GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I speak today in grateful appreciation for the strong gesture of generosity and humanity by the people and government of the Republic of China, Taiwan, for their donation of $1.3 million for the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. The Taiwanese donation will be received by the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as Habitat for Humanity and United Way International.

Although a small amount compared to the damage from the storm, it is a symbol of the true friendship and solidarity between the Taiwanese and American people. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the people and government of the Republic of China, Taiwan for this aid in our time of need.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEANETTE HUTCHINSON

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the retirement of a wonderful woman and true champion of constituent service, Jeanette Hutchinson. For more than 30 years, Jeanette Hutchinson has worked tirelessly assisting constituents from both Georgia and Iowa. As many of you know, we would not be able to accomplish nearly half as much as we do without the help of our congressional staff—especially employees like Jeanette. Her career in constituent services spans 2 states and includes three Congressman, two Senators, and thousands of grateful constituents.

Jeanette launched her congressional career in the Hawkeye State with the offices of Congressman Cooper Evans and Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY. Following years of service to the people of Iowa, Jeanette moved to Atlanta and began serving the people of Georgia with Senator Paul Coverdell's office. Former Congressman Bob Barr claims he ''stole'' Jeanette from Senator Coverdell's office in 1995, and upon his retirement I was fortunate to have Jeanette join my staff. For the past 10 years, Jeanette thoroughly managed my constituent case work and my case work staff.

Jeanette's job is not for the light hearted. It requires great attention to detail, an immeasurable amount of patience, and the determination to cut through bureaucratic red tape. But this did not dissuade Jeanette. She approached each constituent case as if it were her own, providing Georgians with service that was second to none. Whatever the case may be, Jeanette knows who to ask for, which form to complete, and each deadlines she must comply with. I doubt there is a government agency Jeanette has not called.

Public service has always been a staple in Jeanette's life. Her late husband, Thomas Sellner, to whom she was married for 28 years, served our country as a pilot for the U.S. Navy. Jeanette and Thomas raised six children together, and as many selfless military families do, lived in numerous States and foreign countries fighting for our freedoms. Her ability to adapt to different environments and handle a variety of situations with ease has been reflected throughout her career. Following the loss of her husband, Jeanette wed Marion Hutchinson and began her congressional career.

Jeanette has been an instrumental member of my staff and we will miss her dearly. Mr. Speaker, I wish Jeanette Hutchinson the best of luck in her retirement and thank her for her hard work over her extensive career.

HONORING SHERIFF DWIGHT E. RADCLIFF

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff on the celebration of his retirement and for his outstanding years of service to Pickaway County and the state of Ohio.

It is an honor to congratulate Sheriff Radcliff on this momentous occasion as the longest-serving sheriff in the United States of America. Serving as Pickaway County Sheriff since 1965, Radcliff has been committed to the citizens of Pickaway County by protecting life and property, preventing and solving crime and responding to all requests for assistance.

Following in his father's footsteps, Radcliff became the second Radcliff to be sheriff for Pickaway County and the family name has held the position for 66 of the past 70 years. Over the past several decades, Radcliff has had trying and memorable moments—living in the county jail with his family to apprehending the rarest of criminals. Because of his great dedication and reputation for law enforcement, Pickaway County is also referred to as ''Putaway Pickaway'' by local and state-wide residents.

Beyond his commitment to public service, Radcliff is the husband of 51 years to Betty, the father of 3 and grandfather of 8.

Thus, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating and honoring Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff for his many years of dedication and exemplary service to Pickaway County and the state of Ohio, and extend best wishes to he and his family for much success in the future.

CONGRATULATING DR. MICHAEL S. GORDON, M.D., PH.D. ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine and a highly accomplished leader in American medical education. Dr. Michael S. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D. is the founder and Professor Emeritus at the Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education and is a Professor of Cardiology at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

Known internationally for his pioneering work in medical simulation, Dr. Gordon has dedicated his life's work to incorporating advanced technology and simulation into medical education. In 1968, Dr. Gordon presented to the medical community a simulator known as ''Harvey.'' Harvey is a Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator, a life-sized mannequin able to simulate venous, carotid, and precordial pulsations as well as heart sounds of 27 different cardiac diseases. Since Harvey's introduction in 1968, he has been used to effectively train medical students worldwide and is currently used in over 300 medical schools.

In 2007, the University of Miami established the state-of-the-art Michael S. Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education (GCRME) with the mission of developing training curricula for health professionals, applying advanced technology to medical education, and serving as a resource for medical centers in Florida and throughout the world. GCRME is today the home of an ''All-New Harvey,'' capable of simulating additional diseases and conditions and possessing the ability to talk.

Under Dr. Gordon's leadership, curricula and instructional materials developed by the GCRME are in use in over 1,800 medical centers and agencies worldwide. For over 40 years, the center has pioneered and pursued the center's mission statement: ''Saving Lives Through Simulation Technology.'' They have accomplished this through their dedication to incorporating simulation and technology into medical education.

American medicine and the University of Miami are fortunate to have such dedicated and innovative medical professionals and educators as Dr. Gordon. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

THANKING TAIWAN FOR RELIEF FUNDS DONATED TOWARD RECOVERY AFTER SUPERSTORM SANDY

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for the relief funds donated by Taiwan which have been designated to aid in the United States' recovery after Superstorm Sandy. This generous donation comes at a time when collaboration and unity among people is the most important step toward recovery, and it is humbling to witness a global effort for relief.

As my colleagues may know, many citizens, including many of my own constituents in Long Island, are still struggling to rebuild their lives after the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy. The aid offered by Taiwan will directly assist in repairing the coastal region and our nation, both in short term and long term efforts. From a pledge of $1.3 million, $100,000 will be given to New York City, New York State and New Jersey each. The additional $1 million will be split between Washington charities the United Way and Habitat for Humanity, which have been working tirelessly to aid and rebuild the hardest hit areas.

Again, I thank Taiwan for the generosity they have shown to the United States during these difficult times. Relief funds are one of the most important ways in which help can be brought to the storm-stricken areas. I stand alongside the victims of this storm, as well as those who have already dedicated so much time and effort to rebuilding the region, in thanking Taiwan. These resilient people, with the assistance of the relief funds, will see a steady, efficient, and full recovery.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARKANSAS NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) on their 100 years of continued leadership in and dedication to the nursing profession in Arkansas.

Nurses play a vital role in our health care system, providing essential patient care and improving the quality of their patients' lives. Nearly all—if not all—Americans have been or will be cared for by a nurse at some point in their lives. And, according to a recent survey by Gallup, nursing was recognized as the most trusted profession in the United States.

For their centennial celebration, ARNA has built their anniversary year around a celebration of ''The Year of the Nurse,'' which has included a celebration of their past, their present, and their future. For the past 100 years, it has been the mission of Arkansas nurses to ensure a healthy Arkansas population and a stronger nursing profession, and with ARNA's service, education, and advocacy, the nursing profession has continued to improve the quality of care delivered throughout Arkansas's 75 counties.

Even after the centennial celebration has concluded, ARNA will continue their efforts in promoting and ensuring developments in advanced education, clinical competency, nursing research, and patient and nurse advocacy.

As ARNA celebrates its centennial anniversary, I honor the efforts of Arkansas nurses who have created a professional organization that continues to advance the nursing profession in Arkansas and throughout the country, and I look forward to another 100 years of their success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. While I was unable to cast recorded votes on legislation considered by the House, I ask that the record reflect my intentions.

On Tuesday, November 27, the House considered the Senate amendment to H.R. 915, the Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act. On rollcall vote No, 609, final passage of H.R. 915 under suspension of the rules, I would have voted ''yes.''

The House also considered H.R. 5997, the Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act. On rollcall vote No. 610, final passage of H.R. 5997 under suspension of the rules, I would have voted ''yes.''

Further, on November 30, 2012, the House considered H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act. Unfortunately, I failed to cast a vote on final passage and I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted ''aye'' on rollcall vote No. 613, final passage of H.R. 6429.

CONGRATULATING BIGEYE CREATIVE, ORLANDO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2012 OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS FINALIST

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate BigEye Creative on being named one of Orlando Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Small Business finalists. The award is intended to recognize small businesses which have shown significant community service and excellence in their field of work. Of 90 nominees, BigEye Creative was selected as one of three small businesses in the 1–25 employees category.

Founded in 2002, BigEye Creative is a full-service Orlando-based advertising agency, specializing in brand development, marketing and advertising, media buying, web design, social media management, search engine optimization, and video production.

The Orlando Business Journal's selections for Outstanding Small Business are based on individual firms' revenue, job growth, and community service. Celebrating its tenth year of business in Central Florida, BigEye Creative was recently named by Forbes as one of the Top 100 Global Ad Agencies that Know Social Media and Google. BigEye Creative, through a program called BigHeart, is also active in the Central Florida community, volunteering with organizations such as The Mustard Seed Furniture and Clothing Bank, Give Kids the World, and Christian Service Center for Central Florida.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate BigEye Creative's achievements and hard work. They are most deserving of being named Outstanding Small Business by the Orlando Business Journal.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Council on Aging as the organization opens its new Senior Center.

The Plymouth Council on Aging first opened its doors in July 1973 following the passage of the Older Americans Act, a landmark piece of legislation which allowed local communities to fund supportive services for their senior citizens. The Plymouth Senior Center was an instant success, and before long the organization began to see over 2,500 residents each month. The Center provided such vital services as health and wellness programs, legal assistance, community meals, and assistance with Social Security and Medicare benefits, to name a few. While the Council's board members were thrilled with this success, they realized that the organization was quickly outgrowing its facility on Court Street. After several decades of use, it became clear to both the Council's directors and its patrons that it was time to start planning a new facility that could better serve the needs of the town. Following more than a dozen years of working toward this goal, the Plymouth Council on Aging is proud to officially open its new facility this December.

This new Plymouth Senior Center will be better equipped to handle the needs of a large and diverse population of senior citizens. As Plymouth is home to more than 12,000 individuals over the age of sixty, this is certainly no easy task. The new building is conveniently situated next to Plymouth North High School, and students are excited to be able to more easily volunteer at the Senior Center. The Council on Aging will continue to provide many necessary services to Plymouth senior citizens, and all who are connected with this organization are excited to see its continued growth in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the Plymouth Council on Aging for its many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Plymouth. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this accomplishment, and in congratulating the organization upon the opening of its new Senior Center.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR JOHN SHIPE AND HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major John Shipe, of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Shipe will be moving on from his present assignment as a Congressional Liaison for the Army to Office of the Secretary of Defense to work on Reserve Affairs.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Major Shipe graduated from Jacksonville University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He later earned a Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University. His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

Following his graduation from Jacksonville University in May 2001, Major Shipe was commissioned in the Army Reserve as a Military Police Officer. His first assignment was with 351st Military Police Company in Ocala, FL where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander. He left his job as an