

and violence at the hands of their colonizers. Although there were titular local leaders, the reestablishment of a substantive government, under the control of the indigenous people, was essential to regaining and preserving cultural identity. This process began approximately five months after American troops wrested control of the Northern Marianas from the Japanese in the 1944 Battle for Saipan.

In December of that year, Chamorro and Carolinian survivors of the war, interned at Camp Chalan Kanoa, elected a high chief in their first exercise of American democracy. The office of high chief was later renamed chief commissioner, after the United States naval government implemented a municipal charter for Saipan during the post-war years. Municipal governments developed in similar fashion on the Northern Islands, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota. During the early days of an emerging democracy in the islands, the chief commissioner served as the principal liaison between the local political structure that was being established and the U.S. naval administration, and in a role now more identified with the office of the governor. The chief commissioner was responsible for overseeing the work of the several departments which comprised the executive branch: the treasury, economics, public works, education, public health, and public safety. This official was also responsible for preparing the municipality's annual budget; proposing legislation to the legislature, which at that time was made up of commissioners and councilmen; and serving as the judge of the municipal court.

With the adoption of the Covenant and the formation of a constitutional government, each of the island municipalities has continued to elect a local executive. These mayors are charged with advising the governor on government operations and matters concerning their respective municipalities. They also administer government programs, public services, and appropriations provided by law; conduct public hearings with respect to government operations and local matters; coordinate any provision of federal programs extended to their respective municipalities; act as the principal local official for mobilizing resources and coordinating response and recovery efforts in the face of emergencies; in consultation with the Municipal Council, submit items for inclusion in the proposed budgets for both government operations and capital improvement projects; and, in the case of Rota, and Tinian and Aguiguan, appoint, in consultation with the head of the respective executive branch department, all resident department heads.

In recent years, mayors of the Northern Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota have contributed greatly to the quality of life in the Northern Mariana Islands. The mayors have participated in the Commonwealth-wide street naming project, they have hosted cultural and educational symposia, they have spearheaded the development of public lands and coordinated infrastructure improvements, and, on a daily basis, they coordinate the provision of public services to the residents of their islands.

I ask you to join me today in honoring the past and present mayors of the local municipalities that comprise the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The mayors of Saipan, from the dark days of the war to the present include: Gregorio San Nicolas Sablan, Elias Parong Sablan, Ignacio Villagomez

Benavente, Vicente Diaz Sablan, Luis Arriola Benavente, Francisco Manibusan Diaz, Jose Santos Rios, Gilbert Castro Ada, Jose Mettao Taitano, Jesus Sablan Guerrero, Jose Camacho Sablan, Juan Borja Tudela, and Donald Glenn Flores.

The mayors of the Northern Islands: Daniel Pangelinan Castro, Vicente Matagolai Aldan, Ambrosio Satur Ruben, Joseph Taman Ogumoro, Valentin Igsaiar Taisakan, and Tobias Dela Cruz Aldan; and before, the District Administrator Representatives Juan Mettao and the long-serving Francisco Borja Kaipat.

The atkadi, commissioners, and mayors of Rota: Carlos Songsong Calvo, Andres Camacho Atalig, Tomas Camacho Mendiola, Melchor Songsong Mendiola, Juan Camacho Diaz, Manuel Ada Manglona, Antonio Camacho Atalig, Prudencio Taisacan Manglona, Joseph Songao Inos, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona, and Melchor Atalig Mendiola.

The commissioners and mayors of Tinian and Aguiguan: Jose Manglona Hocog, Juan Cruz Villagomez, Jose Reyes Cruz, Antonio Simabukuru Borja, Henry Gikibai Hofschneider, William Villagomez Hofschneider, Felipe Camacho Mendiola, Herman Muna Manglona, Ignacio King Quichocho, James Masga Mendiola, Francisco Manglona Borja, Jose Pangelinan San Nicolas, and Ramon Muna Dela Cruz.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) on May 24 after 6 p.m. and for today on account of personal matters.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a death in the family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1673. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Dryers and Room Air Conditioners [Docket Number: EERE-2007-BT-STD-0010] (RIN: 1904-AA89) received April 21, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1674. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Obstetrical and Gynecological Devices; Classification of the Hemor-

rhoid Prevention Pressure Wedge [Docket No.: FDA-2011-N-0118] received May 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1675. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting a report providing information on U.S.-funded international broadcasting efforts in Iran pursuant to the requirements of Section 1264 of the National Defense Authorization Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1676. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1677. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning proposed amendments to parts 120 and 124 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), promulgated pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. Section 2778 et seq; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1678. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Protective Regulations for Killer Whales in the Northwest Region Under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act [Docket No.: 070821475-91169-02] (RIN: 0648-AV15) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1679. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 101029427-0609-02] (RIN: 0648-XA301) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1680. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 101126522-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA319) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1681. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30776; Amdt. No. 3420] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1682. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Creighton, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1170; Airspace Docket No. 10-ACE-13] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1683. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Yellowstone, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1209; Airspace Docket No. 10-ANM-10] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.