the complex world of government rules and regulations more manageable to farmers so that they can spend more of their time farming rather than digging through redtape.

For that and his wealth of knowledge and impressive body of experience, the farming community in Kings County will miss Hugh. As a county farmer myself, and as a Congressman, I salute Hugh Handley and wish him a very happy retirement.

SUPPORTING TAIWAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, last week, on October 10, the Chinese people on Taiwan celebrated the anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 in which the last imperial dynasty in China was overthrown and the Republic of China, under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was born.

Today, the Republic of China on Taiwan is a strong world economic leader and a growing and vibrant democracy which deserves our continued support.

As the President prepares to meet with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, we need to reaffirm the importance of peace and mutual understanding among all interests in the Asian region.

Now that Harry Wu has been returned to his home and the Chinese ambassador has been sent back to Washington, we hopefully anticipate a more normal relationship with Beijing.

However, it must be made clear by the President that our support for the freedom and democracy of Taiwan cannot be compromised and that continued attempts by Beijing to intimidate Taiwan or to undermine the political stability in Taipei, through the use of missile and artillery firings off the coast of Taiwan are unacceptable.

I hope that the Chinese leadership in Beijing has realized that it cannot undermine our support for the people of Taiwan by either holding a temper tantrum against us or by bullying Taiwan with military exercises.

Taiwan has been a long and steady friend to the United States. They are our sixth largest trading partner. They are a strong democracy committed to the freedoms enjoyed and promoted by the United States and other democracies throughout the world.

The President must communicate to President Zemin in an unequivocal manner as possible that Beijing should not attempt to test our resolve over Taiwan and that the United States will not sacrifice Taiwan's friendship, democracy, and status in the world as a way to normalize our relations with Beijing.

HONORING THE HISTORY OF GREENPOINT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring recognition to the Greenpoint World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day, October 21, 1995. The St. Stanislaus Memorial Post 1771, Kings County's largest American Legion will honor all veterans of Greenpoint on this day. Veterans of the United States involved in any war or conflict will be honored while World War II veterans will be a focus of these observances.

Since the Civil War, Greenpoint maintains the exclusive honor of defending this Nation's freedom throughout the years with the largest number of resident representatives compared to similar urban communities anywhere in the United States. As World War II festivities honoring D-day, V–E Day, V–J Day, and signing of unconditional surrender by all aggressive nations wind to a memorable conclusion, the Greenpoint World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day will include over 13 hours of events including outdoor ceremonies, recognition of honored guests, recitation of patriotic letters and poems, an explanation of the proper flag presentation. Boy and Girl Scouts of the Greenpoint community will demonstrate flag presentations; and patriotic music will be played throughout the day by the John Erickson Junior High School (P.S. 126) band.

Acknowlegment of all Greenpoint veterans will be completed by playing of military theme songs and acknowledgment of every veteran in attendance.

Mr. Speaker, the show of community pride in this thank you to their veterans deserves our praise and notice. I am proud to represent the people of Greenpoint and other fine neighborhoods of northern Brooklyn, and I am also very pleased to offer recognition to the St. Stanislaus Memorial Post 1771's World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day.

PAUL SCHOELLHAMER—A TRIBUTE

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, it is the good fortune of our colleagues and the American people that talented professionals from throughout the United States seek to serve in the national interest as staff members in the House of Representatives.

One of this company, Paul Schoellhamer, has served this institution for more than a dozen years, and we have had better public policies, I believe, for his tireless efforts most recently as Democratic chief of staff for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

In this Congress, Paul has had the thankless job of reducing the most impressive committee staff in the House by 60 percent. But in so doing Paul and the just-retired ranking Democratic Member, Norm Mineta, succeeded in creating the most versatile and experienced body of professionals to help do the work of protecting the Nation's transportation and environmental investments. For this job alone, he has the respect and appreciation of this Member.

Mr. Speaker, I would like our colleagues to know something more about Paul, who is a native Californian. He is the son of Alicia and Jack Schoellhamer. Norm Mineta, in tribute 5 years ago to Paul's late mother, said that she was ''loved throughout her community, for her tireless charitable work and her devotion to bettering the lives of those around her, especially those in greatest need.'' Of Paul's father, Norm noted his many years of service to the U.S. Geological Survey. Paul is clearly, in the work and in the friendship I've known with him, the son of his parents.

Paul received his bachelor's degree from the University of Santa Cruz and not all that many years later found his way to Norm Mineta's personal office in 1975, volunteering as an intern. Norm soon found his work indispensable, put him on his paid staff, and within 2 years assigned him to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Over the years, Paul built a substantive expertise throughout our committee's jurisdiction—first, on the Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee; next, on the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee; and last, on the Aviation Subcommittee until 1985, when he became a vice president of Republic Airlines.

After a few more years in the private sector, we were able to lure him back to the House as chief of staff for the Public Works and Transportation Committee in one of our most productive Congresses on record—and I say that having myself been committee administrator for Chairman John Blatnik of Minnesota prior to my election to the House in 1974.

In 1993 alone, in his first year as chief of staff at the beginning of a new Congress, here's a sampling of the legislative product Paul helped our colleagues produce:

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H.R. 904, to create the Airline Commission, which investigated the condition of the Nation's airlines.

H.R. 2121, legislation to resolve the costly and contentious ''negotiated rates'' problem affecting the trucking and shipping industries.

H.R. 3445, legislation assisting victims of the 1993 Midwest floods.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H.R. 5, striker replacement legislation, which would guarantee that striking employees could return to their jobs.

H.R. 2739, The Aviation Infrastructure Investment Act, a three-year program to improve airports and airways.

H.R. 3276, technical corrections to the landmark Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

H.R. 2440, reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board for three years.

H.R. 881, legislation banning smoking in Federal buildings, with very limited provisions for designated smoking areas.

PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE

H.R. 1865, legislation to create a Federal program to construct water supply systems.

H.R. 2442, to reauthorize the Economic Development Administration, including provisions to assist communities adversely affected by military base closings.

Mr. Speaker, Paul is now joining our former colleague, Norm Mineta, at Lockheed Martin's transportation systems and services division. I know that Paul's skills in the private sector will parallel those he polished in our company, both professionally and personally. Our loss here in the House is considerable, but we are far better for having had him with us for so many years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him, his wife, and their children well in their new adventure.