

the employees of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station will have worked five million hours without a lost-time accident.

As the first nuclear power plant in Ohio, the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, since beginning operation in 1977, has generated more than 110 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough power to supply about 20 million homes with electricity for an entire year. The plant produces enough electricity to meet the demand of about half the people in north-west Ohio.

Not only have Davis-Besse employees operated the plant reliably, they have observed the highest standards of safety, as well. So, again, it is my pleasure to recognize this important safety milestone. Five million hours without a lost-time accident means that, for more than three years, no employee has missed work due to a work-related illness or accident.

Employees and managers at Davis-Besse have been able to achieve this and other milestones by paying close attention to detail and striving for excellence in even minor daily activities. Because of this operating philosophy, Davis-Besse has been recognized within the nuclear industry as a top performing plant.

In addition to being an important power producer, the plant also is an important asset to the local community. It is one of the largest local employers, conducts business with more than 800 other businesses in Ohio and is a strong supporter of such causes as United Way, Ohio Reads, Boy Scouts of America, numerous wildlife and environmental organizations, and other charities.

The economy of Ohio, and the country, is driven in part by safe, reliable energy, particularly electricity. The Davis-Besse plant has proved itself a valuable asset in meeting our energy needs. And I ask all of my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in recognizing the excellent work of the employees at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant.

#### HONORING WILLIAM GREEN

### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to improving housing opportunities for people throughout Bergen County. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Green of River Vale, New Jersey, this year's chairperson of the Community Housing in Partnership's (CHIP) Golf Invitational.

As the Chairperson of this year's tournament, Bill has worked long hours to make the CHIP Golf Invitational an enjoyable experience for participants, as well as raise funds to develop affordable housing in Bergen County. It is a testament to his dedication that Bill has balanced this responsibility with his busy full-time job as a Senior Vice President at MetLife.

Bill's work at CHIP will help change the lives of so many in our community by developing affordable housing. Thanks to CHIP, independent living options now exist for working low-income families, senior citizens, recovering alcoholics, and formerly homeless individuals. And CHIP has teamed up with the Bergen County Community Action Program to provide supportive services, as well.

People who give so much of themselves, as Bill Green, do not do so for the recognition. However, he certainly deserves to receive it.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Bill Green as well as his wife Susan and their daughters Katie and Emily, for all their hard work, dedication and generosity on behalf of CHIP, and wish them health and much happiness in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2001*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 233. On a day when President Fox makes his first official visit to Washington, I cannot think of a better day to honor and recognize the importance of our relationship with our neighbor to the south, Mexico.

The ties that bind our nations together span the course of hundreds of years. From a confrontational beginning to a cooperative future the United States and Mexico will always have a special connection.

The election of President Fox represented a remarkable day in the history of Mexico. On this day, Mexico cast aside 71 years of single party rule and officially joined the community of democratic nations. It is my sincere hope that this smooth and peaceful transition of governments becomes the model for the future of Mexico.

In the realm of trade, over 80% of all Mexican exports are sent to the United States, and nearly three-quarters of its imports come from the United States. Though our financial interaction is an important component, this relationship is not solely based on economics. With millions of people of Mexican descent living in cities throughout the United States, Mexican culture, cuisine, and music have become pervasive in American society.

In my own district in Queens, New York, the Mexican population has been the fastest growing immigrant group. It always amazes me to watch the development of these men, women and children as they work tirelessly to succeed in the United States. Despite their presence in the United States, the homeland is never forgotten. The connection to their roots and family in Mexico remains strong each and every day. The Mexican community is truly a credit to the American economy, American culture and American values.

This is why I support President Vicente Fox's effort to create a new immigration policy between the U.S. and Mexico which unites families separated by U.S. immigration law and provides the American economy with critical employees through the guest visa program.

Through NAFTA and geography, our countries are connected and our economies are linked. By helping our neighbors to the south, we are helping our own country grow and prosper in the 21st century.

It is these unique circumstances, which makes our relationship with Mexico so important. I look forward to working closely with

President Fox and Mexican Parliamentarians on issues of mutual interest in the years to come.

#### DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENT- ABILITY IN REEXAMINATION PROCEEDINGS

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2001*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for acting on this issue because our patent system is in need of repair. Specifically, the reexamination process—which lets parties bring challenges to patents that have been issued—may not be functioning as planned because of the substantive and procedural limits involved. As a result, applications that should not receive patents not only receive them, but keep them after a review process.

One reason for this is that the Federal Circuit ruled in a 1997 case called *In re Portola Packaging* that the PTO could not, in reexamination, revisit patents and publications it had before it during the initial examination process. This ruling basically nullified the reexamination process and has prevented examiners from reviewing patents carefully. It is understandable why, at a recent hearing on this topic, the opinion of our witnesses on the need to reverse this ruling was unanimous.

Fortunately, the Chairman and Ranking Member were able to work with numerous patent experts on how to resolve this issue. At the same time, I hope we can still resolve other outstanding issues in the reexamination process, such as what kinds of materials—or prior art—PTO examiners can consult.

#### SUPPORT OF TAIWAN'S BID TO RE- ENTER THE UNITED NATIONS

### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2001*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Taiwan's bid to re-enter the United Nations and the right of its 23 million citizens to have their voices heard in that world body.

Taiwan is an economic powerhouse—consistently ranking among the world's top economies over many years. Its GNP and population are larger than three quarters of the existing member countries of the UN. Taiwan holds approximately \$100 billion in foreign exchange reserves. Significantly, it is the seventh largest trading partner to the United States.

Taiwan has used its economic resources to assist developing countries and contribute to international organizations. Taiwan sent over 10,000 experts to train technicians in developing countries and has provided aid to countries in need including a generous aid package to Kosovo. It understands the meaning of responsibility among the community of nations and is prepared and able to actively support the endeavors of the United Nations.