

combined histories that provide a foundation for exchange. Immigrants from the region of Czechoslovakia migrated to the United States since the 1800s, many finding their way to Missouri and a home in the Kansas City area. In the Fifth District, Sugar Creek has a rich heritage fostered from their Czechoslovakian immigrants, many who found work at the oil refinery.

In 1989, we witnessed the overthrow of communist totalitarian rule in Czechoslovakia with the Velvet Revolution, a modern day revolution for independence, which brought a new beginning for the people of Czechoslovakia.

In 1993, Czechoslovakia evolved into two independent states: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. On March 12, 1999, the Czech Republic became an international member of NATO. Today, Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, a tourist destination with its rich architectural treasures, educational opportunities and the center of activities and events.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in proudly recognizing Honorary Consul Valasek's appointment as an opportunity for cultural exchange and economic advancement to further our shared goals for both of our nations.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES B. FORBES

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the sad passing of Charles B. Forbes, who leaves a lasting impact on the district I represent. Charlie is survived by his wife Barbara Cameron Forbes, known to all as Cam. While the passing of this fine man saddens me, I am grateful for the 80 years he lived, many of them publishing local newspapers and serving community organizations. This morning, the Times-Review papers on Long Island published an obituary on Charlie's life. I'd like to submit this piece for the RECORD.

CHARLES BOWMAN FORBES

Charles B. Forbes, former publisher of Long Island's first Sunday newspaper, The Sunday Review, and the state's largest newspaper, The News-Review of Riverhead, died Sept. 22 at his home in Hampton, N.H., at age 80.

The youngest of five sons, he was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., on May 24, 1923, to T. Harold and Carrie Forbes.

Mr. Forbes was a graduate of Manhasset (L.I.) High School and Colgate University, and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He started his newspaper career at the New York Daily News. After he sold The Sunday Review and The News-Review to Cowles Communications in the 1970s, Mr. Forbes worked for The Traveler-Watchman in Southold and WRIV Radio in Riverhead.

Mr. Forbes was a longtime member of the Riverhead Rotary Club and Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, a former president of the Quogue Board of Education and a member of Quogue Fire Department. He and his wife, Barbara (known to all as "Cam"), were among the early members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Westhampton Beach and are the only husband and wife to be honored and named, separately, as grand marshals of the popular parade. He later relocated to New Hampshire and worked with his son, Tom, founder of

Forbes Marketing Group, an advertising specialties business.

Mr. Forbes is survived by his wife; his son; five daughters, Susan Lilley, Cameron Howard, Lisa Ryan, Shelley Natalie and Melissa Forbes; and four grandchildren.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FERN DOHERTY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Fern Doherty of Trinchera, Colorado has worked tirelessly to promote and preserve a Western heritage, the ranching way of life. Fern is an active and devoted member of her community who donates her time to numerous community groups. For her tireless efforts and years of service, I am honored to pay tribute to Fern here today.

For eighty-two years, Fern has been an active member of the Las Animas County community. She has molded the community's youth by serving as a 4-H leader and by remaining active with the local Parent Teacher Association. An active member of the ranching community, Fern has served as President of the Las Animas County CowBelles, an organization devoted to advancing the interests of the beef industry, and was recently named the Las Animas County Cattleman of the Year for 2003. In addition, Fern was the 2000 Silver Queen for the Trinidad Round-up, which honors the courageous outlook on life and youthful spirit of a senior in that community.

Mr. Speaker, Fern Doherty exemplifies the true spirit of the American West. She is devoted to her family, committed to her community, and active in her support for the ranching way of life. Her dedication and hard work keep the tradition and heritage of the West alive, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my thanks to Fern and in wishing her the best of luck in the future. Thank you, Fern, for your service to Colorado.

IN HONOR OF MARIA NOLFO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Nolfo for her 32 years of leadership and dedication to the students of Bayonne. Ms. Nolfo will be honored with the Italian-American Educator Award by the Bayonne Columbus Committee at the 2003 Honoree Dinner-Dance on September 27, 2003, at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Since 1972, Ms. Nolfo has been an exceptional educator in Bayonne's public schools. She began her career in the school system teaching English as a Second Language, helping children adapt to a new language and new environment. Her dedication and gift for teaching led Ms. Nolfo to teach courses in conversational Spanish for fellow teachers in the Bayonne school district.

In 1974, Ms. Nolfo became a teacher at Bayonne High School, where she remained until her retirement in 2002. In her final year, she was voted Bayonne High School Teacher of the Year by her students and peers.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Ms. Nolfo attended the Academy of Saint Aloysius and received her bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ms. Nolfo received a master's degree from Rutgers University.

Ms. Nolfo is not only an inspiration in the classroom but a leader in her community. A member of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, she is a mass lector and former director of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults program. Ms. Nolfo was also president of the Bayonne Italian American Committee for Culture and Education.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Nolfo for her tireless work in educating the youth of Bayonne and leading them towards a brighter future.

LET TAIWAN BACK IN THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Republic of China on Taiwan's re-admission to the United Nations. For the last 32 years, Taiwan's people have had no representation in the United Nations. It is incongruous that a world body founded on the principle of universality and self-determination excludes a free, democratic and independent nation of 23 million people—a population larger than three quarters of the U.N.'s current member states.

Let's be clear. Taiwan does not seek the expulsion of the People's Republic of China from the United Nations, but asks only that it be given a voice at the U.N. There are well-established precedents for parallel representation of divided nations at the U.N. East and West Germany, now unified, and the still divided Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea are the outstanding examples.

Taiwan's participation in international bodies is well documented as shown by its membership in the Asian Development Bank, its admission to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group as a full member, and its membership in the World Trade Organization.

Taiwan possesses ample resources to contribute to the work and funding of the U.N. as shown in its many contributions of humanitarian aid. Such projects by Taiwan include relief supplies for Iraq and Afghanistan, AIDS prevention in Africa, the dispatch of rescue teams following natural disasters in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Turkey and assistance to victims of the 9/11 disaster here in the United States.

Taiwan's accession to the United Nations is long overdue. Its 23 million people deserve this important vehicle to full participation in the global community.

As Taiwan bids to return to the United Nations, I wish to say that I totally support Taiwan's aspirations to be a member of this global body. Taiwan has all the qualifications: a