

plainclothes security guards. They marched haphazardly along the sidewalks, the different units so numerous that they sometimes collided. Late into the evening, they perched on rickety school desk chairs placed throughout the bazaar, watching. On the corner outside Xinjiang Medical University, armed police in riot gear peered out the windows of an olive green humvee or leaned on riot shields under the afternoon sun.

"It's quiet here on the surface," said Yu Xinqing, 35, a lifelong Han resident of Urumqi whose brother was killed by Uighurs during the riots. He now carries a knife with him everywhere, avoids Uighur businesses and rarely speaks with Uighur neighbors he previously considered friends. He says he is saving money to leave Xinjiang behind for good.

"We don't talk about these things, even within our families," he said. "But our hearts are overwhelmed; we hold back rivers and overturn the seas."

Still, every once in a while, when a resident is safely alone with a neutral observer, months' worth of stifled thinking tumbles out. That was the case for Ablat, a Uighur businessman who sells clothing near the main bazaar; he would not allow his last name to be mentioned. Ablat had been speaking in vague, evasive terms for three hours, and then—ensconced in his car, speeding north out of town—something finally released.

"Give us jobs, stop holding our passports hostage, and let us worship the way we want to," he said. "That would solve these problems. That is all it would take."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT TABASH

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I wish to extend my thanks to Dr. Robert Tabash for dedicating his career to the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Palestine. Thanks to his concern for the people of Palestine, Dr. Tabash has created a hospital that is truly an oasis of peace in the troubled region and is a shining example of humanitarian assistance.

Dr. Tabash's work to build an oasis of peace to serve mothers and babies in conflict-torn Palestine has not been an easy road. After serving as a staff physician beginning in 1971, Dr. Tabash was appointed the Director of Administration to the Holy Family Hospital in 1985. That same year the hospital was forced to close due to the Arab-Israeli conflict. After a 5-year renovation period, Dr. Tabash's vision finally came to life when the hospital was inaugurated. That same year, Dr. Tabash saw the first baby born in the new facility. Since, the hospital has successfully delivered over 50,000 newborns. With the only neonatal intensive care unit in the area, Holy Family Hospital has amazingly limited the mortality rate to around 2 percent, on par with Western hospitals and remarkably different than the roughly 30 percent mortality rate found in government-run hospitals in the West Bank.

This impressive success rate with high risk pregnancies and track record for saving premature babies makes the Hospital special. But what makes Holy

Family truly shine is their commitment to serving pregnant women and babies in the West Bank, regardless of religion or race. Despite this commitment, more than 90 percent of Holy Family's patients are Muslim. Backed by U.S. dollars—and I am proud to have secured \$3.5 million for the hospital in 2005—Holy Family not only gives the unborn a chance at life in a troubled part of the world, it also works to dispel the false notions that America is at war with the Muslim world and sides only with the Israeli people.

Holy Family Hospital is one of the most successful and touching examples of Smart Power in the Middle East—where through non-military engagement, like diplomacy, education, and in this case, humanitarian assistance, we can win hearts and minds, a necessary first step to peace.

Dr. Tabash is a Christian Palestinian doctor. Born in Bethlehem himself, it is Dr. Tabash, and his endless devotion to serving the most vulnerable in Bethlehem—pregnant mothers and babies—that has made the hospital the success story it is today. Dr. Tabash is the rare individual who recognizes that the work of one person—every person—can make a difference. Through his work, Dr. Tabash has saved thousands of babies' lives and touched countless more.

On the occasion of Dr. Tabash's retirement I offer gratitude and congratulations for the good Doctor's contributions—to the lives of many mothers and babies and to the long-hoped dream of peace in the Middle East. •

NEVADA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Nevada City Fire Department in Nevada City, CA.

The Nevada City Fire Department was formed in June 1860 after a group of local women set up theatrical shows and a ball to raise funds to form a fire department. The fire department began with three fire companies: the Nevada Hose Company No. 1; Eureka Hose Company No. 2; and the Protection Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. In 1861, the first fire station was built to house the volunteer fire departments in downtown Nevada City and had a service area of about 1 square mile.

Over the years, the Nevada City Fire Department has evolved to meet the growing needs of Nevada City. In 1938, a new city hall and fire station were built and, in 1960, the first paid fire chief was hired. Nearly four decades later, in 1999, a new fire station was built to accommodate the department's needs. In 2000, the city hired its first paid fire fighter to staff the fire station during the day and, by 2003, three paid fire fighters were hired to man the fire station 24 hours a day.

Today, the Nevada City Fire Department has 20 employees serving over 3,000 residents with three fire engines and two fire stations. They respond to

over 500 calls for service every year in their 2 square mile service area, and assist on calls from mutual aid areas including wild land fires on national forest land.

As the community celebrates the Nevada City Fire Department's sesquicentennial anniversary, I would like to congratulate and thank all of the brave men and women of the Nevada City Fire Department who have proudly served their community over the past 150 years. •

AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I congratulate the Augusta State University men's golf team on their historic NCAA Championship win last week.

On June 6, 2010, Augusta State beat Oklahoma State 3-3-1 in the championship match of the 112th NCAA Division I Championships.

ASU's Henrik Norlander, Patrick Reed, Mitch Krywulycz, Taylor Floyd and Carter Newman had already defeated No. 3 Georgia Tech and the No. 2 Florida State to bring them to the championship. All that was left now was Oklahoma State, the No. 1 team in the country.

The win seemed unlikely. Oklahoma State was not only ranked higher, but had more funding, more experience and more championship titles. They were giants in the golf world.

In addition, Taylor Floyd was sick. So sick, that it seemed as though he couldn't play.

But Augusta State was determined. They had tried to win 11 times before this and failed. This was their year to win.

So, at the Honors Course just north of Chattanooga, TN, ASU did just that. Its win was not only the first NCAA championship title in Augusta State's history, but also marked the team's 10th straight top-five finish of the season.

And they deserved to win. Throughout the tournament they played with heart, played with courage and played with sportsmanship. They became giants on that course.

They not only made Augusta State proud but the Augusta and the State of Georgia proud.

But no one could be prouder than ASU's head coach Josh Gregory. As tears pooled in his eyes, he said, "This means everything. This is a dream come true, and they are incredible players."

Gregory's commitment and dedication to his team has resulted in four NCAA championships appearances, the most by any coach in school history.

We can all be inspired by the story of this small school and its struggle to victory. Its hard work and perseverance that is unparalleled, and I am grateful that they have represented our state so well.

Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Augusta State