

The family suggests those wishing to make memorials may do so to Cassatt Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 110, Camden, SC 29032; the Beulah United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 820 Beulah Church Road, Camden, SC 29020; the South Carolina Troopers Association, 4961 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212; or to the charity of one's choice.

THE PEOPLE OF THE TAIWAN  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 2003*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere congratulations and

best wishes to the people of the Taiwan Republic of China as we celebrate the National Day of the Republic. For over half a century, our two nations have celebrated a close friendship, and common values.

With the election of President Chen a few years ago, and the first substantial transfer of power, Taiwan has helped to set an excellent example for many nations about the importance, and successful exercise, of democracy, liberty, self-government, and self determination.

Mr. Speaker, as President Chen said in his address last year, "Despite twists and turns along the course of democracy, the people of Taiwan have never lost sight of the need for change . . . Looking toward a better tomorrow requires us to be vigilant today. The opportunity to create change is often transient, and

every minute wasted increases the cost of reform. We will not back down from our advocacy of reform and we will not stop until we achieve our aim."

President Chen's passion and his commitment to democratic ideals is commendable. I know I speak for many when I say that I am proud to count President Chen and the Republic of China among America's closest allies.

In closing, let me again express both my heartiest congratulations as Taiwan celebrates her birthday, and my deepest hope for our continued cooperation, friendship and shared progress.