

of the men and women of northern New Jersey. It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Deputy Police Director Malanga's distinguished career in law enforcement began in 1979 when he served as an officer in the Bloomfield Police Department. By 1981, Rocco had joined the ranks of the Newark Police department and, 2 years later, he became one of the first police officers nationwide to be assigned to the Fear-City Task Force. Recognized as the first Law Enforcement initiative to address quality of life issues in a major United States city, the Fear-City Task Force provided ample opportunity for Rocco to witness firsthand the day to day needs and concerns of the local community. Rocco continued to draw from these experiences three years later, when he was assigned to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as an undercover officer.

Despite his noteworthy contributions while serving in the DEA, Rocco Malanga returned to the Newark Police Department in 1999 and was promoted to the position of Deputy Police Director. Since then, he has been involved in all aspects of police administration ranging from budget preparation to the introduction of all of the newest technological advances to the department. Always keeping the needs of his department and his community foremost in mind, Rocco's face has become a familiar sight in both Washington, DC, and in Trenton, NJ, where he is frequently found lobbying for federal and state grants.

The services rendered to the people of Essex County by Rocco Malanga have been noted and commended by countless law enforcement and community organizations. Among the many groups who have gathered to honor Rocco Malanga are the Knights of Columbus, the Italian-American Police Society of New Jersey, the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County, the Bronze Shields, and the Honor Legion. Perhaps most impressive, however, are the honors that Rocco has received from his colleagues and peers: he served as the president of the Newark Policeman's Benevolence Association from 1987–1995 and, in 1995, was asked to become the Director of the Essex County Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a U.S. Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing individuals who have devoted themselves to serving the special needs of the people in their community. The strong leadership, integrity, and passion for volunteerism that Deputy Police Director Malanga has brought to his life and his work is beyond compare.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues and me in gratefully recognizing the invaluable services that Rocco M. Malanga has provided to the men and women of Essex County.

HONORING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAFU SHIMPO

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2003

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Rafu Shimpo, a bilin-

gual English-Japanese newspaper published, distributed, and read avidly in my Congressional District, celebrating their 100th anniversary.

The history of The Rafu Shimpo is an important part of both American and Japanese American history and heritage, created in Los Angeles.

In April 1903, three young men, Rippo Iijima, Masaharu Yamaguchi, and Seijiro Shibuya produced the first mimeographed news bulletin to the Los Angeles area Japanese-speaking community. Its title comes directly from the community it serves—Rafu Shimpo means Los Angeles area newspaper—ra from Rashogiri, the old Chinese name for Los Angeles, fu is prefecture or area, and shimpo is newspaper.

Beginning in 1914, under the new management of Henry Toyosaku (H.T.) Komai, the newspaper began to grow. In February 1926 he added an English language section with the help of a 20-year-old UCLA education major, Louise Suski. By 1932, the English section became a daily feature.

On April 4, 1942, The Rafu Shimpo ceased publication as Americans of Japanese descent were forcibly removed to desert internment camps. At the end of the war in 1945, though other Japanese Americans were released, H.T. Komai continued to be detained in Santa Fe, New Mexico. But the Komai family's dedication to publishing The Rafu Shimpo persevered. H.T.'s son, Akira Komai, with a \$1500 loan from three other staff members, rebuilt the newspaper.

The newspaper grew rapidly after World War II, from a circulation of 500 in 1946 to 20,000 over the next 30 years. Today, H.T.'s grandson, Michael Komai, serves as the 3rd generation publisher, a position he has held since 1983. The award-winning daily has over 45,000 readers and prevails as the premier news source for the Los Angeles area Japanese American community.

As part of The Rafu Shimpo's 100th anniversary celebration, an awards banquet will be held in Los Angeles on Thursday, October 16, at the Century Plaza Hotel. The yearlong anniversary celebration will also include special recognitions from the Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Asian American Journalists Association and Asian Business League.

The 100th anniversary of The Rafu Shimpo is another milestone in the rich history of Los Angeles as well as the history of America, and I join the Los Angeles Japanese American community in celebrating this wonderful legacy.

CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN ON THEIR NATIONAL DAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2003

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest wishes to the Taiwanese people as they celebrate their National Day on October 10. This special day gives us the opportunity to reflect on Taiwan's numerous achievements.

Taiwan is one of the most amazing success stories in Asia, if not the entire world. Less than 20 years ago, Taiwan was ruled by an authoritarian dictatorship under martial law. Today, it is a flourishing, multiparty democracy that holds competitive elections, respects human rights and upholds the rule of law. This remarkable political evolution proves beyond any doubt that the notion of "Asian values"—often used to justify one man rule—is a fallacy.

While Taiwan has established a robust democracy, a number of political challenges still remain. We must work to ensure that Taiwan's status and global contributions are properly respected and appreciated by the international community. This can be accomplished, in part, through Taiwanese participation in the World Health Organization and other appropriate international organizations. Taiwan's security is also a high priority. I have no doubt that Taiwan will meet these challenges and play an increasingly important role in world affairs.

Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom and human rights. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which forms the official basis for friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. That bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese-American community, which has made important contributions to American social, economic and political life.

Best wishes and congratulations to President Chen Shui-bien, Tecro Representative C.J. Chen and all of the citizens of Taiwan on the occasion of its National Day.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join my colleagues in wishing the Republic of China a happy National Day.

Despite Taiwan's small size and lack of natural resources, in recent years Taiwan has emerged as an economic powerhouse. It is the world's 17th largest economy, with the world's 15th largest trade volume. This economic performance has contributed to both regional and global prosperity. At a time of economic interdependence among nations, Taiwan has a lot to offer to the world.

On Taiwan's National Day, I would like to see Taiwan continue to play a major economic role in the world and further strengthen its economic ties to the United States. Indeed, bilateral trade between Taiwan and the United States topped \$66 billion last year and will continue to grow—to the benefit of both nations.

Congratulations, President Chen. We wish you and your people the best of luck as you seek readmission to the United Nations and the World Health Organization. You deserve a prominent place on the world stage.

I also wish to add that President Chen has pledged Taiwan's resources in helping us fight worldwide terrorism. President Chen believes any attack on America is tantamount to an attack on Taiwan and all the other peace-loving