

NEGOTIATE A FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN NOW

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, for over half a century, Taiwan and the United States have been close Trade partners. Last year, bilateral trade between Taiwan and the United States reached US \$51 billion, making Taiwan our 8th largest trading partner. It is interesting to note that bilateral trade between Taiwan and the United States surpassed that of all of our newest prospective free trade agreement partners combined. It is therefore timely for us to consider negotiating a free trade agreement with Taiwan.

Our International Trade Commission recently issued a report which showed net gains totaling \$3.4 billion for the U.S. economy from a proposed agreement. Beneficiaries would include U.S. exporters of cars, auto parts, machinery and equipment, chemicals and plastic products and certain foods. New opportunities would be created for financial and educational services.

Negotiations of a trade agreement would serve long-term U.S. interests overseas. A trade agreement with Taiwan would phase out tariffs and other non-tariff barriers with Taiwan and promote U.S. efforts to increase trade not only with Taiwan but also with other countries in the Pacific Rim.

We will build on the free trade agreements already concluded with Chile and Singapore. It is possible we will enter negotiations with Australia and New Zealand, eventually reaching the goal of a free trade zone in the region by 2010, as envisioned by the APEC Bogor Declaration.

In short, Mr. Speaker, with Taiwan's recent accession to the World Trade Organization and passage of Trade Promotion Authority for the president, it is most appropriate for the United States to reach out to Taiwan, a strong friend and ally in the Pacific. We need to solidify our long-term trade relations with Taiwan by starting to negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan now.

HONORING MR. ROBERT SIDNEY
PHELAN

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Robert Sidney Phelan, a fine public servant who has dedicated himself to the people of Tennessee throughout his life as a loyal citizen to our community.

Robert attended Peabody High School in Trenton, Tennessee, where he excelled in both basketball and football. Graduating in 1952, he received a football scholarship at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Dedicated to his family, Robert cut his college years short to return home and run the family business, an automobile dealership he ran for 50 years. In 1987, he received the "Quality Care Award," the highest award the Ford Motor Company bestows on a dealer.

Robert married Linda Gail Powell in 1958. They are the proud parents of Robert Sidney Phelan, Jr., Paul Edmund Phelan, and Mary LeAnn Phelan. Robert and his wife have three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

In 1963, Robert became the acting Postmaster while continuing to run his auto dealership. He also served in the Tennessee National Guard, from which he retired as a First Lieutenant.

Robert has long been active in helping our community. With the help of U.S. Senator Jim Sasser, Robert was instrumental in establishing a new National Guard Armory in 1991. He was Exalted Ruler of the Trenton Elks Lodge. As a fundraiser for the lodge, Robert Started Walking Horse shows, which became known as one of the best shows in West Tennessee. Robert aided the lodge in buying land and building their now existing lodge. Robert served as President of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce and he also won their prestigious Citizen of the Year Award. He was also a member of the Trenton Rotary Club.

He served as a member of the Gibson County Election Commission for 36 years, devoting many of those years as Chairman. He has served on the board of Trenton Housing Authority for 34 years. He helped in forming the Pinecrest Country Club and served on that board, as well. He helped in forming the Trenton Special School District, where years later he helped replace the aging school building with a new high school. Believing that Gibson County could support a satellite community college, Robert was instrumental in raising money to fund Dyersburg State Community College in Trenton. It is obvious that Robert Phelan gives 100 percent of himself into everything asked of him for the people of Gibson County and the State of Tennessee.

Robert has also served many years on the Trenton Industrial Board. Robert served on the board of Citizen State Bank, spending some of that tenure as Chairman. Robert worked diligently to form Citizen City and County Bank, which opened in 1997. Robert now serves as Chairman of the Board.

Throughout his life, Robert has always devoted hard work to the Democratic Party on a local and statewide level. In 1974 Robert was appointed Honorary Sergeant At Arms of the Tennessee Senate. In 1975 was the Colonel Aide de Camp on the Governor's staff and a 1976 member of the West Tennessee Democratic Caucus. He worked for such statesmen as Congressman Robert "Fats" Everett, Congressman Ed Jones, Senator Jim Sasser and Senator and Vice President Al Gore. He also worked for Tennessee Governors Frank Clement, Bufford Ellington, Ray Blanton, Ned McWhether and Phil Bredsen. Robert has also worked for members of the Tennessee General Assembly, including his son, Paul Phelan, who served for 10 years as a state representative.

Mr. Speaker, please join Robert's friends, family and me as we recognize his dedication and service to our community.

IN MEMORY OF SALVATORE "SAL"
FAZZINO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of sadness that I rise to honor the memory of a good and honorable man, Salvatore "Sal" Fazzino, who passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2003.

Sal Fazzino was a first generation American whose parents immigrated from Sicily to Ellis Island. Born in Middletown, Connecticut, Sal served his country during World War II and was stationed in the Philippines. Upon returning from the War, Sal vacationed in Florida and met his future wife Dolores. They were the proud parents of three sons: Gary, Wayne and Brian, and a daughter, Donna.

It was his dedication to his children that inspired Sal in the mid-1960's to drive his family across the country, moving to California. Without a job or any job prospects, Sal bought a house in Palo Alto so that his children would be the beneficiaries of the Palo Alto school system.

With a high school education and vocational training, Sal went to work at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center repairing the facility's air conditioning. He became an avid follower of local politics, guided by "Harry Truman-like common sense." One of his proudest moments was when his son Gary became the Mayor of Palo Alto. He was a sound advisor to his son, consistently reminding him of the needs of the middle-class in Palo Alto . . . many like himself who moved to the city when it was predominately a middle class community.

In 1994, Sal lost his wife Dolores. In spite of this loss, Sal continued to be active in the community through the Menlo Park Italian-American Social Club, and serving as President of the Amici Club. It was through the Italian-American community that Sal met his second wife, Mary, whom he was married to for the past five years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Sal Fazzino and extending our condolences to his family. His life exemplifies the best of America . . . serving his country in uniform, raising four fine children, taking risks so that their future would be better, and giving back to his community. Sal Fazzino distinguished himself as a loving husband, a great father and a proud citizen of the country he loved. We, in return today, pay tribute to a great American.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest congratulations to the American Political Science Association on the 50th anniversary of its Congressional Fellowship Program. I am also personally deeply