

CRAIG NIGRELLI DEPARTS KOAT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the finest and most respected news anchors in New Mexico—Craig Nigrelli. Craig is departing KOAT television of Albuquerque, New Mexico, after a strong four-year run. He will soon be leaving for KSTP-TV in Minnesota. Before he departs, I would like to reflect on his career.

Craig is one of New Mexico's most highly respected broadcast journalists. He joined the Action 7 News anchor desk in February 2000. As a popular morning and noontime anchor, he has commanded high ratings against some tough competition and is often credited with making a major contribution toward building KOAT's solid reputation.

In 1989, Craig received his B.A. degree in Communications/Economics from Rutgers University. He began his broadcasting career in radio as an anchor/reporter for radio station WJLL-AM in Niagara Falls, New York, and then as anchor/reporter for WBEN-AM in Buffalo, New York, from May 1991 until June 1993. In April 1993, Craig made the move to television as a general assignment reporter for WIVB-TV in Buffalo, and became the station's anchor/co-anchor from October 1995 until January 2000. During this time, he was praised for his reports on the crash of TWA Flight 800, the one-year anniversary of the federal-building bombing in Oklahoma, and the FBI raid on Timothy McVeigh's childhood home near Buffalo. This extensive experience prepared him well for his successful tenure at KOAT.

Throughout his years at KOAT, Craig has developed a reputation in the New Mexico political community for being one of the few TV reporters to whom the moniker "political reporter" is applied. He has been a major presence on KOAT election coverage, and his departure will leave a void in this busy year. After being interviewed dozens of times by Craig, I can honestly say that I do not know his political affiliation or leanings. He has asked me, and countless other elected officials and candidates, the tough questions that New Mexico viewers want to know. I do not think there can be a higher compliment than that for a journalist.

On February 16, I will travel to the KOAT studio in Albuquerque for what will probably be my last interview with Craig on the noon news. I have no doubt that he will be missed by his colleagues and viewers alike for his judgment, experience, toughness under pressure, and his wonderful sense of humor. He will be gone, but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Craig the best of luck in all his future endeavors. His dedication to quality journalism cannot be understated, and I am pleased to have been able to honor him here today. While Craig and his lovely wife, Carol, embark on a new chapter in their life, I want them to know they will always have friends in New Mexico.

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMAN DAVID HENDERSON FOR A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise here today to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's greatest public servants, former Congressman David Henderson. With true dedication and talent, Congressman Henderson left a lasting mark on his community, his state, and his country.

Born in Wallace, North Carolina, in 1921, David Henderson began a life of accomplishment that spanned from a Major in the U.S. Air Corps to Congressman of the United States. After graduating from Davidson College in 1942, Henderson served his country overseas in India, China, and Okinawa, only to return to the University of North Carolina Law School to earn a law degree in 1949. He held numerous leadership positions throughout his career including: solicitor and judge of the Duplin County General Court, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Member of the Governor's Advisory Boards for Economic Development and Aviation, Member of the Duplin County Board of Economic Development, and even Fireman of the Year for the Wallace County Volunteer Fire Department.

Although Congressman Henderson earned many achievements throughout his life, his greatest accomplishment was securing legislation to establish the Cape Lookout National Seashore along the Outer Banks. His commitment to preserving this natural landmark created one of the most popular coastal parks in the United States. Prior to serving sixteen years in the U.S. House of Representatives, Henderson came to Washington to serve as Assistant Counsel to the House Education and Labor Committee, and the Chief Staffer of an investigating sub-committee chaired by Congressman John F. Kennedy.

Former Congressman Henderson passed away on January 7, 2004, but will be remembered for his endless contributions to our society. This nation was blessed to have known and honored a true public servant.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERIC AND GRACE CROSS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of two great people from my district. Eric and Grace Cross, who spent the last 32 years of their life in Alamosa, Colorado, recently passed away at the ages of 76 and 74. The Crosses dedicated their lives to public service and to the challenging fields of teaching and missionary work. I am honored today to bring their contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Eric and Grace met as teenagers at the Briercrest Bible Institute, and after their mar-

riage in 1949, moved to Ecuador for four years to work as missionaries. They served an additional six years as missionaries in Del Rio, Texas before moving to Alamosa. Eric later earned a Bachelor's Degree in special education from Adams State College and the two of them continued to minister to the migrants who worked the fields of the San Luis Valley.

In 1966, after a move to Palisade, Colorado, Eric became a teacher, and later principal, at the Regional Center, where Grace also worked as a technician and later a dorm supervisor. At night, Eric earned his Masters degree in special education at Western State College. In what little spare time Eric had left he served as an interim minister in churches throughout western Colorado and eastern Utah. When Eric and Grace retired, they continued to serve the Alamosa community, coordinating the soup kitchen and help desk for the Palisade Migrant Center.

Mr. Speaker, Eric and Grace were dedicated people that selflessly served their community and country and I am honored to pay tribute to them here today. Their lifetime of service is an incredible model for all Americans and my thoughts and prayers go out to their families during this difficult time of bereavement.

THE LOSS OF CAPTAIN MATTHEW J. AUGUST

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a soldier in Iraq, a Rhode Island citizen who served with dignity and honor. I join the people of Rhode Island in mourning this great loss.

On Tuesday, January 27, U.S. Army Captain Matthew J. August was killed in Khalidiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded next to his convoy. Captain August was commander of B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion out of Fort Riley, Kansas. A resident of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, Capt. August graduated in 1993 from Bishop Hendricken High School—my alma mater—and then further distinguished himself as a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1997. It was at West Point that he met his wife, Captain Maureen August, who also served in Iraq in the 1st Armored Division.

Last week, I was honored to join Captain August's wife, his parents, Donna and Richard August, his older brother Mark, his younger sister Melanie, and other family and friends at a memorial service in Rhode Island. Those who knew him well spoke highly of his kindness, his commitment to his wife and family, and his patriotism and love of service. He was described as a natural leader who earned the respect of all those he encountered.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them to duty to preserve freedom, liberty and the security of their neighbors, they answered without hesitation. We remember those who have fallen not only as soldiers, but also as

patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. May we keep their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to endure this difficult period and mourn the heroes America has lost.

We will continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID H. MILLER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to the passing of a man who spent his lifetime seeking to expand trade and investment ties between the United States and Africa. David H. Miller, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and originally from the state of Michigan, passed away on February 2 following a year-long battle with cancer. As his family, relatives, and friends mourn their loss, I would like to recognize a few of his many achievements here today.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Miller of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Mr. Miller received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from George Washington University and a Masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration on finance from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Mr. Miller worked for the public relations company of Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelly as a Research Associate and for Congressman Mark Siljander as a Legislative Assistant for Foreign Affairs. Thereafter, Mr. Miller was the Desk Officer for South Africa, Angola, and Namibia at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Mr. Miller then served as the Senior Associate for Africa at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), where he led over 140 U.S. companies on investment missions to 16 African countries.

Mr. Miller helped to create the Corporate Council on Africa, and served as its first Executive Director from May 1993 to June 1999. At the Council, Miller was the principal liaison between the Council staff and more than 210 corporate and individual members. Mr. Miller was responsible for advising member companies on trade and investment activities in Africa; outreach to African government and private sector leaders; U.S. executive and legislative activities relating to African issues; and projects before international financial institutions such as the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank. Under his direction, the Corporate Council on Africa grew from an organization with six members, a limited budget, and one employee to an organization of over 210 members, an annual budget in excess of \$3 million, and fourteen employees.

Mr. Miller formed AfricaGlobal, and served as its Managing Director and Director of Government Affairs. He was responsible for handling the government clients and the governmental affairs of AfricaGlobal's corporate clients. Mr. Miller advised government clients on how to best communicate and create positive relationships with the international private sector and political leaders. Mr. Miller had extensive experience in corporate affairs and com-

munications, and was the speechwriter for AfricaGlobal's clientele.

Mr. Speaker, David H. Miller worked with great dedication in advancing relations between African nations and the United States, and is certainly deserving of praise before this body today. He is survived by his wife, the former Kyung Hee Cho; his children Max, Audrey, and Han; his parents; his brothers Bill and John, his sisters Anne and Mary; other extended family members; and a host of friends both in Africa and in the United States. Our thoughts are with them during their time of bereavement. To his family, friends, and the many people in the community who knew him, David H. Miller will be missed deeply.

DO WE REALLY WANT A WAL-MART ECONOMY?

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I am inserting in the RECORD today an article which appeared in the Washington Post on Sunday, February 8, 2004. The article is about the price that is paid by Chinese workers for Wal-Mart's low prices. But, in fact, the article has far broader implications for American workers.

The article makes clear that low prices offered by Wal-Mart are built on a foundation of injustice for Chinese workers. But more importantly, for American workers the article demonstrates how the race to the bottom for workers wages and benefits occurs in this country. By implication, it illustrates that if today Wal-Mart and companies like it produce lower wages by squeezing their own workers wages and benefits, that creates pressure on competitors to do the same thing.

Every Member of Congress and every American ought to ask whether America really wants to follow the Wal-Mart economic model.

[From the Washington Post Foreign Service, Feb. 8, 2004]

CHINESE WORKERS PAY FOR WAL-MART'S LOW PRICES

(By Peter S. Goodman and Philip P. Pan)

SHENZHEN, CHINA.—Inside the factory, amid clattering machinery and clouds of sawdust, men without earplugs or protective goggles feed wood into screaming electric saws, making cabinets for stereo speakers. Women hunch over worktables, many hands bandaged and few covered by gloves, pressing transistors into circuit boards.

Most of the 2,100 workers here are poor migrants from the countryside who have come to this industrial hub in southern China for jobs that pay about \$120 a month. A sign on the wall reminds them of their expendability in a nation with hundreds of millions of surplus workers: "If you don't work hard today, tomorrow you'll have to try hard to look for a job."

The calculations driving production here at Shenzhen Baoan Fenda Industrial Co. are no different from those governing global capitalism in general—make more for less—but it is applied with particular vigor on this shop floor. Sixty percent of the stereos coming off the line are for one customer: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., whose mastery at squeezing savings from its supply chain made it the world's largest company.

"The profit is really small," said Surely Huang, a factory engineer, speaking of the

350,000 stereos that Fenda agreed in March to supply to the retailer for \$30 to \$40 each. Huang said they sell for \$50 in the United States. "We have to constantly cut costs to satisfy Wal-Mart."

Yet this factory and thousands of others along China's east coast have decided, with China's leaders, that the deal is worth the price. Wal-Mart provides access to vastly more store shelves than they could ever reach by themselves, a way to build a brand from Fort Worth to Frankfurt. Meeting Wal-Mart's strict requirements could improve the factory's efficiency and make it easier to land contracts from other major retailers.

As capital scours the globe for cheaper and more malleable workers, and as poor countries seek multinational companies to provide jobs, lift production and open export markets, Wal-Mart and China have forged themselves into the ultimate joint venture, their symbiosis influencing the terms of labor and consumption the world over.

With sales of more than \$245 billion a year, Wal-Mart is the largest retailer in the United States, still the ultimate consumer market. China is the most populous country, with 1.3 billion people, most still poor enough to willingly move hundreds of miles from home for jobs that would be shunned by anyone with better prospects. The Communist Party government has become perhaps the world's greatest facilitator of capitalist production, beckoning multinational giants with tax-free zones and harsh punishment for anyone with designs on organizing a labor movement.

More than 80 percent of the 6,000 factories in Wal-Mart's worldwide database of suppliers are in China. Wal-Mart estimates it spent \$15 billion on Chinese-made products last year, accounting for nearly one-eighth of all Chinese exports to the United States. If the company that Sam Walton built with his "Made in America" ad campaign were itself a separate nation, it would rank as China's fifth-largest export market, ahead of Germany and Britain.

Back in its home market, Wal-Mart's vast appetite for Chinese imports has placed it at the center of a sharp debate over whether the influx of low-cost products from China is good for Americans.

Domestic manufacturers, labor groups and some politicians point to China's record trade surplus with the United States, estimated to have totaled \$120 billion last year, and accuse Beijing of manipulating its currency, condoning the exploitation of its workers and competing unfairly, resulting in the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs.

But Chinese officials counter that nearly two-thirds of the country's exports are shipped from factories wholly or jointly owned by foreign investors, with Wal-Mart often cited as the prime example, supplying Americans with a steady flow of low-cost, high-quality goods.

With its near-religious devotion to the pursuit of "everyday low prices," Wal-Mart illustrates why U.S.-based multinationals with operations here have not joined in the chorus for protectionism.

"For the benefit of the consumer, we should buy merchandise where we get the best value," said Andrew Tsuei, managing director of Wal-Mart's global procurement center in Shenzhen.

Joe Hatfield, president of Wal-Mart's Asia operations, noted that many of the goods his company buys in China—toys, furniture, textiles and holiday ornaments—have mostly not been made in the United States for years. The Bush administration has pressed China to increase the value of its currency, which some argue makes China's goods unfairly cheap on world markets. Hatfield rolled his eyes.