who are making the Hall of Fame for Great Americans centennial celebration possible.

SUPPORT OF THE MILLION MOM MARCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Million Mom March. This weekend, mothers from across the nation will convene on the National Mall to put the U.S. Congress on notice that common sense gun policy—specifically licensing and registration—is the will of the people.

I stand beside and applaud these women. They and many of their families have been devastated by the unnecessary and preventable deaths of their children. Many of them have seen first hand the harrowing effects of too many massacres, too much heart break and too many tragedies, sometimes, even at the hands, of our children.

We promised these moms and the American people common sense gun control legislation. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction—engaging in a war of words only. For more than two months now, the Congress has had an opportunity to act responsibly and at a minimum insist that the conferees to the Juvenile Justice bill meet immediately. Yet our Republican leadership refuses to assert their leadership and do the right thing.

In my district, in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun control. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact hand guns, penalizing firearms ''straw sales,'' and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms. Yet here in Congress we won't take even the minimum steps, such as requiring child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children.

As a mother, I too feel that we can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children's lives remain at stake. All of the moms who will be in Washington, D.C. this weekend want results. They want us to do the right thing. They too want the Juvenile Justice Conferees to meet immediately and they want the Congress to deliver on its promise. Congress must pass common sense gun control legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY MARCHING HAWKS

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and congratulate one of my district's marching bands. The Gallatin County Marching Hawks from Gallatin County High School in Junction, IL recently won second place in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. They competed against fifteen other bands from the state of Illinois.

Led by Kathy Hanrahan, members of the band include Rhesa Armstrong, Whitney Belford, Brandy Bratcher, Sarah Burtis, Michelle Crayne, Megan Cremeens, Carrie Dillard, Haley Downen, Alex Drane, Wes Duffy, Jaclyn Edwards, Lane Golden, Brandi Hargrave, Sarah Head, Jennifer Holt, Laura Holt, Jennifer Howard, Kareicia Hufsey, Brittney Lane, Natalie Lane, Sarah Lawler, Amanda Lindsay, Racheal Luckett, Allison Maloney, Florence McCue, Abraham Naas, Katy Newton, Katie Noel, Rikki Pritchett, Braxton Raben, Christina Raben, Jessica Rister, Jennifer Roberts, Julia Roe, Chris Sanders, Daniel Sehou, Tabitha Vaughn, Victoria Vickery, Abby Wargel, Andrew Wargel, Benita Wentzel, Becky West, Ella York, Emily York, Kory Newton, Ben Austin, Lindsay Adams, Stuart Aud, Emily Bickett, Justin Brown, Anthony Drone, Brett Drone, Josh Drone, Andrew Fritschle, Phillip Givens, Bryan Hargrave, Brittany Jones, Lacie Jones, Hannah Naas, Natalie Ozee, Jordan Raben, Deborah Roberts, Nick Scates, Lacie Wood, Megan Zirkelbach, Kara Crayne, Kendra Fromm, and Josh Austin.

The members of the Gallatin High School Marching Hawks should be proud of their achievement. I congratulate them and wish them good luck in their future competitions.

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Mother's Day, today I celebrate the enormous contributions of mothers all over the country. I want to pay a special tribute to those mothers who have lost their children in the prime of their lives, much too early. One such mother is Ruth Tinsman, who has served as my Congressional Aide for seven years. Ruth served my two predecessors in Congress as well, and did so with the highest level of commitment and honor. Her commitment as a mother, however, has been her truest and most noble calling, as she will remind those who admire her long and devoted public service.

Mr. Speaker, Ruth Tinsman lost her son Robert Tinsman in Miami, Florida last week, his candle burned out all too soon, as the poet E.E. Cummings once said. ''Bobby,'' as he was known to his friends and family, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, an American hero to those of us who recognize the value of his tremendous sacrifices, and whose service will never be forgotten. Bobby will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, but most lovingly by his mother, whose life has always revolved around her children and grandchildren. My heart is saddened because her heart is heavy, but my sorrow is tempered by the wonderful memories that this devoted mother will always cherish. As a Member of Congress, I am honored to take this opportunity to praise the remarkable women who each day in their own way work to build a society where all of us can be free. Ruth Tinsman is such a woman, such a mother. As I salute all the mothers in this country, it is my special honor to salute her this Mother's Day.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF TAIWANESE-AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to pay tribute to Taiwanese-American across the country as we celebrate Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

The Taiwanese-American community is the keystone of a strong and mutually beneficial United States-Taiwanese relationship. For decades, Taiwanese-Americans have advocated on behalf of United States-Taiwan friendship, and have contributed immeasurably to American society while maintaining their Taiwanese heritage.

My Congressional District in New York is particularly fortunate to have a vibrant and strong Taiwanese-American community. And New York as a whole has benefitted from the tremendous contributions of this community to the economic and cultural character of the state. The more than half-million Taiwanese-Americans across the United States have made priceless contributions to our country, and organizations like the Formosan Association for Public Affairs have helped further these outstanding accomplishments.

Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human rights. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which formed the official basis for friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. And that bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese-American Community.

I am privileged to represent a strong Taiwanese-American community, nad I am proud to pay tribute to their strength and activism during Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

IN HONOR OF DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I pay honor to the outstanding achievement of students and others associated with Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas.

This school has been chosen by judges of the 17th Annual American Set a Good Example Competition to receive one of three national second place awards. These awards go to a school for a project done by students to influence their own peers in a positive way—away from drug abuse, crime and violence while forwarding commonly accepted moral values such as honesty, trustworthiness and competence. Additionally, Duncanville High School won the $2,500 Learning Improvement Award for the work students did on researching career information and determining a direction they want to pursue, including making resumes and completing Pell Grant applications, and writing for a minimum of five scholarships. Such projects enhance student opportunities, strengthen character and better prepare our young people for a positive future.