

In the past we might have accepted our fate but today we chose to fight back.

Hardly a day passes without the media informing us about a neighborhood that is fighting a landfill, incinerator, chemical plant or some other polluting industry.

This was not always the case.

Just three decades ago, the concept of environmental justice had not registered on the radar screens of most environmental, civil rights or social justice groups.

Today, we enjoy a greater ability to connect with the public by media but our laws still offer few protections to disadvantaged communities.

I am committed to changing this and look forward to working with Congressman UDALL and others to make sure that environmental protection starts with environmental equality.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill and yield back the balance of my time.

APPLICATION OF BERRY AMENDMENT TO MULTI-YEAR AIRCRAFT LEASE PILOT PROGRAM

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the provision in the Defense Appropriations Conference Report that helps to reaffirm the certainty of the specialty metals clause of the Berry Amendment. The provision in the conference report directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide Congress with estimates of the amount, value, and overall percentage of foreign and domestic-sourced specialty metals to be used in the fleet of leased aircraft under the Multi-Year Aircraft Lease Pilot Program. The Secretary must compare this data to the specialty metal content of military aircraft the Air Force has procured over the last five years. This measure will provide valuable data to Congress to ensure that the objective of the Berry Amendment and particularly the specialty metals clause of this long-standing procurement rule stands firm. Without proper enforcement of the Berry Amendment, the U.S. titanium industry could shrink and lead the Department of Defense to become dependent on foreign supplies from Russia for this strategic material that is of critical importance to the military aircraft industry.

TRIBUTE TO TOM MULLEN,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being and prosperity of the County of Riverside, California, is exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Tom Mullen is one of these individuals. After two terms as Riverside County Su-

pervisor, Tom is retiring this year. I know all of the citizens in our great County will miss Tom and wish him well as he moves to new endeavors.

Tom Mullen is a native of Hastings, Nebraska and has served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. Tom also served his community as a law enforcement officer and as an aid to State Senator Bob Pressley. Mullen was first elected to the Fifth District Supervisor seat for Riverside, California in 1994. As a county supervisor, he has been responsible for a population greater than 12 states and a multi-billion dollar budget that would rank among Forbes Magazine's Fortune 500 companies. Mullen has also been the leader for an ambitious planning initiative, the Riverside County Integrated Project, a three-pronged plan to simultaneously address transportation, habitat conservation and housing demands brought on by rapid population growth in Riverside County. The plan has been praised as a national model for other states and communities to emulate.

Under Tom Mullen's excellent leadership Riverside County has achieved impressive results. The economy has grown significantly and during his tenure more than 350,000 jobs have been generated. Mullen's aggressive hiring of new Sheriff Deputies and prosecutors has produced a 50-percent decrease in crime since 1994.

In recognition of Tom's exemplary work as a Riverside County Supervisor, Tom has been awarded the Riverside Community College Alumnus of the Year 2000; Management Leader of the Year 1998 by the A. Gary Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Riverside; and the Good Government Award from the Riverside County Chapter of the Building Industry Association.

Tom is a devoted husband to wife, Kathy, and proud father and grandfather.

Tom's tireless work as the Riverside County Supervisor has contributed unmeasurably to the well-being and betterment of Riverside County. His outstanding involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S 91ST
NATIONAL DAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime supporter and proud member of the Taiwan Caucus, I would like to recognize and congratulate Taiwan today on its 91st National Day. Taiwan has made many significant accomplishments during its brief history. Taiwan has been a true friend to the U.S., and one of our major trading partners.

Taiwan is one of the largest export markets for many states, including New York. With a population of 23 million, the island of Taiwan is the world's 12th largest economy and seventh largest market for U.S. exports worldwide. Trade between Taiwan and the U.S. presently tops \$51 billion. Most importantly, these economic ties have strengthened our bilateral relationship.

Taiwan is a thriving democracy, supportive of political freedoms and human rights. Its

constitution guarantees citizens freedom of assembly, expression and association, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press. Taiwan conducts free and fair elections, and is home to more than 90 political parties.

I applaud Taiwan's commitment to upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration and Action Program of the 1993 Vienna Conference on Human Rights. I thank Taiwan for providing humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees, and for its generous contributions to the International Community.

The U.S. is firmly committed to the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, and supports the details of the 2000 Taiwan Security Enhancement Act. We must continue to support Taiwan's defense by offering a robust arms sales package, and recognize Taiwan's need for operational training to effectively use U.S. weapons in case of need.

I fully support Taiwan's efforts to join the World Health Organization. Last year, the House and Senate unanimously passed a bill authorizing the State Department to develop a plan to assist Taiwan in achieving observer status at the annual WHO Assembly. The President signed this important bill into law in May 2001.

Last year, President Chen Shui-ban made a transit stop in the U.S. The dignified treatment Taiwan's democratic leader received was encouraging. I support lifting restrictions on high-level visits by officials from Taiwan to help promote a balanced understanding of issues on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan's President Chen Shui-ban was one of the first world leaders to condemn the events of September 11th and to support U.S. efforts to combat terrorism. I am pleased to express my appreciation for Taiwan's gestures of goodwill on this day of celebration.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHUCK GRAHAM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you my tremendous pride in a member of the United States Forest Service who has served his fellow citizens and his nation for almost 40 years, Mr. Chuck Graham. Chuck has not only served in the finest tradition of the Forest Service, he has also made the Forest Service a great neighbor to the communities in which he has served. Chuck's career has been guided by a deep commitment to public service. In every community, from Prospect and Powers to John Day and Lakeview, he has been a friend to all who have known him.

Most recently, serving as Forest Supervisor of the Fremont and Winema National Forests in Oregon, Chuck has always seemed to find a way to bring Forest Service interests and community interests together. Whether he was working out a land exchange to preserve the local ski area or preserving a long-standing sustained yield unit, Chuck has always been guided by common sense and innovation to solve problems and capitalize on opportunities.