proliferation in Iran and the increase in murders in Kashmir. Turning a blind eye to Pakistan's misbehavior in this stage of the game will surely further our own inability to promote peace and stability in the South Asia region, and beyond that the Middle Eastern and Far Eastern regions of the world.

The United States has agreed to provide Pakistan with \$3 billion in assistance for their help in the fight against terrorism. But, Mr. Speaker, before any of that money is provided, we must ensure that money is going to hands of a leader and a country that is, in fact, promoting nuclear security and ending terrorist activity. We have not seen a solid effort from President Musharraf on these vital issues, and before we can proceed with any assistance, these issues should be addressed.

TRIBUTE TO ERICKA DUNLAP,
MISS AMERICA 2004

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

Mr. FEENEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is really a delight to be here tonight on a very special occasion for those of us in Florida, especially central Florida. It is my pleasure to rise and pay tribute to an extraordinary young woman from Florida's 24th District, which I serve, Miss America 2004, Ericka Dunlap.

Being crowned Miss America last Saturday was a historic moment for the State of Florida as Ericka was the first African American to win the Miss Florida pageant in 68 years. By the way, she is the second Floridian to be crowned Miss America in its storied 83-year history.

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For Ericka, this achievement means a lot individually and personally; a \$50,000 scholarship that will aid her in accomplishing her undergraduate degree at the University of Central Florida and continue on to her dream of law school, and this will afford her the honor of a national platform to discuss a number of nationally important issues to her and all of us, including, as she puts it, cultural diversity and inclusiveness.

While winning pageants is nothing new for Ericka, she has collected more than 110 trophies and 60 crowns since she started competing at age 6, an amazing record, her off-the-runway accomplishments are equally as awesome

and impressive. She is a Dean's Scholar, a recipient of both the National Coca-Cola Scholarship and the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship, and she is a beneficiary of UCF, University of Central Florida, McKnight Center of Excellence's Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society.

Ericka, who is a former student senator with an interest in pursuing a career in public service or becoming a top-flight sports and entertainment attorney, is also a member of the prestigious UCF President's Leadership Council, whose members are selected for their excellence in leadership, scholarship and service to the University of Central Florida and the Orlando community.

As our president of the University of Central Florida put it, "At UCF our pride in Ericka began long before the Miss Florida and Miss America pageants. We were extremely proud of her academic success, her volunteering on campus and serving as a member of the President's Leadership Council. Being crowned as Miss America was the icing on the cake for us, since it was national recognition for the poised, caring and intellectual young woman we have come to know."

Mr. Speaker, just this last July I actually attended a ground-breaking for Partnership II Building at the University of Central Florida Research Park, and I had the pleasure of meeting Ericka. At that time Ericka signed an autograph, Miss Florida, for my 11-year-old son Tommy. He was thrilled to receive it, and he recognized he was in the presence of a star right off the bat. She is pleasant, she is attractive, she is wonderfully friendly, she is brilliant, and she is motivated, and I was glad and honored to meet her myself.

Mr. Speaker, finally, I expect in the year to follow our Nation will also come to know this exceptional young woman from Orlando. She plans to use her crown, as she puts it, as "a symbolic propeller to take cultural diversity to new heights," and she continues to set new benchmarks for her own success, as well as our collective ability to treat all of our members of society with respect and dignity and love that is the bedrock of our Nation.

Congratulations, Ericka. We are thrilled to have you. We are thrilled to have Miss America be from Florida and from central Florida especially.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRANKS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. NORWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)