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Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez will present Lincoln Electric with the President's "E Star" Award. I am proud of Lincoln Electric, which since its founding in 1895 by brothers John and James Lincoln, has shown a strong commitment to Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. I praise Lincoln Electric and its hard-working employees and wish them continued success.

TAIWAN'S STATUS IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, with a population of 23 million people, Taiwan is a democracy and a global economic power, yet it is not a member of the United Nations. In January of this year a proposal failed concerning Taiwan's World Health Assembly observer status during the World Health Organization's Executive Board meeting in Geneva. I am concerned that with the outbreak of SARS and ongoing concerns related to the possible human-to-human transmission of H5NI Bird Flu, Taiwanese membership in international health entities should be considered with a greater sense of urgency.

I urge the Administration to take steps to allow entry of Taiwan into all relevant international health organizations to ensure the best possible response to any potential future health outbreaks that could ultimately invade the United States and detrimentally impact Americans. Despite not being a member of the World Health Organization, Taiwan has declared its voluntary early compliance with all provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005).

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Administration to encourage key leaders of other nations to resume talks with Chen Shui-Bian as soon as possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably delayed and missed

the vote on the Inslee amendment to H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act, Roll Call 149.

I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 149.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MRS. SALLY FALKMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mrs. Sally Falkman, upon the occasion of her retirement from teaching—an exemplary career that follows 30 years of outstanding service, commitment, inspiration and instruction on behalf of every child who was a student in her classroom.

Mrs. Falkman has dedicated the past 29 years of her professional expertise as a teacher at St. Ignatius of Antioch Elementary School. Her dedicated focus on shaping, growing and inspiring the minds and hearts of young children never faded or wavered. For 30 years, Mrs. Falkman instructed students in social studies and religion classes, teaching third, fourth and fifth graders, and has done so with grace, compassion and a gentle spirit, capturing the curiosity and imaginations of her students and the admiration of parents and peers.

Mrs. Falkman's exceptional work ethic, excellent rapport with her students and her colleagues and creative and enthusiastic style of teaching consistently captivated the children, guiding them to a platform where learning and discovery flourished. As new and advanced teaching technologies and advancements evolved, Mrs. Falkman regularly learned and embraced every new technique. But the heart of teaching—the respect, love and confidence that a teacher expresses to her students, will never change, and this vital element in a child's educational experience is the intangible gift that Mrs. Falkman consistently gave to every student.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mrs. Sally Falkman, for giving true meaning to the words: teacher, mentor, guide and friend. Her chosen vocation of teaching will be forever remembered by her students, their parents, and also by the faculty and staff at St. Ignatius of Antioch Elementary School, where her excellence, compassion, kindness, gentle nature and true gifts for teaching and inspiring our children will be remembered always and held as a brilliant example for all young teachers to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOEL CARP—SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR THE JEWISH FEDERATION/JEWISH UNITED FUND OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and public service of Joel Carp.

For 28 years, Joel Carp has been an effective leader for the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, and the Jewish community as a whole. As Senior Vice President, his responsibilities include management of its Government Affairs Program, delegating the budget for social welfare programs, and supervising the State of Illinois refugee and immigration programs, as well as several homeless services programs. Joel's persistent dedication and devotion to social services has truly made a difference in many people's lives and in many organizations.

Joel has dedicated his life to creating public policies that provide quality, comprehensive health and human services for people in Chicago and nationally. He is a member of numerous local, state, and national professional and community service organizations, and has served on various governmental task forces, including the City of Chicago's Task Force on Hunger. His work at the Illinois Department of Human Services includes service on the Governor's Families and Children Leadership Sub-Cabinet. With his knowledgeable background, he has published over 30 articles on various subjects in the field of social work, social planning and resettlement.

Joel was the recipient of the Melvin A. Block Award for Professional Distinction from the Associated YM-YWHAs of Greater New York, and he also received the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations Award. His vision is credited as the driving force behind numerous projects that continue to enhance not only Chicago, but our entire nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to overstate the impact that Joel Carp has had on improving the quality of life for thousands of people in Illinois and across the nation. I am proud to call him a friend, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his contributions and wish him and his family the very best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MS. VALRIE A. BENNETT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Valrie A. Bennett who recently departed this world as we know it. Although we grieve her being taken from us we must not see her departure as a loss because she fought the good fight, ran the good race and completed her life's mission. A woman of true character gifted with an