

If the motion to recommit had been adopted, the result would have been to approve an alternative version of the legislation so it would update FISA to provide intelligence agencies more flexibility in emergency situations and less bureaucratic red tape when applying for warrants, while still requiring court orders for domestic surveillance of Americans.

That better alternative would have extended from 72 hours to 7 days the amount of time allowed to initiate surveillance in an urgent situation before going to the FISA court for a warrant. This authority can be used to thwart imminent attacks.

The alternative also would have made clear that foreign-to-foreign communications are outside of FISA and don't require a court order, and would have provided that a FISA order for electronic surveillance shall continue to be in effect for the authorized period even if the person leaves the United States. It also would have removed redundant requirements in the application process and made other changes to streamline the FISA process, including adding judges to the FISA court while authorizing that court, the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the NSA to hire more staff for the preparation and consideration of FISA applications and orders. And it would have made clear that in addition to a "declaration of war by the Congress," an "authorization for the use of military force, AUMF," can also trigger the FISA "wartime exception" for purposes of allowing 15 days of warrantless surveillance.

I think that alternative had the best features of this bill without its defects. Unfortunately, it was not adopted and those changes were not made.

As a result, I do not think this bill as it stands should be approved. But while I cannot support it tonight, I recognize that it is not being sent to the president for signing into law. Instead, if it passed tonight it will go to the Senate, where it will be subject to further debate and revision.

My hope is that if it does pass tonight, and the legislative process continues, the result of that process will be a revised version that will deserve enactment.

RECOGNIZING CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Crestwood Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1956, Crestwood Elementary School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extracurricular excellence. Over the years, as the Springfield area has expanded and diversified, Crestwood has followed the community's example.

In 1950, the Springfield area consisted of nothing but woods and a few farms and houses. Edward Carr bought much of the land and in 1950 started to build the first planned community in northern Virginia. He gave some land to the community for the school and the first community pool was built here because of

the land he donated. The area grew slowly, with few community resources. Little League was started in 1955. There were no schools here until 1956. All of the school children had to go out of the area. In those days, Springfield was the outermost edge of the Washington area.

Since its inception, Crestwood Elementary has been an integral part of the Springfield, Virginia, community. Originally costing \$595,585, when the school was constructed there was one telephone booth per street, milk and bakery items were delivered weekly to residents, and the primary mode of transportation was the train. Over the past 50 years, the Crestwood community has become a very progressive community in the heart of the Springfield area and educates hundreds of students each year. With the addition of the Family Resource Center, Crestwood is a true community school working with parents and children building a better future for the entire Crestwood community.

The mission of Crestwood Elementary School is to offer each student the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to be successful students and productive members of society. The staff envisions a school where academic excellence is paramount, the arts are celebrated, cultural and linguistic diversity is honored, and all learners meet their personal academic goals. Over the years ethnic and cultural diversity have brought a unique spirit to the school, as it continues its commitment to academic excellence.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Crestwood Elementary School faculty and staff for the immeasurable contributions they have made to the community by shaping today's youth and tomorrow's future. I congratulate the school on its successes over the last 50 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution, as well as the committed faculty and students.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KENNETH MAHAL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Mr. Kenneth Mahal for his outstanding service to his community and to his country.

Ken is a retired architect who is licensed to practice in 50 States, District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom. He has a wealth of academic experience, having graduated from the University of Minnesota, the Architecture at Chicago Technical College, and the Harvard International Business School in Vevey, Switzerland. Ken has also served in the military during War II as a fleet radar countermeasures director on aircraft carrier USS *Ticonderoga*.

At age 30, Ken served as a volunteer to the Bloomington Planning Commission, where he served as vice chairman for 6 years. During his tenure with the planning commission, Bloomington, Minnesota, won the Best Cities Award twice. Because of his insistence for strong zoning, a strategic piece of land was

saved until the world renowned Mall of America was built there.

As former C.E.O. of Ellerbe Architects and Engineers, the 8th largest firm in the U.S., Ken developed sales and marketing of architectural and engineering services, creating the first professional firm in this field. The firm developed sales projection marketing plans, which computerized fee projections.

Ken also owns L.K. Mahal & Assoc., a consulting firm specializing in concept design to real estate search. The firm provided full service design and construction oversight, plus served as a consultant to the Children's World Day Care centers and franchise project development. For 25 years, the firm represented the University of Notre Dame. Some other clients include the NIH Medical Center Washington, DC, Mayo Clinic as well as assisted in the UNLV Medical Center expansion project.

Presently, Ken is president of the Nevada Seniors Coalition, NSC, and writes a monthly column for Vegas Voice. As president, Ken focuses the organizations efforts on local growth issues such as air, water and traffic concerns. NSC also works on State and national issues for seniors, their children and grandchildren, enhancing the conditions of our senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor my good friend Mr. Kenneth Mahal for his steadfast commitment to his community and to his country. I wish him luck with all of his future endeavors.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today, as we consider passage of H.R. 6166, we stand on the verge of undermining our Nation's own moral standard, and risk further eroding the moral authority we have already jeopardized with our unilateral action in Iraq. H.R. 6166 must be defeated.

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Secretary of State Colin Powell has written that the kinds of proposals included in H.R. 6166 add to the worldwide doubts of "the moral basis of our fight against terrorism" and "would put our own troops at risk." Nearly all of the military's top attorneys have publicly expressed strong opposition to the proposals, saying that they not only go against the historical standards of conduct we have previously followed, but that the acts of torture and coercion are actually counterproductive, and in fact damaging, to the ability of our military to fully fight terrorism.

It has been said that we must develop new ways to fight the enemy we now face, that the enemy confronting us does not care for human life and therefore we must not be restrained by unclear or antiquated laws. And Mr. Speaker, there is some truth to that. We do need to pass legislation that will provide the President with a tough and fair system of military commissions that will ensure swift prosecution of terrorists and protect our men and women in uniform. However, we must do so within the boundaries of our own standards

and values. Not those of the enemy. In the meantime, if we continue to defile our international agreements by blatantly disregarding them, it will only mean our profile abroad will continue to suffer, potentially to the great detriment of our men and women in uniform, and ultimately to our goal of successfully defeating our enemy.

I would ask my colleagues, and I would ask the American people, do we really believe that we must betray our moral standard in order to defeat our enemies? We are fighting a different enemy, one espousing a radical ideology and using blatant violence as a vehicle to achieve its goals. But I do not believe for one second that this means our adaptation and our military strategy against this new enemy must include torture. Nor should it include a subversion of some of our most precious judicial protections. Tragically, and outrageously, H.R. 6166 includes both of these.

H.R. 6166 must be defeated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAZOSPORT
SPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, Brazosport Independent School District, located in my home county of Brazoria, has received a \$458,369 Smaller Learning Communities Program grant from the Department of Education. The Smaller Learning Communities Program promotes academic achievement through the creation or expansion of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large public high schools to help ensure that all students graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions to colleges and careers.

Brazosport High School will use the Smaller Learning Communities Program grant to build on past efforts by implementing and expanding successful strategies and activities. Among the projects the grant will help Brazosport High School implement are extensive development activities for the faculty and staff, advisory periods, accelerated curriculum, after-school classes, ninth grade transition activities, and task force committees.

Brazosport High School's project goals include: (1) increasing the academic performance of all students and reducing the gap in achievement among students of different racial and economic backgrounds; (2) ensuring that the Smaller Learning Communities are environments where students feel safe, known, supported and motivated to succeed; (3) and ensuring that students attain the strong academic knowledge and skills necessary for a successful college career.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that the same commitment to education excellence that enabled Brazosport Independent School District to obtain this grant will enable the school to achieve all of its goals. I am therefore pleased to extend my congratulations to Brazosport Independent School District for obtaining a Smaller Learning Communities Program grant.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAURA
LONDONO

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Laura Londono of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Ms. Londono has been accepted to the People to People World Leadership Forum here in our Nation's Capital. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the People to People program founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Ms. Londono has displayed academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential. All students chosen for the program have been identified and nominated by educators.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to Laura Londono, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

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HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to commend the Ad Council and WCPX-TV for creating a program and using valuable airtime to improve the quality of life for people in my Congressional District and wherever the influence of their work can be felt.

I also commend the Ad Council for being the stimulus behind this action.

I am pleased to know that for more than 60 years the Ad Council has marshaled the pro bono resources of the advertising agency and media communities to deliver thousands of inspirational messages for the American people. I am indeed pleased to know that during 2005, the media donated an unprecedented 1.8 billion dollars in free airtime and space.

My hat is off to Mr. Tony Cannata, Business Manager, WCPX-TV and Ms. Peggy Conlon, President and CEO, The Advertising Council Inc.

I commend them both for this very effective collaboration and look forward to their continuous work.

IN HONOR OF MISS ALLIE DIETZ

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special young lady, Miss Allie Dietz. She continues to impress me with her courage and her determination to fight diabetes, which she has suffered from since she was just five years old. She is now twelve.

I have come to know Allie over the years at different events throughout my state—Juvenile

Diabetes Research Foundation Galas, Children's Congress, Walk for a Cure, the fight for stem cell research and many others. She has told me her stories of low and high blood sugars, she has shown me how she pricks her fingers and takes her insulin and she has always demonstrated a positive attitude through it all.

Most of all, I am proud to call her my friend. Recently, we shared the podium at an event at Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, and it is safe to say that Allie stole the show! Allie is surrounded by loving parents and two wonderful younger sisters who share her joys, her sadness and her hope for a cure. That is why I will continue to fight for a cure for diabetes—through efforts like increased research funding, an expanded federal embryonic stem cell research policy, legislation to address racial disparities in minorities and ensuring patients have access to care.

I know Allie will go far in life, and it is our job as Members of Congress to ensure that she has help along the way. I am hopeful that Congress will begin to make diabetes more of a priority, as it has become a national epidemic. We need to lead the fight for a cure for Allie and all of the other diabetes patients suffering throughout the United States.

TRIBUTE TO THE REECE SCHOOL
OF NEW YORK CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Reece School of New York City, which has been dedicated for 58 years to serving children who are intellectually capable but emotionally fragile and vulnerable. The oldest such special-education school in Manhattan, the Reece School has grown in size and stature from its founder's home to a new facility on the Upper East Side. On October 26, it will recognize a significant donation by officially naming its state-of-the-art building.

The Reece School was established in 1948, in the home of Ellen Reece, as a response to the needs of children who were incapable of functioning in a traditional school setting. Today, it serves 90 students, from Manhattan and all 5 boroughs, who reflect the diverse communities of the City of New York. They represent middle- and lower-income families who care deeply about their children's future but lack the ability to pay privately for services beyond those offered by the school community. These families depend on Reece for the intellectual and emotional support that allows their children to progress and function as independently as possible. They rely on Reece for services that many other special-education schools are unable to provide.

Over the years, the Reece School has grown out of Ellen Reece's home, out of its longtime Carnegie Hill location, and into a new home at 25 East 104th Street. For years, it has worked hard to be an integral part of its community. It has made its space available to several community groups, and has partnered with several community agencies and public schools to help improve the quality of life of Reece students and, in fact, of all children in the community.