

hate crimes across the nation, it is now time to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. We have the support of the American people. We need to take action to prevent tragedies like those of Matthew Shephard and Daniel Overstreet in the future. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1082 so that we can curb this rise in anti-gay violence and send a clear message that hate is wrong and the perpetrators of hate crimes will be punished.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT A. SCOTT ON RECEIVING THE 2000 RAOUL WALLENBERG HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Robert A. Scott, Ph.D., president of Adelphi University and former president of Ramapo College, on being chosen to receive the 2000 Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award. Dr. Scott, in addition to being a proven educational leader of high standards and strong management expertise, has been uniquely active and outspoken on issues surrounding the Holocaust, genocide, racism and anti-Semitism. He clearly deserves and has earned this high honor. I have worked closely with Dr. Scott for many years and can attest to his integrity and dedication.

The Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award is presented annually by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College. While the Center was established before Dr. Scott became president of Ramapo in 1985, he was one of its strongest supporters throughout his tenure and contributed significantly to its growth and prominence in the world of Holocaust studies. Today, the Center is an independent, non-profit organization that encourages and assists persons of all ages in learning the history and lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides in the hope that through education such tragedies can be prevented from ever occurring again. The Center sponsors a variety of activities, including workshops for educators, recording of local Holocaust survivors' testimonies, art exhibits, film series, lectures and panel discussions.

The Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award is given to individuals who display "outstanding leadership in advancing Holocaust studies and interfaith understanding." Dr. Scott clearly meets that test, and strives to follow the examples of courage and leadership set by Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews in Budapest during World War II.

Prior to becoming president of Adelphi University on July 15 of this year, Dr. Scott spent 15 years as president of Ramapo College. His tenure at Ramapo was marked by rising enrollments, increasingly rigorous admissions standards, a construction boom, fiscal stability, the addition of three graduate degree programs and numerous other accomplishments. He has been a member of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education since 1994 and chaired the Commission's Higher Education Restructuring Team. As a senior advisor to the U.S. State Department, he represented the United States at the 1998 United

National Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization conference in Paris that negotiated an international treaty on the transferability of academic credits and credentials. He has received numerous awards from education and community groups.

Before coming to Ramapo, Dr. Scott was assistant commissioner for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and an associate dean and senior administrator at Cornell University. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Bucknell University and his doctorate in sociology and organizational ethnography from Cornell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Scott and wishing him many years of continued success in his new role at Adelphi University.

COMMEMORATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON IT'S NATIONAL DAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, in recent years, the Republic of China on Taiwan has emerged as a major economic power throughout the world. Much of this economic success is attributable to the efforts of Taiwan's leaders who understand that a strong economy is necessary for true political progress and reform. The Republic of China has now become a true democracy with several strong political parties. Earlier this year, the people of Taiwan elected as President Mr. Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party. His election underscored the vitality and diversity of Taiwan's democratic form of government.

Like his predecessor, former President Lee Teng-hui, President Chen continues to seek a proper role for the Republic of China in the international community. At the same time, President Chen also seeks a dialogue with the People's Republic of China. While the pace of this dialogue may evolve slowly, President Chen will continue to work with his countrymen to transform Taiwan into a high tech island that will be seen worldwide as a successful model for emerging democracies.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to show our admiration to our friends in the Republic of China by congratulating them on their forthcoming National Day.

IN HONOR OF HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION 2000

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holy Family High School, as it celebrates Reunion 2000. On October 7, 2000, many of Holy Family's alumni will attend a reunion to celebrate the school that guided them through their formative years and prepared them for future success.

Holy Family High School was founded in the late 1800s, and was known as Columbia Busi-

ness School. In the early 1920s, Franciscan nuns and priests took stewardship of the school, changing its name to Holy Family. They dedicated their lives to providing support and guidance, creating an environment that facilitated learning. Because of the exceptional education Holy Family provided, many of its students had the opportunity to go to college.

The closing of Holy Family High School in 1972 was a sad moment for everyone who had been a part of its history, and sad moment for the community. However, with this reunion, Holy Family's alumni share their memories and experiences, their triumphs and difficulties. In so doing, they breathe life back into their school and their childhood.

Today, I honor Holy Family High School and the students who passed through its halls on the way to realizing their dreams. And I ask my colleagues to honor them, as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, due to an error, I was incorrectly shown as voting "yes" on rollcall No. 473. I was present during this roll call vote and intended to vote "no."

This was a vote on the Souder amendment to H.R. 4942, the DC Appropriations Bill for FY 2001. This amendment would prohibit the District of Columbia from using any funds, Federal or local, for a needle exchange program. I am strongly opposed to such a prohibition.

Needle exchange programs, which are used in over 30 states, have been proven to drastically reduce the transmission of HIV among intravenous drug users. Such programs have the support of the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the United States Conference of Mayors and the Surgeon General of the United States. In fact, the Surgeon General has said, "There is conclusive scientific evidence that syringe exchange programs as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy are, in effect, public health intervention that reduces the transmission of HIV and does not encourage the use of illegal drugs."

The District has budgeted its own funds for the implementation of this program. However, the Souder amendment denies the District the right to local control over local policy, implemented by local dollars. It is not the responsibility of this Congress to impose the personal moral beliefs of certain of its Members on the public health policy of any local jurisdiction. Yet that is exactly what the Souder amendment does. I oppose this amendment and ask that this statement be entered into the record to clarify my position on this important issue.

WRONG ON KAZAKHSTAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a very disturbing Op Ed article by