

standing with us in the fight against global terrorism following the September 11th attack on our country. The Taiwan government has pledged to do everything it can to assist us in eliminating the evil scourge of terrorism that threatens peace-loving democracies around the world. The people of Taiwan can be proud of President Chen for the excellent job he has done in leading their nation, and equally proud for the fine representation they receive here in Washington from Ambassador C.J. Chen.

So to President Chen Shui-bian and to all the people of Taiwan, I want to say "Good Luck and Good Fortune" to each of you as you celebrate your National Day.

#### CONCERNING TAIWAN

### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of the solidarity for the American people displayed by the government and people of Taiwan in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

The United States of America is fortunate to have an ally like Taiwan, which shares our nation's commitment to finding and bringing to justice those responsible for the crimes against humanity which took the lives of thousands of innocent Americans on September 11, 2001. I appreciate Taiwan's offer to assist our nation's global campaign to eradicate the scourge of terrorism from our earth. I am also deeply grateful for the precautionary steps Taiwanese officials have recently taken to protect the safety and welfare of American citizens who are either currently visiting or living in Taiwan.

As the United States embarks on a number of economic, diplomatic, and military initiatives in the coming days and months, it will become ever clearer who stands with us in our battle against evil and who stands against us. I am extremely pleased that our friends in Taiwan will stand firmly with us and that they are prepared to provide whatever assistance they can to aid and abet America's global campaign against terrorism.

I am also appreciative of the fact that festivities marking Taiwan's National Day, which were to have been hosted by the Tapei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States today, were canceled out of respect for those killed and injured in the attack on America on September 11, 2001.

#### CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA-TAIWAN

### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and send best wishes to the Republic of China on Taiwan as they celebrate National Day.

National Day marks the beginning of democracy in China when on October 10, 1911, a revolt erupted against the ruling Manchu dynasty. This revolt led to the establishment of

the Republic of China on January 1, 1912. The ROC was established on Taiwan in 1949. The Republic of China on Taiwan has made great strides toward full democracy. Last year, voters in Taiwan elected Mr. Chen Shui-bian as the Tenth President of the Republic of China. This election marked, for the first time in Chinese history, a peaceful transfer of power and the first change in the ruling party in fifty years.

The ROC thrives as multi-party democracy and furthermore, the people of Taiwan have proven that freedom and democracy are not just American ideals; they are universal principles that apply to every individual, to every community and to every nation. The ROC has also shown that hard work and ingenuity can create a strong world class economy. Taiwan has a fully developed market-oriented economy ranking as the world's 14th largest trading state and the United States' fifth-largest trading partner. It is Japan's second-largest export market, and a rich country possessing one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves.

The ROC has long been and continues to be an ally of the United States. The United States continues to benefit from our countries' bonds of friendship and cooperation, both economic and governmental. Unlike the United States, however, the world has not been able to fully benefit from all that Taiwan has to offer.

The Republic of China has been kept from full participation in the world. It is not a member of the United Nations. It is not a member of the World Health Organization. It has not been allowed to participate in the Asia Pacific Economic Conference. By denying Taiwan membership in these organizations, the world community loses.

On this day especially, it is my wish for the Republic of China on Taiwan that it be granted participation in these forums and for the world to fully embrace Taiwan and all it could bring to the global community. I congratulate the ROC on its National Day and wish it greater prosperity and achievement in the future. The Republic of China has always been our friend. And at this time, of all times, we need to be thankful for and loyal to our true friends.

#### HONORING STEVEN WESTHOFF

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to pay tribute to the life of Steven Westhoff who has recently passed away. Mr. Westhoff was a valued member of the community in Glenwood Springs and those who knew Steven will surely miss him. I went to high school with Steve and considered it a privilege to be his friend.

Steven Westhoff was born on June 5, 1954. He spent his childhood growing up in Boulder, Colorado and moved to Glenwood Springs in 1967. During his many years as a resident of Glenwood Springs, Steven took on many duties ranging from his most recent employment as a Project Manager for Schmuesser Gordon Meyer Consulting Engineers and Surveyors to the head of the Ski Patrol at Ski Sunlight. Mr. Westhoff was also a valued member of the

Garfield County Search and Rescue operation. Steven will be remembered as a hard worker, an avid outdoorsman, and a loving husband.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of such an exceptional individual is never easy to accept. We will remember Steven through the memory and the experiences he shared with those to whom he was close. I would like to express my deepest condolences along with the sympathies of this body of Congress to his family and friends during these trying times.

#### IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA POSEY

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable woman in my district, Patricia Posey, who passed from this life on September 12, 2001. Pat lived a life of true riches for 77 years, sowing seeds which rooted deep in our community and which will flower for generations.

A master gardener, her love of this pastime and the beautiful bounty her efforts produced became legendary in West Toledo. Her gardening genius was well recognized, and she was published in several local, regional, and national magazines. Pat enjoyed sharing of her labor of love in the garden by hosting dinners featuring her produce. She was a winner of PBS' Victory Garden contest as well as local contests. Certified by the Ohio State University's Extension Service and the Lucas County Co-Operative, Pat mentored others to become master gardeners as well. Founder of the Toledo Mud Hands Garden Club and member of the American Horticulture Society, Pat's garden was even recognized by the National Wildlife Foundation as a wildlife refuge.

Truly a woman of substance, Pat volunteered for Grace Community Center, Feed Your Neighbor, and Love for Children. Her work as director of Toledo New Careers Program and later 15-year director of Stautzenberger Business College earned her The Golden Nike Award from the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and baking, making over 2000 pastries every Christmas and canning dozens of jars of produce from her garden.

Our heartfelt condolences to Pat's son, Joseph, her brothers and sister Barney, Leo, Mel and Alma, grandchildren Samuel and Hannah, great-grandchild Lucas, her nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. I know the memory of Pat will be carried carefully in their hearts and on a sweet Spring day when the earth is fresh and the garden new they will share the moment with her, smiling.

#### RECOGNIZING BACA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude to the Baca County Board of Commissioners in Baca