

had to find available transportation, usually a truck, to drive them 100 miles to the nearest hospital.

I am proud that David Castro is one my constituents and a longtime friend. His caring, motivation and tenacity have provided numerous contributions to many. I applaud his good work and join his friends, colleagues and admirers in thanking him for all he does for others. David is a humanitarian and community leader in every respect.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AGNEW DAVIS
OF ALLENSVILLE, KY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Helen Agnew Davis of Allensville, Kentucky.

Helen passed away on September 27, 2003 at the age of 76. Along with her family, I am pleased that Helen will now receive the national recognition that she deserves for her dedication to School Food Service in Kentucky.

Helen Davis served the children of western Kentucky as the Food Service Director for the Todd County Public Schools. Helen was a member of the American School Food Service Association (ASFSa) and the Kentucky School Food Service Association (KSFSa). She joined those organizations in 1957 and I am told that she holds the record for continuous active membership in the KSFSa. As the 12th President of the FSFSa, long-time Chair of the KSFSa Public Policy and Legislative Committee, and Treasurer of the ASFSa, she truly was a leader in School Food Service.

Helen was the Kentucky representative when ASFSa held its first Washington, D.C. "Fly-in." In addition, she continued to lead the Kentucky delegation during the annual trek to D.C. for two decades. She was a teacher and mentor to anyone interested in learning the legislative process and she always taught the values of legislative activity and other civic duties.

Her wisdom and insight born of experience and careful deliberation were highlighted in the KSFSa's 1988, Futures Seminar and the 1998, Strategic Planning Meeting. The results of those meetings helped KSFSa win the ASFSa President's Award of Excellence for three straight years.

In the mid 1950's, Helen Davis signed on to feed the children of Todd County. Her direction, goals, priorities and challenges have been KSFSa's own. She encouraged all of us to remember why we are here and to always finish what we start. She did just that when she helped finish the new Todd County High School kitchen and cafeteria.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the accomplishments and wonderful life of Helen Davis to the attention of the House.

TRIBUTE TO CRYSTAL CUCKOW

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a dedicated educator from my district. Crystal Cuckow is an extraordinary art teacher from La Junta High School in La Junta, Colorado. Through her dedication and hard work, Crystal shapes the lives of the youth of her community, and I am honored to share her story here today.

Crystal began her career as an educator by teaching art but was soon assigned to teach "stage craft" as well. Throughout her career, Crystal has reached out to many different types of students and encouraged them to express themselves. Crystal has been able to bring the art and entertainment of the theater to students who otherwise would have had little or no exposure to it. Her work with the La Junta theater program earned Crystal the Senior High Theater Educator of the Year Award from the Alliance for Colorado Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Crystal Cuckow's dedication and devotion to her students enriches the lives of Colorado's youth and molds our future leaders. By reaching out to so many students, Crystal has created a diverse environment where creativity is allowed to flourish. I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my congratulations to Crystal for the honor she has received and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors. Thank you, Crystal. Keep up the good work!

IN HONOR OF ST. WENCESLAUS
DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 80th Anniversary of the observance of the Feast of St. Wenceslaus Day at St. Wenceslaus Parish. The celebration will begin with the Eucharist Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. on September 28, 2003.

St. Wenceslaus is the patron saint of Bohemia. He was born near Prague in 903 and his father was the Duke of Bohemia. As Wenceslaus was growing up, his grandmother, also a saint, taught him the values of Christianity. In the year 922, when an anti-Christian faction killed Wenceslaus's father and took over the government, Wenceslaus staged a coup and was named the new ruler. During his reign, Wenceslaus attempted to reduce the oppression of the peasants by the nobility and promoted Christianity.

His younger brother, Boleslaus, joined a group of dissenters after he lost succession to the throne as a result of the birth of Wenceslaus's son. Boleslaus invited his brother to a religious festival, and while Wenceslaus was on his way to mass on the morning of September 28, 929, Boleslaus and a group of followers ambushed him. Wenceslaus's last words were, "May God forgive you, brother." Wenceslaus was immediately venerated as a martyr, and was celebrated as the nation's patron saint by the end of the century.

Today, St. Wenceslaus is remembered for his concern for the poor in a popular Christmas carol, where he leaves his castle with a page during a winter storm to deliver food and wood to a peasant. As the storm worsens, the page follows in Wenceslaus's footsteps, which miraculously warm his freezing feet. By following the path of righteousness, Wenceslaus was led into sainthood, and the page was led out of the storm. The worshippers at Saint Wenceslaus Parish also try to follow the path of righteousness and St. Wenceslaus's example. They are celebrating his feast day this weekend with a Eucharistic Liturgy, a traditional Czech Pork and Dumpling Dinner, and dancing to traditional Czech music.

SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S ASPIRATION
TO BECOME UNITED NATIONS
MEMBER

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Taiwan in its aspiration to become a member of the United Nations (UN). Taiwan has all the qualifications: a sound political system, a much-admired economy, and a genuine desire to maintain peace and prosperity in East Asia and the world.

Being the world's 17th largest economy, Taiwan will most certainly be able to carry out all United Nations Charter obligations. Taiwan's economic model is especially valuable for developing nations. Taiwan has always been willing to share this experience with the world by contributing to multilateral aid programs. Taiwan's efforts to help other countries would be much more effective if they could be coordinated with international efforts sponsored by the UN and its specialized agencies. Perhaps one of the best reasons for supporting Taiwan's membership in the United Nations is that Taiwan is willing and anxious to be a full contributing member of the United Nations.

Also, with membership in the United Nations, Taiwan will be able to incorporate itself into the international system of human rights protection, abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. It is heartening to know Taiwan's commitment to human rights is very serious by establishing a National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the principles outlined by the UN.

Taiwan has been denied a voice in the United Nations for too long. I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan, our friend and ally, on their latest bid to return to the United Nations.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 21ST CENTURY
JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with eight of