

REGARDING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, three years ago, Mr. Chen Shui-bian was democratically elected president of the Republic of China on Taiwan. His election showed the world that democracy was alive and well and could easily thrive in a Chinese society like Taiwan.

During the last three years, President Chen has continued his democratization program for Taiwan, which today has free elections at every level, a totally free press and a strong record on human rights. Taiwan continues to set an excellent example for other nations to follow.

Moreover, President Chen has on many occasions stressed that Taiwan and China must work together to discuss issues of mutual interest. President Chen has asked the Chinese mainland authorities to respect human rights and to accept the political reality that the two sides of the Strait are ruled separately by equal political entities. Any progress toward improved cross-strait relations must ensure protection of the interests of the 23 million people living in the Republic of China on Taiwan.

As a first step toward resumption of cross-strait dialogue, China should remove its military forces along Taiwan's coast. China has deployed 350 short-range missiles aimed at Taiwan and is adding 50 missiles a year. Instead of threatening with military might, I hope the two sides will work to resolve disputes and differences peacefully.

As the people of Taiwan prepare to celebrate their president's third anniversary in office, I also stress my support for the granting to Taiwan of observer status at the World Health Assembly this May. As the outbreak of SARS threatens Asia and the world, Taiwan must be included in all World Health Organization activities. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said, "infectious disease knows no borders and requires an effective and coordinated response at local, national and international levels." It is now time for Taiwan to be included in the global campaign for the protection of public health.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting these important goals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

IN HONOR OF TINA BURGESS-COAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Tina Burgess-Coan, who died peacefully on May 12, 2003. Beloved wife of the late Judge George "Papito George" Coan and devoted mother of William and Robert Burgess, she was a friend to so many and we were blessed to have her with us. Thank you, William and Robert, for sharing your wonderful mother with us.

Tina Burgess-Coan, affectionately known as "Mama Tina," was born in Colombia, South America. In Colombia, she studied with the Carmelite Sisters and acquired the spiritual foundation for a life of charity and giving. Her relationship with the Carmelite Sisters continued to grow and guide her life of social and political activism.

On her way to San Francisco she spent time in Hollywood where she perfected her glamorous style, but we are so fortunate that she chose our city of San Francisco to be her home.

Mama Tina came into my life during my first term in Congress. Through the years, she continued to extend her loving support and generosity to my family and friends. She was actively involved throughout the San Francisco community, serving numerous neighborhood groups and individuals. Always there when she was needed, she gave abundantly of her time, her wisdom, and her delicious home-cooked meals.

Words cannot express my appreciation for Mama Tina's many years of love, generosity, and friendship to my family and the San Francisco community. Wherever she went, she made everyone feel a part of a large, caring family. She was one of a kind.

We will miss Mama Tina terribly but are grateful for every day we had with her.

JUSTIN CAGE—INDIANA MR.
BASKETBALL

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Justin Cage, Indiana Mr. Basketball 2003, from Indianapolis, IN.

A senior at Pike High School, Justin Cage has already had a phenomenal basketball career as a team member of the Pike Red Devils Boys Basketball team. Not only has he been named Indiana Mr. Basketball 2003, he also led his team to win the Indiana State Boys Basketball Championship (Class 4A). The Pike Red Devils finished the season with a perfect record of 29-0.

As a four year starter for Pike High School, Justin also contributed to winning the state title in 2001 and finished runner up for 2002.

Justin finished the season averaging 13.4 points and a team high of 7.0 rebounds.

He will continue his basketball career at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH, where Justin plans to major in Business Administration.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in saluting this extraordinary young man in his myriad achievements.

A TRIBUTE TO MINNIE IVERSON
WOOD, STILL TEACHING MUSIC
ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to join the people of Loma Linda, California, in singing the praises of Min-

nie Iverson Wood, who has been teaching music and directing choirs for more than 75 years—and plans to continue teaching students after her 95th birthday on May 26th.

This remarkable teacher and musician got her start in music at Pine Tree Academy in her native Maine, and continued her education in voice and foreign languages at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland and Catholic University of America. She took lessons in voice, choir conducting and piano in the United States, Europe and the Far East.

With her husband, Dr. Wilton Wood, Mrs. Wood went to China, where she taught at Far Eastern Academy in Shanghai and Hong Kong. She has taught music and conducted choirs at the Baltic Union Seminary in Riga, Latvia; the Malayan Seminary in Singapore; and the Philippine Union College. Back in the United States, she taught at Columbia Union College for 10 years and at Andrews University in Michigan for 16 years.

Mrs. Wood has conducted choirs around the world, and organized major musical events such as Handel's Messiah and Brahms' Requiem. She personally sang for President Truman, and her choirs performed for Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon. Her choral groups also sang a yearly memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia.

Many of Mrs. Wood's musical groups have performed live on radio programs, including an a cappella choral group from Columbia Union College that gave weekly Sunday performances. She also organized the choir music for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church General Conference Session in Cleveland in 1958.

In addition to her long career as a music teacher, Mrs. Wood was a grade school teacher for 11 years. Her use of phonics helped her first grade class to be able to read at least one grade level above average by the end of each school year. The method was so successful she was asked to train other teachers in its use.

Mr. Speaker, as she reaches her 95th year, Minnie Iverson Woods continues to teach and mentor several dozen private students, and to be active on the Sabbath School Music Committee. Her students from 75 years of teaching will gather this week in a special Vespers concert to honor this wonderful teacher. Please join me in thanking her for a lifetime of making a joyful noise, and wishing her well in the years to come.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY FOR
PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, The Republic of China on Taiwan will be celebrating their President's third anniversary in office this May. I join Taiwan's friends in extending my congratulations to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian.

During the last 3 years, Taiwan's president has strengthened relations with the United States. Taiwan has given us full support in our war against global terrorism and our war with Iraq and offered humanitarian assistance to post-war Iraq. Taiwan is our friend and we appreciate Taiwan's friendship.

We hope Taiwan will have an early resumption of talks with the Chinese mainland. Peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is in everyone's best interest.

Also, we hope that Taiwan will be successful in stopping the spread of SARS and that Taiwan will receive observer status with the World Health Organization.

Congratulations, President Chen.

CONGRATULATING DOROTHY
KELLY GAY AS SHE CELEBRATES
25 YEARS OF AMERICAN
CITIZENSHIP

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, a friend and colleague who is celebrating 25 years of American citizenship. Hers is a story of the American Dream achieved. Dorothy Kelly Gay, born in Ireland, immigrated to the United States in 1968 to pursue a career in nursing. Today she serves as Mayor of my hometown Somerville, Massachusetts.

Like so many others who left their homeland for the shores of this great Nation, Mayor Kelly Gay has never forgotten why America is a land of opportunity. Her accomplishments are a reflection of her commitment to making life's struggles a bit easier for others. As a professional nurse she fought vigorously on behalf of her patients for better healthcare services and received awards from the Massachusetts Nurses Association. This passion for helping others expanded to elective office when Mayor Kelly Gay served on the Somerville School Committee from 1986–1993. She served as an elected member of the Governor's Council from 1992–1998 and was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1998. In 1999 she made history when she was elected Somerville's first female Mayor.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Kelly Gay has received numerous awards and achieved much during her years of public service. However, I think her personal story speaks volumes. During her 25 years of citizenship Mayor Kelly Gay has given back to this country in dedication what she received in opportunity. She is an asset to the City of Somerville and the residents she serves. I congratulate Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay as she celebrates 25 years of American citizenship.

TO HONOR THE ASSOCIATION OF
PERUVIAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND CANADA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to welcome the XIX Annual Convention of the Association of Peruvian Institutions of America and Canada, APEUC, to our Nation's Capital May 21 to 25, 2003. I particularly want to extend warm hospitality to a special participant at this conven-

tion, Peruvian Assistant Secretary of State Manuel Rodriguez, and to delegates from all eight chapters representing APEUC.

The APEUC, a nonprofit entity for technical assistance and support, is made up of 300 associated institutions that group Peruvian men and women from all occupations living in the United States and Canada. Its purpose is to strengthen the traditional ties of friendship and cooperation that unite Peru with the United States of America and Canada in the sectors of education, health, business, arts, and sports.

The APEUC is recognized for many important achievements including: Promoting the "Nationality Law" by which Peruvians residing in another country may keep dual nationality; supporting the victims of the 1996 Nazca Earthquake; constructing an education center in Nazca for 250 children; building a health center in San Juan de la Virgen in Tumbes for pediatric, dental, and general medicine; supporting surgical procedures for harelip for 50 children in Catacaos, Piura; and building a center for 80 adolescent mothers in Huancayo.

The APEUC represents an important sector of the American community and I am sure my colleagues are happy to join me in recognizing this commendable organization on the occasion of their XIX Annual Convention.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
LARRY COMBEST

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the distinguished career of my colleague, friend, and fellow Texan, Congressman Larry Combest.

Mr. Speaker, LARRY COMBEST has faithfully represented constituents of the 19th Congressional District of Texas for the last 18 years, truly representing the very best of West Texas from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin.

As a legislator, LARRY COMBEST has dedicated his entire career to helping farmers and ranchers, educators and small business owners live the American Dream.

As the former Chairman and current member of the House Agriculture Committee, LARRY COMBEST has put his background as a fourth generation West Texas farmer to work to improve agriculture in the United States and better the lives of farmers and ranchers everywhere.

Since he was first elected in 1984, LARRY COMBEST has been a common sense conservative leader in Congress, fighting for fiscally responsible government, less regulation and lower taxes on American families.

Mr. Speaker, as proof of his outstanding service to his constituents, voters in his district have re-elected LARRY COMBEST by ever increasing margins each year. You know you're doing something right when the people that know you best return you to Congress with more than 90 percent of their vote.

On behalf of my colleagues and my fellow Texans, we salute LARRY COMBEST for his service and his leadership and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for all that he has done for Texas and for America.

We wish him and his wife Sharon the very best.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN CHU

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Morgan Chu, who is being recognized by the American Jewish Committee at its 24th Annual Learned Hand Award Dinner on May 21, 2003. This award is named in memory of Judge Learned Hand, one of America's great jurists and humanitarians, and is being given to Morgan Chu for his "outstanding leadership in the legal profession" and his "strong voice of understanding and good will."

Morgan earned an AB (1971), MA (1972), and PhD (1973) from UCLA, an MSL (1974) from Yale University and a JD (1976) from Harvard Law School, magna cum laude. He then clerked for Judge Charles Merrill of the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit. In 1977, he began his career with the well known law firm of Irell & Manella, developing a reputation as one of the nation's top experts in intellectual property, becoming a partner and serving on the Irell & Manella executive committee for the past 18 years.

In his first year at the firm, Morgan distinguished himself by serving as the lead counsel for Matel, Inc. in a patent infringement trial. With his victory in the complex case, he became known as an enterprising young trial attorney who knew how to handle the complex legal issues associated with technology. Since then, he has won many other landmark cases, including the first trial involving a patent of computer software. The jury invalidated a patent in favor of his client.

The National Law Journal describes Morgan as a "litigator of complex intellectual property, antitrust and first amendment cases . . . an innovator." The 2001 survey of company directors, law school deans, and lawyers by Corporate Board Member named him "The Best Intellectual Property Lawyer in the Nation."

Throughout his career Morgan has been recognized for his extraordinary talent, skill and success in the field of law. In 1983, he was dubbed a "new superstar," and since then he has continually been listed among the ten top trial lawyers, and the most influential lawyers in Los Angeles and the nation. He was named as one of the "Top Players in High-Tech Intellectual Property," and in 1991, the California Law Business Journal chose him as a member of their Dream Team.

Morgan was an Adjunct Professor of Law at UCLA and served as a judge pro tem. He has served on the Board of Directors of Public Counsel for many years and is currently a member of its Executive Committee. As part of his pro bono work, Morgan won the reversal of a first-degree murder conviction for an inmate on death row whose sentence and conviction had already been upheld by the Supreme Court. He is a remarkable man who has used his enormous talents to help his community.

Morgan and his wife, Helen, reside in Los Angeles. Known for his penchant for bow ties, he says he wears them because, "it is easier to lean down and smell the flowers along the