

support of the Janes congregation, and many members of the community, the new Janes Church was built and consecrated in April 1991. The story of Janes' rebuilding was the basis of Reverend Simpson's post-graduate work and dissertation in "Church Administration and Liturgies" at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

As a minister, Reverend Simpson is in a unique position to touch the lives and to help mold so many futures. Because of this enormous responsibility, he has initiated a number of programs which contributed to the growth and development of the church and the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. During his pastorate, Reverend Simpson has developed the church's Community Outreach Program, a tutorial program for school aged children; the Senior Citizens' Friendship Club; the Voter Registration and Information Project; referral programs; a Meals-on-Wheels Program; and "God's Sheltering Arms," Janes' ministry to the homeless. Clearly Janes United Methodist Church is in a better position because of Reverend Simpson.

Reverend Simpson's remarkable climb was accompanied by an ever-increasing group of civic, religious, and philanthropic organizations in which he participated. He served the wider community as a member of Community Planning Board #3, District 16 Community School Board and New York Methodist Hospital Board of Directors. He has worked diligently in numerous positions within the United Methodist Church denomination to strengthen the church infrastructure. He has served as Treasurer of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Chair of the Episcopal Committee, and member of the Council of Finance and Administration.

Reverend Simpson began his formal education in the nursery school at Janes United Methodist Church, the church he would eventually pastor for 25 years. He attended both public and private schools in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Yale Divinity School in June 1993 with a Master's of Divinity.

In a recent sermon on "Buried Talents," Reverend Simpson emphasized the importance of using all of the gifts and graces God has entrusted to us. His leadership and pastoring of the church is an excellent example of the strength, fortitude, faith and perseverance needed for an effective ministry in the church or any other leadership position. Reverend Simpson has made Janes United Methodist Church a landmark for families to worship and a dramatic force for good. We salute Reverend O. Simpson and the accomplishments of his ministry. He is a great Point-of-Light for all Americans.

HONORING JOSEPH S. TOLBERT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a model American who recently passed away.

Born on November 27, 1924 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joseph S. Tolbert (Tolochko) enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942 immediately after this graduation from Taylor Allderdice High School. As one of the young-

est command pilots in the American forces in Europe, he completed his 25th mission over Germany only one day before his 19th birthday.

After his service in Europe, he returned to the United States and, over the next few years, maintained his reserve status in the Air Force. Immediately after his graduation with honors from the University of Pittsburgh, he returned to active duty and went on to serve in several subsequent military conflicts. His many years of reserve training with a broad range of aircraft, as well as his experiences in World War II, served him well during the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Recognized as an experienced and talented pilot, he was enrolled in a graduate program at Maxwell Air Force Base for Command and Staff College. During his years of active service, he also taught aeronautical courses at New York University.

Retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1969, he experienced great success in the automobile sales industry and opened his own dealership in Woodland, California. After several years, he entered the video security market and established several offices of Videoscope Inc. in the Sacramento area. He also participated in several civic organizations, such as the Davis Rotary, the Kiwanis, and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as several professional aviation associations.

He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a successful entrepreneur and an exceptional citizen. I join the residents of the Pittsburgh area in extending our deepest regrets to his family.

PATRICIA A. FRIEND DISCUSSES LABOR RIGHTS IN TAIWAN AND THE ABUSE OF THOSE RIGHTS IN CHINA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as President Clinton is in the People's Republic of China in search of better relations between our two nations, I hope that his efforts will serve to influence the Beijing government to improve its dismal policies on the application of basic international human rights and to respect internationally-recognized trade union rights for workers of China.

China's human rights abuses have been chronicled on the floor of this House and in numerous committee and subcommittee hearings on many occasions. These abuses include arbitrary detention, imprisonment for political views and exercise of trade union rights, abuse of prisoners and denial of its citizens' rights to freedom of expression and assembly.

In direct contrast to the practices of the government of China, the Republic of China on Taiwan presents a completely different picture. Taiwan is a nation with democratically elected leaders, which respects human rights and trade union rights. Taiwan is a country with a booming economy, but unlike China one does not find forced labor, political repression, and abuse of human rights. In particular, Mr. Speaker, Taiwan guarantees political, economic and press freedoms that are an integral part of civic and political life. Taiwan is a society where workers are freely allowed to form

their own unions and to engage in collective bargaining with their employers.

In this connection, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues an excellent opinion article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle written by Patricia A. Friend, the International President of the AFL-CIO's Association of Flight Attendants, and a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

In her article, Ms. Friend accurately reports on the significant gains that have been achieved by Taiwanese workers, and she points up the sharp contrast to the huge difference in the record of Taiwan via-a-vis China when it comes to democratic freedoms, economic progress for its citizens, and the application of and respect for international human rights, trade unions rights and free expression.

I commend Ms. Friend for her excellent and timely essay on the state of freedom in Taiwan and I urge my colleagues to give this article the thoughtful attention that it deserves.

[From the San Francisco Chronicle, June 16, 1998]

TAIWAN, NOT MAINLAND, IS ON RIGHT PATH

(By Patricia A. Friend)

It has been nearly two decades since U.S. airlines began regular service to Taiwan and mainland China, establishing a direct and important link to the Asia-Pacific region. That tie and the many others established since have helped spur pro-democracy efforts and new freedoms of speech and press—but only on one side of the Taiwan Strait.

While the People's Republic of China is notorious for abuses of human rights, Taiwan celebrates respect for human rights and the right of employees to form and join unions. In fact, about 200 Taiwanese flight attendants who work for United Airlines based in Taipei have joined the other 45,000 members of the Association of Flight Attendants, a member union in the AFL-CIO and a group that I am proud to serve as international president. The Taiwanese flight attendants are the only Taiwanese nationals to be members of a U.S. labor union.

This development, as much as any other, underscores the vast differences between mainland China and Taiwan.

On the east side of the strait, the people of Taiwan have made dramatic changes in recent years. The island is now a vibrant democracy under the bold leadership of President Lee Teng-hui, the first directly and democratically elected leader in ethnic Chinese history. Last fall the opposition party, the Democratic Progressive Party, took a majority of seats in local elections, clear evidence of the willingness of the Taiwanese people to exercise their newfound right to vote and their freedom to do so.

Taiwan is home to 21.6 million people and one of the most dynamic economies in the world. The economic crisis that has rocked so many Asian nations in recent months has left Taiwan virtually unscathed. The tiny island boasts a per-capita income of almost \$13,000, status as the world's 13th-largest trading partner and the United States' eighth-largest trading partner.

The United States exports \$18 billion a year of good to Taiwan, 50 percent more than the United States exports to mainland China.

Taiwan has demonstrated a commitment to expanding opportunities there for U.S. businesses. In February, Taiwan and the United States concluded talks, which have been going on for four years, on the terms of Taiwan's entry into the World Trade Organization. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said the agreement would "dramatically open up Taiwan's markets," particularly in the areas of agricultural products and industrial goods.

Yet despite this progress in the economic arena, America does not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and our officials are prohibited from even referring to Taiwan as a "country." Our government refuses to endorse Taiwan's bid to rejoin the United Nations—of which it was a founding member—or other international organizations.

The time has come for Americans to take a stand for democracy, freedom and basic human rights in Asia, issues that will probably be on the table when President Clinton meets PRC President Jiang Zemin in Beijing this month. The People's Republic of China shows no sign of changing its inhuman labor policies. The flight attendants in our union salute the people of Taiwan for the progress they have made in recent years and urge the Clinton administration to acknowledge and champion Taiwan's accomplishments in improving the standard of living of its workforce.

REMARKS OF ADM. ROBERT
KRAHEK, COMMANDANT, U.S.
COAST GUARD AT HIS CHANGE
OF COMMAND CEREMONY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on May 29, 1998, Admiral Robert Kramek retired as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard after 41 years of service to our country. I believe that his remarks at his Change of Command Ceremony will give you but a small glimpse into the life of a Coast Guard officer and the dedication and sacrifice that he has made during his many tours of duty and 19 moves in 19 years. As the Ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I would like to thank him for his leadership and the working relationship that we have developed. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I present his comments to you:

REMARKS OF ADM. ROBERT KRAHEK

Chairman Wolfe, Secretary Slater, distinguished Cabinet officials, distinguished Administration officials, Chairman Ralston, Service Chiefs, CINCs, distinguished flag officers and active duty and retired and general officers, our friends from foreign nations that are here, leaders of Government and industry, family and friends, and most of all, our Coast Guard team, I'm very honored to be here today.

And I'm very proud to have been the Commandant of our Coast Guard these past four years. The awards I have received today, however, are the Coast Guard's awards, the team that I belong to; and I accept them only on behalf and as a member of that team, the team of live savers and guardians of the sea.

Today my words to you are those of happiness and appreciation and thankfulness for all that you've done to make my vision for the Coast Guard a reality.

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was having a discussion with my father regarding attending the Coast Guard Academy. He was convinced it was the right thing for me. I wasn't so sure. But he was right.

So today, alongside the Barque Eagle where I started almost 41 years ago, I want to take time to thank you for this great opportunity to serve and to be a Coast Guardsman. Thank you to my classmates in the Class of 1961.

They're never outdone. They've been there from start to finish, all the way. And what a great journey it's been. What a wonderful bond we have together. Together, supportive of each other, and supportive of a strong Coast Guard, you've set the standard for all classes, especially in leadership.

We cut the ribbon just last week on the Leadership Development Center. And just a couple of days ago, you gave out a leadership award at the Academy in my name to Ensign Green, Class of '98, and made him an honorary member of our class and he's joined us today.

Thank you for that.

I thank you for the active duty journey in the Class of '61, and I close that chapter of our careers today. But we still have much to do together in supporting our Coast Guard and our Academy.

Thank you to the President, and thank you to my Secretary, Secretary Slater, and the one Department of Transportation team for empowering me to lead this great Agency. The Coast Guard is vital to America. Nobody else in Government can do what the United States Coast Guard does.

A member of the Armed Forces, a law enforcement agency, and a humanitarian service serving the American people. Saving lives and property, keeping the oceans clean and safe, protecting our borders and being a distinct instrument of national security.

Mr. Secretary, you supported my vision and plans and goals to be the premier maritime service in the world, and I thank you for that.

Thank you to our Congress and their very talented staffs for supporting our Coast Guard with the legislation and the resources to do our job. We've spent a lot of time together making sure our Coast Guard was *Semper Paratus*.

Thank you to the Joint Chiefs and the Joint Staff and to the CINCs for helping me make the Coast Guard a distinct instrument of national security and being part and including the Coast Guard in the joint vision.

Our readiness as an Armed Force has never been better, but our Services have never been in higher demand either. We're proud to serve as one of America's five Armed Forces, as we've done for over 207 years.

Thank you to a great interagency team that has helped the Coast Guard to carry out its multitude of missions. Because we're an Armed Force and law enforcement agency, we require a great deal of support from everybody.

The State Department, Justice, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, and especially my colleagues from Customs, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the FBI, the DIA, the CIA and NOAA Corps and the National Security Council.

You've been especially helpful to all of us in prioritizing and carrying out our responsibilities for the Nation.

As the interdiction coordinator serving the President, and as recent operations have shown in Puerto Rico and Haiti and the Dominican Republic, together and continuing to work together results in a potent team that can stop the flow of drugs to America.

Thank you to our wonderful support groups, the Military Coalition, the Navy League, the maritime industry, the boating industry and even Coast Guard City USA, Grand Haven, Michigan that's joining us today.

Thank you for always thinking of the Coast Guard and taking care of us in your communities. Thank you to my senior team, the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Dick Herr.

My senior and strategic advisory group, my Area Commanders and Chief of Staff. And all the flag officers and senior executive

service personnel that have turned my vision and goals into an executable business plan that was world class and a model for all in Government to follow.

You are the wardroom of our Coast Guard and have exhibited unparalleled management ability and exceptional leadership. You streamlined the Coast Guard without any loss of service to the American public and made us a model of one of the most efficient Government organizations in history; a quality Agency.

Thank you for that.

Thank you to that great team. We call it Team Coast Guard: active duty, civilian, reservists and auxiliaries. Eighty-three thousand strong working together. You are the real reason that we can live our motto of being always ready.

You've eliminated work place barriers. You've worked together as a family. You've integrated your talents and together made us the premier maritime service in the world. Your selfless service is admired by everybody.

And I'm saddened by the loss of our shipments who have given their lives in these last four years on search and rescue cases so that others may live. We live in a world of perilous operations, and our rescuers deserve the best support that we can give them.

And to all those around the world this morning as we're here at this ceremony who are standing watch, saving lives and serving America, thank you. Thank you to my personal staff, the Commandant's staff and the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator's staff.

No one works harder or is more dedicated than you are, especially the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and the Chaplain of the Coast Guard. I thank you.

It's fun to smile with you and travel with you and work with you and to share experiences. As one of you said recently, "We're a really tight group." We certainly are, and I thank you for that.

Thank you to my family. What a wonderfully supportive, loving group of people. You have great accomplishments on your own right, and I'm very proud of all that.

I'm especially proud of my children. Nineteen moves to nineteen different locations. You've each attended eight different schools. I move three of you during senior years of high school at great personal risk to you socially, athletically, academically; but you're extraordinary.

All graduating from high school with honors, all graduating from college with honors. Now two in law school and one on her way to get her MBA. All tremendous, caring, loving people.

We did it together. Sometimes in the pop-up camper in every national park in the United States between duty assignments, sometimes biking across Glacier National Park, sometimes trying to catch salmon for dinner in Alaska.

To studying calculus at the dining room table so you could pass your exams and putting together your plans for the future, your matrix of life. And thank you for even getting to church on time.

Thank you to my wife Pat. No one I know is more dedicated and loving than you. Every moment, every day, you've been there for all of us. Total selfless support and love. And you've been there for our Coast Guard family as well making sure we take care of all of their needs.

Pat, I hope these flowers will remind you today and always what a great team we've been. I couldn't have done it without you.

Today's state of the Coast Guard is strong because of its people. They are strong. But we've cut back about as far as we can to meet the great challenges of balancing our budget and the mandates for change of a