

HONORING THE 91ST NATIONAL  
DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA ON TAIWAN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its 91st National Day on October 10, 2002.

Those of us from New York City are mindful that President Chen Shui-bian lost no time in condemning the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and in offering his country's unequivocal and generous support. Following the attacks, President Chen immediately acted to: (1) reinforce protection for U.S. personnel and facilities in Taiwan; (2) heighten security at airports and harbors; (3) provide government and private Taiwanese donations of approximately \$20,000,000 for relief funds to New York City; (4) initiate a plan to prevent money laundering schemes that could benefit terrorists; and (5) increase the exchange of intelligence with the U.S.

New York City and the surrounding metropolitan area are home to hundreds of thousands of Americans of Taiwanese descent. We are very proud of the Taiwanese heritage of so many of our citizens. Their many contributions have made our community a better place in which to live.

Taiwan is also an economic powerhouse with the 12th largest economy in the world and the seventh largest U.S. trading partner. U.S. exports to Taiwan make it one of the largest export markets for many states including New York.

The 23 million people of Taiwan enjoy a vibrant democracy and human rights. With more than 90 political parties, elections at all levels of government are hotly contested through free and fair means. In fact, President Chen is a former political dissident himself. Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens extensive political, personal and religious freedoms. Further, President Chen has committed Taiwan to many international human rights treaties.

Finally, as we know from this country's generosity to New York City, Taiwan has always been as Secretary Colin Powell noted recently "a generous contributor to the international community." Over the years, it has sent 10,000 experts to train technicians in developing countries. It also has provided direct financial assistance to Kosovo and Afghan refugees to name a few.

October 10 is a time to celebrate a great friend of our country—one that shares in our ideals and freedoms. Let us hope that the cooperation between our two nations continues to grow even stronger and that we will continue to support efforts to bring Taiwan further into the community of nations worldwide.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NOTRE  
DAME ACADEMY AND OTTAWA  
HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Notre Dame Academy and Ottawa Hills High School were

recently awarded the Blue Ribbon School Award for the 2001–2002 school year. I was pleased to congratulate each school at receptions in their honor held in Washington, DC, October 3–4, 2002.

For the past 19 years, the U.S. Department of Education has honored schools that have demonstrated excellence through leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, and parental involvement. Upon receiving the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, Notre Dame Academy and Ottawa Hills High School have joined a select group of outstanding schools throughout America.

The human mind is our most valuable resource, and education equips young people to function in a free society, keep America competitive in the world economy, and enjoy all the resources and opportunities our country has to offer. Upon receiving this recognition, Notre Dame Academy and Ottawa Hills High School will continue to be viewed with high esteem by educators, teachers and parents in the state of Ohio and across the country. These schools truly have elevated the citizens of our great community, and join the ranks of previous local awardees, each superb local school, offering our students the finest quality education.

I commend the Notre Dame community—administrators, teachers, support personnel, parents and students and alumni—for their hard work and unwavering commitment to educational quality. Likewise, Ottawa Hills High School will continue to be viewed with high esteem by educators, teachers and parents in the state of Ohio and across the country. Onward!

HONORING DR. VERNON SMITH,  
RECIPIENT OF 2002 NOBEL PRIZE  
IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Vernon Smith, the recipient of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

A professor at George Mason University, in Fairfax, Virginia, Dr. Smith has laid the foundation for the field of experimental economics by pioneering the use of laboratory experiments in evaluating the performance and function of markets. He has demonstrated the importance of alternative market institutions, such as how the revenue expected by a seller depends on the choice of auction method. Smith has also spearheaded "wind-tunnel tests", where trials of alternative market designs, when deregulating electricity markets, are carried out in the lab before being implemented in practice.

As a result of Dr. Smith's compelling research, experimental techniques have been applied by economic scholars worldwide. They have given economists a deeper understanding of the actual workings of the real-world markets and institutions and have helped guide public policy in electric power, water markets and in the design and testing of a pollution permit trading system. His ability to test economic theory has shed new insight into how goods are bought and sold, how air-

lines price their tickets, how pollution could be reduced, how stock trading could be less volatile, how state and federal regulations are developed, how states structure electric power industries, and how companies manage their employees.

Dr. Smith is a faculty member at the George Mason University School of Law and the Department of Economics, and leads a team of economists at the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science. He came to George Mason thanks in part to a \$3 million grant from the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. Dr. Smith is the second George Mason scholar to receive the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences; economics professor James Buchanan received the award in 1986 for his groundbreaking work on public choice theory.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to Dr. Smith on his 2002 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. His achievements and contribution to the field will be priceless to Virginia and the world as a whole. Virginia is proud to have such a distinguished citizen in its professional and social community. Once again, Mr. Speaker, Northern Virginia has proven to be a hotbed of cutting-edge, influential scientific process. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable achievement.

HONORING WAYNE J. POSITAN,  
ESQ.

**HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend, Wayne J. Positan, Esquire for his outstanding contributions to the people of New Jersey through his expertise in law. Wayne has practiced law in New Jersey for nearly 30 years.

Wayne is an active member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and has been a member of the Essex County Bar Association throughout his career. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the book "New Jersey Labor and Employment Law."

He is widely respected within his profession. He is listed in "Best Lawyers in America" for labor and employment law. He was inducted as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 2002, was the 2001 recipient of the Professional Achievement Award of the Essex County Bar Association and was the 2002 recipient of the Professional Lawyers of the Year Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism.

In addition to his extensive professional career, Wayne makes significant contributions to his community. Most notably, Governor Whitman appointed him to the Board of Trustees of Montclair State University in 1999, where he has served in a number of different capacities.

The Columbian Foundation, a non-profit organization of business and professional men of Italian descent, will recognize Wayne with a Humanitarian and Achievement Award on October 12.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Wayne J. Positan today for his good works