EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARNOLD MANN

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arnold Mann of Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania for receiving the Collegeville Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year award.

A Collegeville resident since 1968, Arnold Mann has been a member of Collegeville Borough Council since 1992, serving as its President from 1994–1996, 1998–2000, and 2010 to present day. Currently, Arnold serves on the Finance Committee and as Chairman of the Streets and Roads Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Planning Commission, the Collegeville-Trappe Sewer Authority and serves as Joint-Chair of the Collegeville-Trappe Public Works Committee.

Further, Arnold Mann is a U.S. Navy veteran and a graduate of Drexel University. Arnold is an active member of Trinity Reformed Church of Christ and, during his tenure on church council, served as President and Building Committee Chairman. Arnold and his wife Marty organized a youth group at Trinity and served as youth ministers for seven years.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of outstanding service to the community and litany of exemplary accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Arnold Mann on the occasion of being awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the Collegeville Rotary Club.

DR. PAMELA S. SHOCKLEY-ZALABAK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Pamela S. Shockley-Zalabak, Chancellor of the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Since 2001, Dr. Shockley-Zalabak has worked to improve the educational system in the State of Colorado in an attempt to enhance student success and graduation rates.

In the years ahead, jobs in the United States will be pursuing specialized workers who are educationally qualified and focused in a particular area of expertise. The University of Colorado, under Dr. Shockley-Zalabak's leadership, has concentrated its efforts on improving the retention and graduation of ethnic minority students. UCCS has also worked to implement programs to advance interest in more specialized careers, including areas such as science, technology, engineering and math.

Last week, Dr. Shockley-Zalabak participated in a roundtable at the White House that discussed the impact of community colleges throughout the nation. This roundtable was a part of the White House's highlights of "Champions of Change" who are making a notable impression in their communities.

The White House also recognized Dr. Shockley-Zalabak and UCCS for the implementation of the Southern Colorado Educational Consortium. This program allows UCCS to work with other two- and four-year colleges in the area to foster educational opportunities and degree programs. This rural part of Colorado has historically seen low educational achievement in years past. However, under the leadership of Dr. Shockley-Zalabak and the new programs she has helped create, I am confident the newfound success experienced by UCCS will continue to grow.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Dr. Pamela Shockley-Zalabak for her incredible accomplishments and steadfast dedication to the Colorado Educational System. She is truly making a difference in equipping America's youth with the tools, resources and education necessary to pursue a sustainable career and to determine their own destiny.

HONORING CLAYTON M. DRENNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clayton M. Drenner. Clayton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Clayton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Clayton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Clayton has earned the rank of Patrol Leader for his troop and has become a Member of the Order of the Arrow. Clayton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Clayton planned and constructed three picnic tables and two fire rings for Lakeside Nature Center's Camp Lake of the Woods at Swope Park in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Clayton M. Drenner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2608 "SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM EXTENSION AND REFORM ACT"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608, "The Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011" which provides for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. This amendment has rectified a job killing flaw that was present in the previous version of this bill. Finally, we have a relatively clean continuing resolution that does not contain any of the job killing riders that I alongside my Democratic colleagues fought so hard against.

Mr. Speaker the bill before us today is an attempt to reach a much needed compromise in the nick of time. By passing this bill today we will enable the government to remain open and continuing to serve the needs of the American people. At a time when the central issue before our country should be jobs and the creation of jobs to advance our economy. We keep retuning to measures that result in inaction and today we have done what the American people expect, found common ground. However, we lost a lot of precious time that should have been focused on jobs. Instead, we spent weeks on portions of this measure that were not going to garner support.

The current Continuing Resolution would extend the FY 2011 discretionary funding level at approximately 98.5 percent for agencies and programs through November 18 of this year. This approximate 1.5 percent cut seeks to bring the level of funding in line with the Budget Control Act, which capped FY 2012 discretionary spending at $1.043 trillion. It also contains various anomalies, including: keeping the postal service solvent through Nov. 18; extending flood insurance through Nov. 18; cutting funding for Overseas Contingency Operations (Pakistan, Afghanistan); giving DC access to its local funds; authorizing DHS to work on national special security events; and renewing import restrictions against Burma.

I have consistently implored my colleagues to come to the aid of Americans as they have always done during times of natural disaster. This measure now provides $2.65 billion, a number which OMB Director Jack Lew has said should be sufficient through Nov. 18. Additionally, it requires the Homeland Security Department to provide a full accounting of disaster relief funding requirements for FY 2012 no later than 15 days after the date of enactment, and to provide an account of their requirements to meet the department's needs in FY 2013 in the President's budget request next year. It also extends, through Nov. 18,

parts of the flood insurance program, including the extension of potential new contracts for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program. Finally we as a body are reflecting the level of compassion that the American people have come to expect. We have stopped using Disaster Relief funding as a political football; and instead addressing the needs of Americans who find themselves the victims of unforeseeable natural disasters.

I hope that this is a reflection that now is not the time to trample on the needs of small business owners. Now is not the time to delay assistance to those who need support from FEMA. Now is the perfect time to come together for a partisan position that would only have caused more Americans to suffer while they have to wait on Congress to find balance. Now is the time for balance and reason.

Small businesses have long been the bedrock of our nation's economy. Even with the advent of modern-day multi-national corporations most of our day-to-day purchases take place at ''mom and pop'' small businesses. Small businesses need access to loans and other lines of credit in order to build their businesses and create jobs. They are the life blood of our economy. These businesses, the ''mom and pop'' shops across our nation are no longer being held hostage by my colleagues across the aisle at the expense of jobs.

At a time when our nation needs every single job we can create. Before us is finally a measure that would allow small businesses to get the support they need. We need job creation to help families survive on smaller and smaller pay checks.

As the Representative for Houston, which suffered severe damage in 2008 as a result of Hurricane Ike, I understand the importance of clean up and rebuilding in the wake of natural disaster. Federal Emergency Management Administration, FEMA, addresses the challenges our communities face when we are confronted with a catastrophic event or a domestic terrorist attack. It is important for people to understand that our capacity to deal with hurricanes directly reflects our ability to respond to a terrorist attack in Texas or New York, an earthquake in California, or a nationwide pandemic flu outbreak.

We must continue to fund disaster relief. These are unforeseeable events. The devastating hurricanes we have had in Texas in recent years is a perfect example. Our federal response to those events in the past only demonstrates a need for significant and consistent improvement. During Hurricane Katrina, there were insufficient quantities of generators, forcing hospitals to evacuate patients. Local governments waited days for commodities like ice, water, MREs, and blue tarps. Evacuees from Texas arrived in Shreveport and Bastrop shelters that were grossly unfit for occupancy, and 2,500 people were forced to use the same shower facility.

We must prepare our first responders with the best information and training to quickly analyze and share information to understand alerts and warning systems, evacuation planning, mission assignments to other agencies, contingency contracting, pre-staged resources, Regional Hurricane Plans and exercises, communications support, citizen preparedness, disaster housing, and long-term recovery planning. In order to accomplish this we must fund FEMA, not at the expense of Small business but because Americans come together at times of crisis. This should be what it has always been emergency funding.

Emergency preparedness is not the exclusive responsibility of the federal government or individual agencies within it. State and local officials, nonprofit organizations, private sector businesses, and individual citizens must all contribute to the mission in order for our nation to succeed at protecting life and property from disasters. Recovery and mitigation are critical to protecting communities from future threats, and our ability to respond will suffer if we do not focus attention and resources on those missions.

On any given day the City of Houston faces a widespread and ever-changing array of threats, such as: terrorism, organized crime, natural disasters and industrial accidents. Cities and towns across the nation face these and other threats. Indeed, every day, ensuring the security of the homeland requires the interaction of multiple Federal departments and agencies, as well as operational collaboration across Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector. This collaboration and cooperation undergirds our security posture at our borders and ports, our preparedness in our communities, and our ability to effectively react to crises. Consider the devastation that was brought by the tornadoes in Alabama and the Southern United States, the flooding that has impacted the entire Mississippi river region, from Montana to Tennessee, and tornado that claimed more than l00 lives in Joplin, Missouri, have shown us that there are disasters we cannot predict, and forces of nature for which we cannot plan.

We should not be focused on any measure that would be a job killer, or any measures that would be an affront to growing small businesses or will destroy thousands of jobs.

I have been firmly committed to supporting small businesses and this legislation as written will fail to help create the jobs we need at this time. Moreover, 99 percent of all independent companies and businesses in the United States are considered small businesses. They are the engine of our economy, creating two-thirds of the new jobs over the last 15 years. America's 27 million small businesses continue to face a lack of credit and tight lending standards, with the number of small business loans down nearly 5 million since the financial crisis in 2008.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, these small businesses account for 52 percent of all U.S. workers. These small businesses also provide a continuing source of vitality for the American economy. Small businesses in the U.S. produced three-fourths of the economy's new jobs between 1990 and 1995, and represent an entry point into the economy for new groups. Women, for instance, participate heavily in small businesses.

The number of female-owned businesses climbed by 89 percent, to an estimated 8.1 million, between 1987 and 1997, and women-owned sole proprietorships were expected to reach 35 percent of all such ventures by the year 2000. Small firms also tend to hire a greater number of older workers and people who prefer to work part-time.

A major strength of small businesses is their ability to respond quickly to changing economic conditions. They often know their customers personally and are especially suited to meet local needs. There are tons of stories of start-up companies catching national attention and growing into large corporations. Just a few examples of these types of start-up businesses making big include the computer software company Microsoft; the package delivery service Federal Express; sports clothing manufacturer Nike; the computer networking firm America OnLine; and ice cream maker Ben & Jerry's.

We must always ensure that we place a high level of priority on small businesses. It is important that we work towards ensuring that small businesses receive all the tools and resources necessary for their continued growth and development.

American small businesses are the heart beat of our nation. I believe that small businesses represent more than the American dream—they represent the American economy. Small businesses account for 95 percent of all employers, create half of our gross domestic product, and provide three out of four new jobs in this country.

Small business growth means economic growth for the nation. But to keep this segment of our economy thriving, entrepreneurs need access to loans. Through loans, small business owners can expand their businesses, hire more workers and provide more goods and services. The Small Business Administration, SBA, a federal organization that aids small businesses with loan and programs, is a key provider of support to small businesses. The SBA's main loan program accounts for 30 percent of all long-term small business borrowing in America.

I have worked hard to help small business owners to fully realize their potential. That is why I support entrepreneurial development programs, including the Small Business Development Center and Women's Business Center programs. These initiatives provide counseling in a variety of critical areas, including business plan development, finance, and marketing. We must consider what impact changes in this appropriations bill will have on small businesses.

There are 5.8 million minority owned businesses in the United States, representing a significant aspect of our economy. In 2007, minority owned businesses employed nearly 6 million Americans and generated $1 trillion dollars in economic output.

Women owned businesses have increased 20 percent since 2002, and currently total close to 8 million. These organizations make up more than half of all businesses in health care and social assistance.

My home city of Houston, Texas is home to more than 60,000 women owned businesses, and more than 60,000 African American owned businesses.

According to a 2009 report published by the Economic Policy Institute, ''Starting in 2004, the Small Business Administration, SBA, set goals for small business participation in federal contracts. It encouraged agencies to award contracts to companies owned by women, veterans, and minorities or those located in economically challenged areas and gave them benchmarks to work toward. The targets are specific: 23 percent of contracts to small business, 5 percent to women-owned small businesses, and 3 percent to disabled veteran-owned and HUBZone small businesses.''

Women and minority owned businesses generate billions of dollars and employ millions

of people. They are certainly qualified to receive these contracts. A mandatory DOD outreach program would make women and minority owned businesses aware of all of the contract opportunities available to them.

Facts: Small businesses are important because they:

(1) Represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms, (2) employ just over half of all private sector employees, (3) pay 44 percent of total U.S. private payroll, (4) generated 64 percent of net new jobs over the past 15 years, (5) create more than half of the nonfarm private gross domestic product, GDP, (6) hire 40 percent of high tech workers (such as scientists, engineers, and computer programmers), (7) are 52 percent home-based and 2 percent franchises, (8) made up 97.3 percent of all identified exporters and produced 30.2 percent of the known export value in FY 2007, and (9) produce 13 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms and twice as likely as large firm patents to be among the one percent most cited.

Republicans appear to be on a mission to cut programs that help families and that will buttress small businesses. At a time when there are Americans faced with the perils which arise during cleaning up after a natural disaster. Now. There needs to be a balance when determining which programs to cut and when. A balance to finding the funds that will address national disasters. A balanced approach is important to ensuring that small businesses receive the support they need. We have temporarily achieved that balance in this measure.

I stand here once again calling for measures that will advance job growth, create new jobs, and help small business. American families need measures that are job growers rather than measures that are jobs killers.

SKI AREA RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 765, the Ski Area Recreation Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011, which updates the Ski Area Permit Act to reflect the wide range of recreational activities that are taking place at ski areas on National Forest System lands.

Having previously introduced similar legislation and as a cosponsor of H.R. 765, I have long supported this commonsense permit reform. Giving ski resorts on National Forest lands the opportunity to offer alternatives to traditional winter downhill activities year-round will help grow the economies of local communities and create jobs.

For instance, in Eastern Washington nestled among 2,450 acres of the Northwest Rockies, 49° North Mountain Resort—Eastern Washington's most family friendly resort—will be able to offer year-round family friendly opportunities. At zero cost to the taxpayers, this bill is an easy way to help increase the productivity of businesses on National Forest System lands.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this commonsense reform that will help grow our economy while maintaining careful stewardship of our National Forest System lands.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHALDEAN AMERICAN LADIES OF CHARITY AS THEY CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHALDEAN FAMILIES IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (CALC) as it celebrates fifty years of service to the Chaldean community of metro Detroit.

Established in 1961 by twenty women volunteers, CALC's mission has been to assist needy Chaldean families in Southeast Michigan. CALC initially focused on providing care and support to the elderly and sick, but has transitioned and expanded its services as the needs of the community have evolved.

As the greater Detroit region has developed over the last half century, Chaldean Americans have grown with it, becoming an integral part of the community. Over time, as the Chaldean population has grown and new generations have been raised outside their ancestral homeland, CALC has taken a leading role in helping Chaldean Americans preserve their culture and history. Furthermore, CALC has also become a valuable bridge to the broader community, sharing the rich history and culture of Iraqi Catholics. And most importantly, CALC has taken on the responsibility of helping newly arrived Chaldean refugees integrate and become successful members of the community by providing basic services and support for those who need more critical services.

As CALC celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, the success of the organization can be seen in its seven hundred volunteers who continue its mission of serving Chaldean families in need with a dynamic set of initiatives and programs. By collecting and distributing essential supplies to newly arrived Chaldean refugees and families facing obstacles, CALC is the most crucial community support mechanism. Today, CALC provides a comprehensive set of youth programs that provide cultural, educational and recreational enrichment opportunities to promote strong scholarship and citizenship in Chaldean American youth. A fully developed series of programs for families in need provides educational scholarships, essential material assistance in food and clothing and free health services to uninsured families. In order that its mission endures, CALC's Chaldean Angels program teaches the next generation of young women the importance of community service. Under the leadership of my friend, President LeeAnn Kirma, CALC not only supplies precious material resources, but brings hope to the dispirited.

Mr. Speaker, as the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, I rise to join its members and honor their decades of service to Chaldean families across Southeast Michigan, which has greatly strengthened and enriched the metro Detroit community. As CALC continues its mission, I look forward to continuing my work with its members in our shared goal of building a bright future for Michigan and putting the American Dream within reach for all.

HONORING JAY ROBERT CURLESS III

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jay Robert Curless III. Jay is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jay has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jay has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jay has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jay planned and constructed a bed rail system that allows with disabilities to use the camp cabins at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Jay also plans to complete his college education and enlist as an officer in the United States Navy

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jay Robert Curless III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEN TEN DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of "Ten Ten Day." Ten Ten Day traces its roots to the Wuchang Uprising that occurred on October 10, 1911, and that signaled the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of a democratic movement that we continue to celebrate today. Ten Ten Day is a celebration of the end of tyranny for the Chinese people and the birth of democracy. It is significant to all freedom loving people throughout the world.

I want to especially recognize the people of Taiwan on this most important occasion. Taiwan has much to celebrate and it is a thriving economic force in Asia, due to its visionary leadership. I met with President Ma Ying-jeou and I commend his efforts to promote trade and improve relations between Taiwan and China. Guam is home to many people of Chinese ancestry and our island continues to benefit from their cultural contributions to our community and the promotion of trade and economic opportunities.

I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 100th anniversary of Ten Ten Day. We celebrate this historic occasion with them and we

honor their friendship with the American people. We wish them many years of future prosperity and we thank them for their friendship.

TAIWAN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China (Taiwan), one of the closest friends of the United States in the Pacific, will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary of the Chinese Revolution. I would like to congratulate Taiwan on this historic milestone, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

October 10th, 1911 marks the beginning of what was the Wuchang Uprising, which ultimately brought an end to the Qing Dynasty's 268-year rule in China. The fall of the Dynasty's resulted in the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan), which was then immediately recognized by the United States as the sole and legitimate government of China.

In these 100 years, Taiwan has evolved into a shining example of democracy. As the country liberalized and opened up to the world, its political system has progressed into one of the strongest democratic systems in Asia, evidenced most recently by holding free and fair presidential elections. While these significant achievements took place, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship transformed from one based solely on shared interests to one based on shared values. Our mutual respect for human rights and dignity, and our belief in a strong democratic system of government has allowed this relationship to flourish.

I congratulate the Taiwanese on this historic 100-year occasion, and I look forward to helping further develop the close relationship between the United States and Taiwan as we move forward into the 21st Century.

TO COMMEND MS. EUGINIA MILIONIS FOR 49 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CROSSING GUARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Euginia Milionis, an exemplary citizen of Illinois' Third Congressional District, for her dedicated service to the students of the Villages of Bridgeview and Justice. Ms. Milionis is retiring after forty-nine years as a crossing guard, exercising diligence and commitment to ensuring the safety of the youngest members of our community.

Ms. Milionis served the past twenty-one years stationed at the busy intersection of 79th Street and Roberts Road. In rain, shine, sleet, and snow, Ms. Milionis has always been present with a warm smile and welcoming wave. Her commitment to local children has inspired others to become involved in their community as well. Ms. Milionis' daughter, Dina, has also worked as a crossing guard for several years. In commemoration and gratitude for Ms. Milionis' many years of service, both Lyons Township and the Village of Bridgeview have awarded her plaques of recognition.

I am happy to recognize Ms. Euginia Milionis' efforts and contributions to her community. Her dedication to ensuring a safe commute for students truly serves as an inspiration to others. I am distinctly proud to count her among the fine citizens of the Third District of Illinois, and I wish her a long and happy retirement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOLSPRING DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to honor one of Indiana's fine organizations, the Coolspring Democratic Club, and to congratulate its membership as they celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the members of the Coolspring Democratic Club will be celebrating with dinner and entertainment on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at the American Legion Post 37 in Michigan City, Indiana.

The Coolspring Democratic Club, which was founded in 1961, was established to promote the general ideals of the Democratic Party in LaPorte County and to promote the general welfare of the entire community. In 1961, nine individuals formed the first committee, led by its commanders, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Rodgers. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, along with the other committee members, had the foresight and initiative to foster change in their community and bring Democratic principles to anyone who sought to impact society in a positive way. This original committee, as well as all past and present members, will be honored at the Anniversary celebration for their commitment to promoting the ideals of the Democratic Party.

The Coolspring Democratic Club continues to uphold its mission set forth by its founding members under the leadership of its current Committee President, Dawn Proud, Vice President, Johnny Stimley, Secretary, Pat Steele, and Treasurer, Bonnie Hunt. These dedicated individuals have worked tirelessly to provide for the LaPorte County community and to promote patriotism and altruism among their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Coolspring Democratic Club on its 50th Anniversary. I also ask that you join me in honoring its membership for their service to their community. Through the years, the organization's members have graced us with their patriotism and benevolence and are to be recognized for their selflessness and commitment to their fellow citizens.

IN HONOR OF TAIWAN'S CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to President Ma Ying-jeou on the occasion of Republic of China (Taiwan)'s Centennial National Day. This national holiday commemorates the 1911 Wu-ch'ang uprising that ended centuries of monarchy and led to the birth of the Republic of China.

Taiwan and the United States enjoy a robust relationship that reflects our two countries' historical, cultural and economic ties over the last century. Despite lack of formal relations between the two countries, the United States and Taiwan continue to be strong partners in trade, cultural and educational exchanges as well as cooperation in many other areas. Taiwan's cooperation with the United States in combating global terrorism has earned the trust of the American people and boosted exchanges and friendship between our two nations. Such relations also extend to discussions over Taiwan's military needs. A strong Taipei-Washington relationship is in both governments' best interests for the stability of East Asia. Last year, we celebrated the 31st anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations.

My additional congratulations to the people of Taiwan for their continued participation in the World Health Assembly meetings this May in Geneva. I hope Taiwan will also soon join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

I join my fellow colleagues in wishing the people of Taiwan a joyous Centennial National Day celebration and look forward to expanding our strong relationship.

WORLD SPACE WEEK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia and the NASTAR Foundation will kick off World Space Week by welcoming Shuttle Commander Chris Ferguson, who led the final U.S. shuttle mission to the International Space Station. When the shuttle returned on July 20, it marked the end of a 30-year NASA program. Ferguson's mission, the 33rd flight of Atlantis, was the 37th shuttle mission to the space station, and the 135th and final mission of NASA's Space Shuttle Program.

Commander Ferguson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his mother Mary Ann and stepfather Norman now reside in Langhorne, Bucks County. Ferguson graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University. Throughout his career, Ferguson has earned many commendations, including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Strike-Flight Air Medal and three NASA Spaceflight Medals.

Commander Ferguson is a decorated military officer, and a distinguished son of Pennsylvania. The 8th District of Pennsylvania and I are proud to honor him this week.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church as its congregation joins together in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. The congregation, along with Parish Pastor, Father Peter Bodnar, and Parish Council President, Nick Rozdelsky, celebrated this momentous milestone with a celebratory reception on Sunday, October 2, 2011, at the Saint Elijah Serbian American Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Protection of the Virgin Mary Church was originally established in Gary, Indiana, on September 28, 1911, when a group of Slavic, Christian immigrants joined together with the goal of preserving Christian Orthodox religious traditions. At that time, many immigrants moved to Gary in search of employment opportunities created by the growing steel industry. The church services were first held at a rental location in Gary, but a lack of funds led church elder Kondrat Krenitsky to provide a room in his home for services to be held. After some time, members were able to secure a location for the church, and on September 8, 1912, a new church was dedicated and consecrated in Gary, Indiana. The church became widely known as Saint Mary's. The first permanent pastor was Reverend Benjamin Kedrovsky, who held his position until 1957. Saint Mary's continued to grow, and in January 1962, a new church, also located in Gary, was consecrated by His Eminence Archbishop John Garklavs. Nearly four decades later, the church leaders and parishioners built a new church and relocated to its current location in Merrillville, Indiana, where services began in the year 2000.

Other pastors of the parish throughout the years include: Father Sergei Garklavs, Father Peter Rozdelsky, Father John Zabinko, Father Thomas Brown, Father Blagoy Topuzliev, Father William Bass, and current pastor, Father Peter Bodnar.

The parishioners of Saint Mary's Church have always been active and generous in their support of numerous civic endeavors, contributing to projects such as the construction of a Permanent Shrine in San Francisco for the Miraculous Ikon, the Holy Virgin Mary of Kazan, and the Midwest Diocesan Expansion Program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church of Merrillville, Indiana, on its 100th Anniversary. Through many hardships, the members of Saint Mary's have dedicated themselves to preserving Christian Orthodox traditions and spiritual beliefs. For their commitment to service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, they are worthy of the highest praise.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, One of our closest allies and best friends in the world of nations is the Republic of China (Taiwan).

October 10th will be a very special day for the people of Taiwan as that country will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Taiwan and the United States have been very special and close friends since shortly after World War II, and this relationship was formalized in law by the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979.

Taiwan has seen multitudes of economic miracles take place in the second half of the twentieth century and the early years of this century, because that nation has followed a free market, free enterprise system closer than almost any other country.

I had the privilege of spending a week in Taiwan along with Congressman PETE SESSIONS and former Congressman Sonny Callahan around ten years ago. The Taiwanese people could not have been kinder or more impressive to us than during that visit.

The University of Tennessee started having a large number of students coming from Taiwan in the early 1960s because a man from that nation, Nelson Nee, was head of the U.T. International Students Program. Many of these students became, and many still are, leaders in the Republic of China.

As I was leaving Taiwan during my visit years ago, I asked one of the officials how you said, "Thank you for your friendship" in Chinese. She wrote out the words, "Shieh Shieh Ni De Yo Yi."

Whether this is exactly correct or not, and I hope it is, I will take this time to say I am thankful for the friendship of the people from Taiwan.

I congratulate them on this 100th anniversary, and I believe that as long as they allow their people the utmost freedom, Taiwan will remain a prosperous and dynamic nation into the future.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: William Raupp, U.S. Air Force; Russell Blower, U.S. Army; William Brown, U.S. Army; Glenn Butler, U.S. Army; Earl Davis, U.S. Army; Howard Heinz, U.S. Army; LeRoy Hopkins, U.S. Army; David Kyle, U.S. Army; Harold "Bud" Loucks, U.S. Army; Robert Rampy, U.S. Army; Harrison "Robbie" Robbins, U.S. Army; Anthony DelCollo, U.S. Army Air Corps; Leo Kraft, U.S. Marine Corps; Joseph Lavallee, U.S. Marine Corps; Charlotte "Sharkey" Meyer, U.S. Marine Corps; Michael Pershem, U.S. Marine Corps; Francis Welsh, U.S. Marine Corps; Donald Ayriss, U.S. Navy; John Brazie, U.S. Navy; Jack Buckley, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Deacon, U.S. Navy; Keith Frey, U.S. Navy; Melvin Leroy Kerber, U.S. Navy; Margaret Lutz, U.S. Navy; James Petralba, U.S. Navy; Allan Westphal, U.S. Navy; Frank Smith, U.S. Navy.

These 27 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.

DOE CREEK SCHOOL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, over 140 years ago, recognizing the need for a gathering place of worship and of academics, members of the Doe Creek community built a one-room school house. Fashioned from hewn logs and built on a stone pier foundation during the Civil War era, the school saw its last student in 1948 and fell out of use. Accurately reconstructed and refurbished in 2007, the Doe Creek School is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the remaining one-room school houses in existence, the Doe Creek School continues to be a place of learning and gathering. With funds raised by the Doe Creek community, and built with hands laboring by another's cause, the restoration brought friend and neighbor together in a way that only shared history is able. Just as in generations past, the Doe Creek School will be a place for generations to come to share stories and learn from each other.

I rise today in support of the Doe Creek Restoration Committee as they celebrate being named to the National Register of Historic Places. I appreciate the dedication of all who worked to see this day, and thank the Committee and surrounding community for recognizing the great value in holding firm to one's roots. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in thanking those who offered their time, talents, and treasure to see their history regained.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, a very significant milestone is upon us. The Republic of China (Taiwan), our close friends in Asia, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on October 10th, 2011.

Many congratulations are in order for Taiwan and their President Ma Ying-jeou on this special occasion. With all the turmoil in the middle-east, Taiwan should be an inspiration to those countries that are looking to have a government of the people and for the people.

Taiwan is a very young democracy, only having their first Presidential elections in 1996. During this time, though, they have had three peaceful transfers from one party to another. Long gone is authoritarian rule; it has been replaced with a true democracy.

As a proud American and a believer in the democratic process, it is refreshing to see Taiwan following in our footsteps when it comes to governing their people.

My hope is that countries throughout the world that are in crisis can look at Taiwan as another example of how to structure a government that enables both its country and people to thrive.

Again, congratulations to The Republic of China (Taiwan) on your 100th anniversary.

2011 APPRENTICE GRADUATES OF THE ROOFERS LOCAL UNION 26

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Saturday, October 15, 2011, the Roofers Local Union 26 will honor the graduating class of 2011 at the Annual Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at The Patio Restaurant in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Roofers Local Union 26 will recognize and honor the 2011 Apprentice Graduates. The individuals who have completed their apprentice training in 2011 are: Nathan Chandler, Robert Crachy, Justin Greenleaf, Stephen Hahn, Jason Hilgeman, Donald Holsclaw, Kevin Hudson, James Johnson, Ryan Kalwa, Christopher Magley, Henry Patterson III, Danny Powell, Antonio Sanyet, Nicholas Sallay, Alfonso Uribe, and Brian Whitaker.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DR. BARBARA-ANN WEINSTEIN ED.D

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Barbara-Ann Weinstein, recipient of the Leadership Broward Foundation's Outstanding Broward Leader Award. Each year the Leadership Broward Foundation honors a select group of individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service and a commitment to our community. As President of Family Central of Broward County, Dr. Weinstein is the embodiment of these values. I can think of no one more deserving of this award than someone who has devoted her career to promoting the welfare of children and their families in South Florida.

Dr. Weinstein has been a strong advocate for children through Family Central since 1985. Over the years, her guidance, support, and dedication led Family Central to provide a variety of educational services and family support in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade-Counties. For nearly 40 years, this organization has played a pivotal role in the lives of South Florida families by strengthening the social, emotional and economic ties that family members have to one another, as well as to their community. Last year alone, Family Central's vital services reached more than 130,000 South Florida clients.

I am so pleased that Ms. Weinstein has been selected as an honoree. Her commitment to children and families has been essential to providing a strong foundation for South Florida's children.

TAIWAN'S CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Taiwan's fast approaching Centennial National Day this October 10, I salute the people in Taiwan for their many accomplishments, including the completion of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with the People's Republic last year. The recent rapprochement between Taiwan and mainland China have also reduced tensions across the Taiwan Strait. The people of Taiwan no longer fear imminent hostile actions from the mainland and will be able to live peacefully and even meet and interact with tourists from the mainland.

However, the current amity between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to provide weapons for Taiwan's defense under the Taiwan Relations Act. We need to expedite the sale of F–16 C/D fighters to Taiwan to replace Taiwan's aging air force and maintain air power balance power across the Taiwan Strait. Arms sales to Taiwan can maintain stability in East Asia by making it more difficult for the PRC to bully Taiwan now and in the future. Besides, the PRC still has more than one thousand missiles aimed at Taiwan. It is necessary for Taiwan to maintain strong military self-defense capabilities.

It is also my view that we should support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by helping Taiwan become an observer of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other United Nations' specialized agencies. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Taiwan is our major trading partner and collaborating with us in many other areas. Our strong economic and cultural ties to the Republic of China (Taiwan) go back a hundred years. I am certain that this strong bond will continue for another one hundred years and more.

NICK GIANIKOS, AHEPAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Nick Gianikos as he is recognized by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) as Chapter, District, and National Ahepan of the Year. AHEPA will be honoring Nick at the AHEPA, Chapter 78 meeting on October 5, 2011, at the Hobart Lodge in Hobart, Indiana.

The Order of AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, joining the NAACP and B'nai B'rith in the effort to end racism, bigotry, and discrimination against all immigrants. AHEPA was founded on the principles of ancient Greece promoting civic responsibility, education, philanthropy, family, and individual excellence through volunteerism and community service.

Nick Gianikos, Chapter 78 President of Philanthropy, has been a tremendous leader and a true inspiration. He has been able to touch the lives of many individuals through his position and has done so passionately and persistently. Through these trying economic times, the number of people in need is great. Due to Nick's direction and unwavering dedication, he has been able to plan and execute several projects with the help of other devoted Ahepan brothers and the chapter's Philanthropy Committee. For his outstanding commitment to serving those in need, Nick is to be commended.

Under Brother Gianikos's leadership, Chapter 78's Philanthropy Committee has initiated projects, team visits, and social events with many organizations, including: the Ross Township Food Pantry and Senior and Disabled Bus Service Support, Christian Haven House, Meals on Wheels, Veterans for Life Changing Services, Saint Jude House, Saints Monica and Luke Soup Kitchen, Saint Iakovos Church, Saints Constantine and Helen Church, Sojourner Truth House, Rebuilding South Lake

County, the Salvation Army, and the Merrillville Boys and Girls Club. In addition, this past year, Nick chaired the Chapter 78 Membership Committee, which focused on finding new members who wish to participate in AHPEA functions and commit to projects that adhere to AHEPA's goals.

Brother Gianikos's commitment to AHEPA and to serving others in the community of Northwest Indiana is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He and his wonderful wife Maureen have two beloved children and five adoring grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating AHEPA and Brother Nick Gianikos as he is recognized as Ahepan of the Year for his excellent leadership, perseverance, and everlasting enthusiasm shown through his service to so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana and across the nation. For his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District, Nick is worthy of the highest praise.

A TRIBUTE TO ZACH WEIGEL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Zach Weigel of Elma, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Zach's Eagle Scout project involved refinishing a historic monument in the Elma community. In addition to this project Zach also took it upon himself to improve the community's bike trail by landscaping and erecting signage for the Old Roundhouse Trail.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Zach and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating him on achieving an Eagle Scout ranking and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its monumental 100-year anniversary celebrated on October 10, 2011.

Taiwan's strong commitment to democratic ideals has made it a beacon of democracy in Southeast Asia. Its people enjoy the ability to decide their country's future with their right to full participation in the election of their representatives.

The democratic success of Taiwan has coincided with significant economic achievements. Today, Taiwan's economy is the seventeenth largest in the world, and the United States' ninth largest trading partner. Additionally, the nation is globally recognized as a major innovator of information technology products.

This is an exciting time for the Taiwanese people, and I am honored to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Sadly, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, making it the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women worldwide. I extend my prayers to the women and families affected by this disease, and my appreciation to the advocates at Susan G. Komen working tirelessly on their behalf.

The 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament both to courage, and the necessity to promote awareness for breast cancer, following recommended screening guidelines, offering treatment to those affected, and continuing to fund ground-breaking research. Early detection affords women the best chance of fighting this disease and we must understand the importance of regular mammograms and following recommended screening guidelines.

This October, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has launched the Promise Action campaign to increase breast cancer screening rates. Today Komen is the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world, but the organization started with a sister's promise to end the disease her dying sister was fighting. Breast cancer touches far too many families in my community and across the nation. We are all indebted to the Komen affiliates fighting every minute of every day for a world without breast cancer.

As a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, I know it is essential to do all we can in Congress to ensure breast cancer research is adequately funded. This is why I have introduced legislation that would reauthorize the sale of a special-rate U.S. postage stamp, with proceeds from the stamp funding breast cancer research. In 2007, Senator DIANE FEINSTEIN and I introduced legislation that was signed into public law by the President which reauthorized the stamp through this year. The Breast Cancer stamp has been highly successful in both raising tens of millions of dollars for important research, and raising public awareness of the ongoing need to fight a disease that affects millions of American women and their families.

On behalf of my wife, Barbara, and my children, we bestow our thoughts and prayers to those women and their families suffering from breast cancer. As we recognize October as NBCAM, we stand by all those affected by this disease. I will continue to work to raise greater awareness and promote new funding for research into breast cancer. I am hopeful that my colleagues, organizations like Komen, and families across the nation can come together to fight this disease. God bless the mothers, sisters, and daughters battling this disease, and their families for their love and support.

RECOGNIZING THE AIR COMMANDO ASSOCIATION AND THE AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNITY FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNGLE JIM AND FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATIONS DESERT STORM AND ENDURING FREEDOM

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Air Commando Association and the Air Force Special Operations Community as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jungle Jim, the 20th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, and the 10th anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Fifty years ago, in response to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's call to spread communism via ''wars of liberation,'' the United States Air Force founded the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron (CCTS) at Hurlbert Field, Florida. The squadron's Airmen—handpicked and rigorously screened—formed the backbone of a counter-guerrilla force that would eventually grow into the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). The 4400th CCTS, nicknamed ''Jungle Jim,'' had a dual focus on training foreign air forces in counter-insurgency operations, and executing combat missions against guerrilla forces in Vietnam and other nations fighting communist insurgencies. Today, the Air Commandos based at Hurlbert Field remember Jungle Jim as the genesis of the missions they continue to execute.

By the time Operation Desert Storm began in August 1990, AFSOC had been formally established. Air Commandos from AFSOC performed direct action missions, combat search and rescue, infiltration, exfiltration, air base ground defense, air interdiction, special reconnaissance, close air support, psychological operations and helicopter air refueling. Each of these unique capabilities contributed to the stunning victory over Saddam Hussein's forces, as the coalition of nations drove the Iraqi military out of Kuwait. The dramatic successes of our Air Commandos helped further cement AFSOC's role as a premier special operations organization.

When the United States was attacked on September 11, 2001, special operations forces gained a new prominence in efforts to defend our nation. By the end of September 2001, AFSOC had deployed forces to pave the way for Operation Enduring Freedom, enabling the Northern Alliance to drive out Taliban and Al Qaeda forces who were responsible for the heinous attacks on our homeland. To this day, AFSOC maintains forces forward-deployed in defense of our nation.

Each of these landmark events represented a new point of maturation for our nation's Air Commandos. Their exploits over the years have solidified their place in our national security apparatus, and their sacrifices are remembered with solemn respect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Air Commando Association and the Air Force Special Operations Community for their service in defense of our freedom.

COMMEMORATING SHUTTLE COMMANDER CHRIS FERGUSON

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia and the NASTAR Foundation will kick off World Space Week by welcoming Shuttle Commander Chris Ferguson, who led the final U.S. shuttle mission to the International Space Station. When the shuttle returned on July 20th, it marked the end of a 30-year NASA program. Ferguson's mission, the 33rd flight of *Atlantis*, was the 37th shuttle mission to the space station, and the 135th and final mission of NASA's Space Shuttle Program.

Commander Ferguson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his mother Mary Ann and stepfather Norman now reside in Langhorne, Bucks County. Ferguson graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University. Ferguson also received a master of science in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1991.

In 1986, Ferguson earned his Navy Wings and was ordered to the F–14 Tomcat training squadron in Virginia Beach, VA. Later, he joined the ''Red Rippers'' of VF–11, deploying to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian oceans onboard the USS *Forrestal*. In 1995, he joined the ''Checkmates'' of VF–211, completing a deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf in defense of the Iraqi no-fly zone on board the USS *Nimitz*. Throughout his military career, Ferguson has earned many commendations, including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Navy Strike-Flight Air Medal.

In 1998, Ferguson reported to the Johnson Space Center. He served as spacecraft communicator for the STS–118, 120, 128 and 129 missions. Ferguson was also the pilot of STS–115, and commanded STS–126 and 135. In September 2010, he began training with a crew of four for a rescue mission that evolved into STS–135, a station cargo delivery flight that carried the Multi-Purpose Logistics Module ''Raffaello.'' Being the final flight of Space Shuttle *Atlantis*, Commander Chris Ferguson requested that a stainless steel star cut from an original panel of the Fels Planetarium dome at the Franklin Institute be flown into space aboard the STS–135. Today, the star returns with Commander Ferguson, and will be placed on display at the Franklin Institute, for all to see.

Commander Ferguson is a decorated military officer, and a distinguished son of Pennsylvania. The 8th District of Pennsylvania and I are proud to honor him this week.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAXIMUM ACCESSIBLE HOUSING OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio, a non-profit organization that is committed to developing/facilitating options in housing for persons with physical disabilities.

Maximum Independent Living (MIL) was created in 1981 by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry and Services to address the needs of people with physical disabilities for accessible and affordable housing. During the organization's first seventeen years it focused on its Vistas Apartment Communities in Cleveland, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Avon Lake, Parma and Sheffield Township. Each of the communities is fully accessible and houses more than 150 residents.

After establishing their five living communities, MIL turned its attention to advocacy and education on accessible housing. In 1998, it launched the Accessible Housing Research Center initiative, which provides information and referrals on accessibility and housing, provides educational programs, and advocates with government and community groups to increase accessibility in housing. MIL also played a key role in creating housingcleveland.org, a searchable online database for affordable housing.

Maximum Independent Living changed its name to Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) in 2007 to draw attention to its work on accessibility and housing. More recently, after securing federal funding, MAHO set its plan of building a new Vistas Apartment Community in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood in motion. The new Circle Vistas will replace the current Vista community on Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio as they celebrate 30 years of dedicated service to the Cleveland area's disabled community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY McLAUGHLIN OF ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and memory of Ms. Judy McLaughlin, a civic and political leader in St. Paul, Minnesota who passed away on September 5, 2011 at the age of sixty-six. Throughout her adult life Judy was an active and influential leader in the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party (DFL) and a force in the civic life of St. Paul. She and her late husband, Mike McLaughlin, were the owners of Summit Manor on Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Their commitment to St. Paul helped transform Ramsey Hill from a historic neighborhood plagued with crime and at risk of decay into a national model for historic preservation.

Along with Mike, Judy was active in Fourth Congressional District and St. Paul DFL politics throughout her life. She knew all the players, all the issues, and had an informed opinion about where her city, state and Nation should be going. She was known to every DFL political leader for four decades, and Summit Manor was a well known venue for political gatherings.

When I got started in politics I knew Mike McLaughlin as a powerful political leader and Judy was most definitely his equal. She worked in the Minnesota State Legislature for the DFL Speaker of the House. She helped work on and guide campaigns for city council, mayor, the state legislature, Congress, and the U.S. Senate.

On a gray, rainy day in October 2002 Minnesota suffered the heartbreaking deaths of Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife, Sheila, along with their daughter and five campaign aides. Judy's son, Will, was one of those staff members who died that tragic morning. While all of Minnesota felt a loss, including many of us who lost dear friends that day, Judy's loss was profound.

Yet, the following day Judy attended a rally for peace on the steps of the Cathedral of St. Paul which was supposed to be attended by Senator Wellstone and her son, who traveled everywhere with the senator. Mayor Chris Coleman of St. Paul described the events of that day as he eulogized Judy saying, ''She knew that no cause worth fighting for could die with the death of a few. She had to be there in spite of the immense agony she felt.''

I knew Judy as a DFL leader, a local businesswoman, and as a neighbor who I would run into at the local coffee shop or out on a morning walk. She was an anchor in the community and a respected voice. Her passing is a loss for St. Paul and for all the friends and loved ones whom she shared her very full life with.

It was an honor to know Judy. I wish to extend my condolences to her four daughters and two sons. Judy McLaughlin gave so much of herself to family, community, and country. She was true to her beliefs and for that she will always be remembered with fondness, respect and deep appreciation.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF JUDGE OLIVER W. WANGER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding service and dedication of the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger on the occasion of his retirement from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. For the past 20 years, Judge Wanger has served the people of California admirably—maintaining a commitment to justice, fairness, and the law. Moreover, he has been fair-minded and knowledgeable when hearing cases related to the San Joaquin Valley's water and environmental issues.

Judge Wanger received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern California

in 1963 and his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law in 1966. Upon graduation, he served our great nation in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1967. Judge Wanger established his roots in Fresno, California in 1967, where he served as deputy district attorney until 1969. For the next two decades, Judge Wanger worked as a first-rate attorney and always maintained a keen passion for justice.

He exhibited foresight and leadership when he joined Mr. John Loomis and Mr. Dan Eymann in founding San Joaquin College of Law (SJCL) in 1969. SJCL is a community treasure—it has given capable individuals in the Valley access to a quality legal education. He served as an adjunct professor at SJCL from 1970 until 1991 and as Dean from 1980 until 1983. His tenacity and enthusiasm have made him a mentor and leader in the Fresno legal community. For years, he has been admired for his steadfast adherence to the rule of law and indisputable commitment to our community.

Judge Wanger has not only been recognized as a scholar of the law, but he has also been revered as a man of principle and integrity. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated him to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. He was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. The Eastern District of California extends from the Oregon border to the Tehachapi Mountains. Many of the cases Judge Wanger has presided over have involved the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and his most notable rulings have been deeply relevant to the San Joaquin Valley's water and environmental issues.

Judge Wanger and his wife Lorrie Anthony-Wanger have five sons and seven grandchildren. Following his retirement, Judge Wanger will return to private practice as partner in the new firm of Wanger, Jones & Helsley PC.

It is a great honor to commend my friend, Oliver W. Wanger, for his years of service to the people of California. We have been lucky to have a hard-working legal scholar serve our great state for the past two decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the service and career of the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger. His passion for the justice and fervent adherence to the law has not only made him a fair and effective judge, but also a vibrant asset for our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLEVELAND'S INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Cleveland's International Exposition Center (I–X Center). The I–X Center hosts 1.5 million visitors annually at various consumer shows and community events.

Cleveland's I–X Center is one of the largest trade show and exhibition centers in the country. With more than 1.4 million square feet of exhibition space, the I–X Center hosts some of the country's largest consumer shows. Some of the most popular events include the Greater Cleveland Auto Show, Fabulous Food Show, International Beer Fest, Great Big Home & Garden Expo, Piston Power Show, Indoor Amusement Park and Trick or Treat Street.

The Greater Cleveland Auto Show is the fifth largest auto show in the country. This fall, the I–X Center will host the second annual Piston Power Show which showcases piston powered cars, aircraft, motorcycles, trucks and trailers. The Fabulous Food Show has become one of the leading food shows in the country and features a number of Food Network chefs including Bobby Flay, Alton Brown and Cleveland's Michael Symon. Another show quickly gaining popularity is the International Beer Fest, which, according to the I–X Center, was the largest showing and competition of world beers in the Midwest. The I–X Center's own Indoor Amusement Park has been running for 22 consecutive years and features the world's largest indoor Ferris Wheel.

Since the I–X Center's first show in 1985, the International Capital Goods Trade Fair, they have been reinvesting in the facility to accommodate future shows and guests. The I–X Center has already invested more than $75 million into the venue over the past 25 years and plans to invest another $25 million in the coming years to upgrade visitor amenities, traffic and parking in hopes of doubling their annual attendance.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Cleveland's International Exposition Center (I–X Center).

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2681

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in 1990, the Clean Air Act Amendments required EPA to complete and issue regulations on hazardous air pollutants by 2000. This week, we are considering two bills that would delay two regulations for at least another six years—with no deadline for EPA to complete regulations, and giving industry no deadline to comply. My amendment will add a finding to H.R. 2681 that the Clean Air Act required these regulations before 2000, and required the mandated emissions reductions to occur by 2003.

ARISTIDES PEREIRA, A PIONEER FOR DEMOCRACY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, sadly, last month, the world lost a great leader in the fight for freedom and democracy. Aristides Pereira was the first President of the Republic of Cape Verde. His work on behalf of the right of all people to self-government began more than sixty years ago, when he joined in the fight for independence for Cape Verde from Portugal. In 1956, he joined Amilcar Cabral in founding the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) and became General Secretary of the party in 1973. In 1975, the efforts of these patriots came to fruition, and after the change in regime in Portugal that ushered in democracy in that country, Cape Verde became independent. In recognition of his great leadership, Aristides Pereira was the first President of the Republic of Cape Verde. He remained President of Cape Verde until 1991, when he was defeated for the office in a multiparty election by Antonio Mascarenhas Monteiro.

At that point, Aristides Pereira performed his third great service for the cause of the right of people to self-governance. His first effort was his leading role in the effort to win independence for his country. Next he served as its first President for sixteen years and helped establish it as an independent nation. Paradoxically, his third great service was when he was defeated for reelection and accepted the result of a democratic process and retired.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, there have been too few examples of well functioning democracy in many of the nations of the world that received independence after World War II, and we have seen recent sad examples in Africa of presidents refusing to accept the electoral results that were unfavorable to them. In many cases, those voted out of office after a long period were the leaders of independence movements, as was President Pereira. So the contrast between him and, for example, Robert Mugabe, is a very strong one. Aristides Pereira set a very important example of acceptance of democracy, even when its particular results were adverse to his own personal standing.

Today, Mr. Speaker, Cape Verde stands as a shining example of democracy and of the way in which democracy and responsible economic development complement each other. While Cape Verde was not endowed with great natural resources, it has been a success story economically as well as politically, refuting those who believe that economic development can only come at the expense of democratic governance. The economic success of Cape Verde within this democratic framework—again the precedent set by Aristides Pereira—has been recognized by both Republican and Democratic administrations in the U.S. Under President Bush, Cape Verde was in the first group of countries to receive funding under the Millenium Challenge Commission, and under the Obama administration its great economic responsibility has been recognized and it has continued to be one of the stars of that program.

Mr. Speaker, the career of Aristides Pereira is an inspiring one. He committed himself early in life to the fight for the right of people to self-government and remained a leader in that fight by his deeds, by his example and by his dignified presence in his country for a period exceeding sixty years.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Cape Verde in mourning the passage of a great leader, and in the pride they are entitled to take in his career and in the record of full acceptance of democratic self-government that is part of Aristides Pereira's legacy.

IN HONOR OF MR. GERALD F. BROSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor Mr. Gerald F. Broski who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 2, 2011.

Gerald earned his Bachelor of Science degree from John Carroll University in 1964 and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University's Marshall School of Law in 1968. Following his education, Gerald practiced law for thirty-nine years. He owned and operated a real estate management firm for twenty years. Gerald has been married to Donna, for 45 years. Together they have two sons, Scott and Todd.

In addition to his career, Gerald has been an active member of the Greater Cleveland community for decades. He is a member of Marymount Hospital's Civic Advisor Board, the Harbor Estates Homeowners Association, Ohio Bar Association, Cleveland Bar Association, Now-Easter Boat Club, Brecksville Historical Association and the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. Gerald has served as the president of several organizations including Polish American Inc., Cleveland Society of Poles and Polonia Foundation of Ohio and as the executive trustee of Shoes and Clothes for Kids. For 23 years, Gerald has also been a member, and is currently the vice president of, the Brecksville City Council.

Due to his long career and dedication to his community, Gerald has been honored and recognized several times. He received a U.S. Army Commendation Medal in 1970 and was named Volunteer of the Year by Shoes and Clothes for Kids in 2003.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Gerald F. Broski and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN PERRY HOLLOWELL

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank an important member of Indiana's law enforcement community.

Captain Perry Hollowell is a twenty-nine-year police veteran having served at the state, county, and municipal levels. Currently, Captain Hollowell is assigned to the training division at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as Director of In-Service Training. He has served as Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Captain Hollowell has an extensive military background, which included graduating from the U.S. Army Sergeants major Academy and as deputy Commandant of the Indiana Military Academy. Captain Hollowell is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Oakland City University with honors and earned a Master's Degree in Business Management. He has instructed law enforcement and the military for three decades and is currently adjunct faculty at two universities.

In the wake of the horrific attack on Representative GABRIELLE GIFFORDS and her staff, I felt it was important to do something to protect my staff, so that we may avoid, or God forbid react to, a situation like the one in Tucson, should one unfold at a Fourth District event.

We also invited, and they participated, the staff of the entire Indiana delegation. To this day, I feel that this was not only one of the best things that any of us Members can do for our staffs, but also the best way we can honor the service and memory of Gabe Zimmerman, Representative GIFFORDS' staffer, who was killed in that attack.

Captain Hollowell led the safety training for the Indiana Congressional Delegation's district staff this Spring. The training included public event planning to avoid or recognize a physical threat and how to act and react in the event of an active shooter. The training sessions provided important basic knowledge for congressional staff members to employ should the need arise during public events where their Member of Congress' and the general public's safety are at risk.

I appreciate and would like to honor his exceptional dedication to his profession and the time he gave in this endeavor. I would like thank his family for selflessly supporting Captain Hollowell in his long and accomplished career as soldier, law enforcement officer, and instructor. I am proud to honor Captain Hollowell in recognition of his leadership and service to his family, colleagues, and community.

IN HONOR OF MARK RELOVSKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Mark Relovsky who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 2, 2011.

Mr. Relovsky was born on August 31, 1954 and was raised in the St. Hyacinth Parish in Cleveland's North Broadway neighborhood. His family moved to Brooklyn Heights as Mr. Relovsky started at Cuyahoga Heights High School. Upon graduating, he began studying at Case Western Reserve University where he earned a degree in accounting. He would later attend Baldwin Wallace College and obtain a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1984.

While Mr. Relovsky was earning his education, he was working as the administrator of the LTV Steel-USWA Pension Plan at Republic Steel/LTV Steel. Mark also worked as a 401(k) plan consultant with CBIZ, a pension project manager with the Center for Health Affairs and a product file analyst for Applied Industrial Technologies.

In addition to his long career, Mr. Relovsky has been an active member of Cleveland's Polish community. He has served as a member of the Booster and Sports Committee of the Union of Poles in America and at one time served as their director. He has also served as the commissioner of the Union of Poles Division of the Polish National Alliance. Additionally, Mr. Relovsky has been active in the Cleveland Society of Poles, the Polish American Congress, Ohio Division, the Union of Poles Credit Union and the Polonia Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Mark Relovsky and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

RONALD BOYLES EARNED HIS SPOT IN MOUNT AIRY'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. VIRGINIA FOX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ronald Boyles Jr. of Mount Airy, NC. Mr. Boyles, who is a fixture in the Mt. Airy community, was inducted into the Mount Airy Sports Hall of Fame this year, receiving the prestigious Granite City award for his years of dedication to sports in Surry County.

Not only did Mr. Boyles have an illustrious high school sports career in Mount Airy, he also dedicated much of his life to coaching local youth in various sports, sponsoring countless sports teams in his work at Boyles Shoe Store and officiating more sporting events than anyone in Mount Airy could hope to ever tally.

Few have ever deserved this honor as much as Ronald Boyles. His love of sports and his commitment to helping young people develop character, fair play and sportsmanship was second to none.

For example, by his own estimate he has attended more than 2,000 Surry County high school and youth league games over the course of his 70 years of involvement in Mount Airy sports. He has truly seen it all—from Mount Airy's football title in 1948 to more recently it's 2009 state championship title.

Ronald Boyles dedication to sports in Surry County has been an example of true community spirit during the decades he's been active playing, coaching, officiating and cheering the young people of Surry County. He truly deserves his place in the Hall of Fame thanks to the many lives he touched through the years.

BREAST CANCER DEADLINE 2020

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to commend the National Breast Cancer Coalition, NBCC, for its work to "change the conversation" about breast cancer through its Breast Cancer Deadline 2020. I have signed the Congressional Declaration of Support for this initiative.

It is estimated that 261,100 women and 1,970 men were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. In that same year, 39,840 women and 390 men died of the disease, which translates to one death every 14 minutes. While breast cancer mortality has been dropping, the pace has been much too slow: In 1991, 119 women in the U.S. died of breast cancer every day, while in 2010 that number was 110.

The stakes are too high to continue the current trend. Thousands have already lost their

lives to this terrible disease, and sadly thousands more may lose their lives in the next decade if more progress is not made quickly. January 1, 2020, is an ambitious but necessary target if we are to finally end the tragedy of breast cancer, so I thank NBCC again for their leadership in this effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall 721, 722, 723, and 724. During this time, I was with President Obama. We were discussing the closure of the Sherman Minton Bridge, which has severely impacted transportation and commerce in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted no for these measures.

Bill	Rollcall #	Vote
H. Res. 409: On Ordering the Previous Question	721	No
H. Res. 409: On Agreeing to the Resolution	722	No
H. Res. 406: On Ordering the Previous Question	723	No
H. Res. 406: On Agreeing to the Resolution	724	No

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN'S) 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, October 10th marks the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Sharing the same ideals of individual liberty and freedom, Taiwan and the United States have developed a strong relationship and become strong allies for one another. Double Ten Day has long been special to our family with our third son, Julian Dusenbury Wilson born October 10, 1971.

During World War II, the two countries fought side by side against the Japanese invaders. My father, Hugh DeVeaux Wilson, joined the Fourteenth Air Force of the Army Air Corps known as the now famous Flying Tigers. The Flying Tigers served an integral role in the battles of the Pacific Theater of World War II protecting millions of Chinese from the invaders. My father developed a life-long appreciation of the Chinese people and the Chinese culture. Consequently, the First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-shek became the first woman to ever address a joint session of the United States Congress.

During the Cold War, Taiwan played a pivotal role in America's Korean War effort. General Douglas MacArthur once described Taiwan as an "unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Pacific" when discussing the alliance during the Korean War effort.

Taiwan was also a key base, and intelligence-gathering source, for U.S. forces in the Vietnam War. I have visited the capitol of Taipei and it has become a model of economic dynamism for capitalism which obviously has influenced mainland Chinese who abandoned the failed economic system of communism for the opportunities of free market capitalism.

I therefore, urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating one of our nation's strongest allies, the Republic of China, Taiwan, on its century of existence and the fine democratic example which it has set for nations across Asia.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH FORNAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Joseph Fornal who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 2, 2011.

Born in 1955, Joseph was raised in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood. He earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from John Carroll University in 1977. In the midst of his career, Joseph returned to school and earned a Master's in Business Administration from Kent State University.

Joseph began working at the accounting firm Cohen & Company after graduating from John Carroll and eventually was made partner-in-charge of the Accounting & Auditing Department. He also served as the firm's Technical Director. He left the firm and became the vice president and Chief Financial Officer for Jack Matia Chevrolet and Honda in 2000. Several years later, in 2006, Joseph began working as the treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Ganley Auto Group.

In addition to his career, Joseph is an active and dedicated member of the Cleveland community. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities, Cleveland Society of Poles, Polonia Foundation of Ohio and is currently the president of the Polish American Cultural Center in Honor of Pope John Paul II. Joseph is also an active member of St. John Cantius parish and Marymount community.

Due to his long career and dedication to his community, Charles has been honored and recognized several times. He was honored with the Cleveland Society of Poles' Good Joe Award and the Outstanding Member in Industry Award from the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants in 2004. Joseph was also the recipient of the Billy Reynolds' Community Service Award in 2008.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Joseph Fornal and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

IN HONOR OF MRS. RHODES-LAWRENCE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of her 100th birthday milestone, I rise to commend the life and leadership of Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence. Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence is a great example of a dedicated community advocate and leader.

In her 100 years of life, Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence has been a part of major historical landmarks for our Nation and the world. In 1911, the year she was born, the first trans-continental flight from New York to Pasadena took off and landed successfully and a gallon of gas was only seven cents. Long after living through the Great Depression and two world wars, Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence had two children, who gave seven grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. She has made remarkable contributions to our community and her church, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence, a Lee, Florida native, was deemed Mother of the Year at St. Paul's and has been the on the Deaconess Board, Senior Women's Ministry, choir, and founder of Young Adult Choir.

The Tampa community is proud to recognize Mrs. Rhodes-Lawrence for her contributions and leadership to our community.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MAYO CLINIC AND ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, during this last district work period I had the opportunity to attend a press conference announcing the expansion of the Mayo Medical School in Arizona. This expansion, which will be done in cooperation with Arizona State University, is an exciting event that will lead to continued improvements in the field of medical education and provide research to meet tomorrow's needs.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD the comments of John Noseworthy, M.D., Mayo Clinic president and CEO, on the announcement of the partnership between the Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University. This is a truly wonderful relationship between these institutions and I look forward to having the Mayo Clinic in Arizona for many years to come.

REMARKS OF JOHN NOSEWORTHY

We are here today because of a convergence of three imperatives. First, there is a strong need for new models of health care delivery in our country. Second, Mayo Clinic believes that one answer to this need lies in new models of training future physician leaders. Third, we are ready to take a bold step in this direction today with our collaborator, Arizona State University. This new Arizona branch of Mayo Medical School is firmly aligned with Mayo's commitment to patient-centered academic excellence and redefining the field of medical education. Together with ASU, we will create the health care workforce of the future.

Clearly, the United States is a leader in bringing innovation and new technologies into health care, yet health care in the United States is fragmented, the quality of care is variable, imperfectly measured, and expensive with costs rising every year. Many patients struggle to find answers that integrate the opinions of their physicians. Patients don't always benefit from advances in

medical knowledge. Studies have shown that it takes up to 17 years for important new knowledge to be broadly applied in medical practice—to move from research bench to bedside. Patients struggle to pay their bills and our country cannot sustain the growing costs of health care, now exceeding 17% of our GDP.

Mayo Clinic believes that one answer lies in new models of training future physician leaders. Today we are taking the lead and announcing a bold new educational model to train the physicians of tomorrow. This model addresses the importance of delivering patient-centered, team-based care—the two essential elements of how we practice at Mayo Clinic. This new model will teach the requisite skills to design models of evidenced-based, data-driven care. Our experience at Mayo Clinic leads us to believe that this model will ensure better patient safety, better patient service and improved outcomes using systems engineering, health economics, and other disciplines.

Mayo Clinic has expertise in this approach. We recently announced the opening of our Center for the Science of Health Care Delivery. We are redoubling our efforts to bring innovation into the medical school classroom—to shape and arm physicians of the future to be leaders in the development of new models of care.

Today and together, Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University are advancing this new discipline—the science of health care delivery. I am very pleased to announce that Mayo Clinic will expand the Mayo Medical School, based in Rochester, Minnesota, to Arizona. The branch campus we announce today will be known as Mayo Medical School—Arizona Campus. It will operate under the governance and oversight of Mayo Medical School. Each class here in Arizona will include 48 students. This branch will build on the academic excellence of Mayo Medical School while also reflecting the need for medical school curriculums to be geared toward training the physicians of tomorrow. This new medical school will be an important pipeline for future leaders in the field of medicine around the nation, the world, and right here in Arizona.

The students of this new campus will earn an MD degree from Mayo Medical School and a Master's degree in the Science of Health Care Delivery from Arizona State University. This is the first medical school in the nation to embed the science of health care delivery into its four-year medical education. Other medical schools are moving in this direction because they too believe this is the right approach.

Today's announcement reinforces Mayo Clinic's commitment to Arizona and helps secure Mayo's role as the premier academic medical center in the southwest. We are one step closer in fulfilling our commitment to being a beacon for clinical excellence in the western United States.

Health care is about treating patients in a manner that delivers optimal outcomes and quality of life in the most efficient way possible. Well trained physicians are one of the centerpieces of our collective future. We're excited to be here today to make this important announcement for Mayo Clinic, for Arizona, and for patients today and in the future. We're eager to get started and look to the future with great confidence.

IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLES J. POPA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor Mr. Charles J. Popa who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 2, 2011.

Charles was born on October 19, 1925 in Pulaski Township, Pennsylvania. He was taking classes in high school when Pearl Harbor was attacked and immediately left school to work as an auto mechanic. Charles enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943 and went on to serve in the Asiatic Pacific Theater; specifically in Luzon and Mindanao. Charles rose to the rank of sergeant before being discharged in 1945.

Upon returning to civilian life, Charles began working in the trucking industry and transported goods such as coal and steel throughout the Eastern United States. He retired in October 1982. After the War, Charles married Jane Stadnik on April 15, 1950. Together, they raised three children, Charles Jr., David and Susan.

In addition to his military service, career and family, Charles was an active member of his community for decades. Just two years after joining the Polish Legion of American Veterans in 1969, Charles became the post commander, a position he held for forty years. He is also a member of the Roman-American Volunteers, the Grand Knight of Pulaski and is a lifetime member of VFW Post 7538. Charles was honored in 1987 as the Polish Legion of American Veterans' veteran of the year. In 1998, he was recognized by the United Veterans Council.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues please join me in honoring Mr. Charles J. Popa and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was prevented from casting votes during last Monday night's session due to repeated delays of a flight from Charleston, West Virginia, to Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of all three measures brought before the House—H.R. 686, H.R. 765, and H.R. 670.

The flight, originally scheduled to depart at 4:50 p.m., did not leave Charleston until after 9 p.m., more than four hours late. In that time, the airline offered numerous excuses—maintenance, delayed flights that had backed up the system. Numerous alternative departure times were put forward and then retracted. Within one four-minute span, the airline emailed four different departure and arrival times. At moments, the arrival/departure information was so confused that the airplane would have had to violate the laws of physics in order to abide by the airline schedule. This is an all too often occurrence and often maintenance delay excuses are used to cover crew issues and/or other problems.

Needless to say, all passengers were inconvenienced and the airline's explanations were wholly unsatisfactory. This flight delay prevented me from carrying out my Constitutional duty to represent the people of southern West Virginia: I feel I owe them and this body an explanation about why that was not possible last night.

I recognize that flight delays happen and perhaps at times no one is to blame. But, given how disruptive and costly delays and cancellations can be, travelers ought to be able to depend upon consistent, timely air service to all communities, even in rural areas.

Rural communities depend on air service like any other communities. It connects us to the global economy. Our businesses need to ship their goods. Our families, workers, and students need to travel. We need reliable, dependable air service. According to GAO, airports in rural communities have higher rates of delays and cancellations than airports in larger communities. That's simply not acceptable.

As the Ranking Member on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I feel acutely aware of the transportation challenges this nation faces, and as I sat in that airport last evening—like so many other passengers at that airport and others across the nation—I was frustrated by the delay, annoyed at the changing excuses offered by the airline, and angered that I was unable to get to work on time.

During all that time that I sat in the airport, I had plenty of time to think and to boil over that I was sitting there at the mercy of an airline whose veracity continued to come into increasing doubt. But I also had time to ponder our work here.

We are in a great debate in this country about our federal budget, while at the same time we are struggling to get people back to work and get our economic engine humming again. I believe that improving our transportation system has to be one of our top priorities. We need to do more to ensure the efficient transportation of people and goods. We need to stop announcing delay, after delay. We need to stop offering political excuses.

Otherwise, while we hold the future of our citizens captive, forcing them to wait and wait, we will only succeed in making them more and more frustrated and angry.

We had better get off our duffs, come together, and make some real progress on a longterm measure that will ensure improvements to our transportation system and greater safety and reliability to business and the traveling public. And we had better do it soon.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S 100TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join the people of the Republic of China in commemorating their 100th National Day this October 10.

Taiwan remains one of our closest allies and a vital partner in peace in the region. A guarantor of fundamental rights to its citizens

and committed to the rule of law, Taiwan is a model for emerging democracies in the region and throughout the world. It is a vibrant reminder that freedom is a universal ideal.

We rightly consider any effort to hinder Taiwan's self-determination as a threat to regional peace. The United States must continue to stand behind our commitment to Taiwan and the military and trading partnerships we enjoy with this major regional economy. We must also support Taiwan's strong desire for much-deserved membership in the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for dependable allies like Taiwan. The relationship between our two nations has been to the cultural, economic, and political benefit of both. We send our greetings and best wishes to the people of Taiwan as they mark their centennial next week.

ADMONISHING ANTI-DEMOCRATIC STATEMENTS

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, at a constituent event in Inglewood, California, on August 21, 2011, the Congresswoman who represents that area made several shocking and egregious statements that slander the good work a dedicated group of Americans are trying to achieve for our country. Perhaps most disturbing was her statement that, ''As far as I'm concerned the Tea Party can go straight to hell. And . . . and, I intend to help them get there.'' These words do nothing to unite Americans and only fan the flames that incite division. Earlier in August, following the highly charged debt limit discussions, with words worsening the political divide, the Vice President declared that the Tea Party had ''acted like terrorists.'' These attacks are an assault on democracy. Any action which ignores deep-seated concerns, or attempts to extinguish the voices of millions of Americans damages the democratic process. The Tea Party is united in common concern for the future and the well-being of generations to come. They are not, as one Congressman from Pennsylvania described, a ''small group of terrorists.'' These are people who care deeply about the path our country is on and are working through the issues. They are present at parades, marches and rallies. They are gathering in meeting halls, restaurants, and family rooms to discuss their goals for our nation's future. Words that dismiss the Tea Party's shared belief that government can do better by the people of this country only further divide us. We have only our voices to change the hearts and minds of elected officials. Those of us entrusted by the people to support and defend the Constitution of the United States must never work to extinguish the light of democracy or the avenue of free speech. To limit the excitement and drive of a united group grows dejection; a certain foe of democracy. It casts a web of doubt over the activities of the Congress and threatens to harm the creation of good public policy. I will defend the right of any man, woman, or child to speak their truth and share their concerns. Just as all Americans regardless of race or gender, creed or religion, ideals or personal conviction, Tea Party members deserve to have their voices heard.

RECOGNIZING ELSA HOMINDA OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON FOR HER WORK WITH ADOPTED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Elsa Hominda, for her outstanding advocacy for adopted children in Washington State and for being a 2011 Angels in Adoption honoree. I am pleased to join Senator PATTY MURRAY in recognizing Elsa's dedicated work with local adoptees, their families, and birth parents.

Elsa is a Search and Reunion Specialist at the Children's Home Society of Washington, a non-profit organization devoted to strengthening and supporting Washington's children and families. Elsa and her husband are also the proud parents of three adopted children, ages 5, 11, and 12.

As a confidential intermediary at the Children's Home Society of Washington, Elsa acts as a neutral third-party to facilitate reunions between adoptees and birth parents. She serves as a counselor and mediator to the child or parent who is undertaking a search and helps to make what is often a very emotional and difficult process just a bit easier.

Through her work, she has helped many individuals. One personal story that I found particularly moving involved a gentleman who was placed in an adoptive home over 50 years ago and who recently embarked on the poignant journey to find his birth mother.

With the help of Ms. Hominda, this individual was able to reunite with his biological mother through a series of letters, emails, and eventually, a face-to-face reunion—a process that took several months. He is incredibly grateful for all the hard work Elsa did to facilitate the reunion and feels as though he has a new addition to his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Elsa Hominda, whose work reuniting Washington's adopted children with their birth families enriches the lives of everyone touched by the process of adoption.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM G. ROHRER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library in Haddon Township. For the past half century this valuable community asset has steadfastly served the citizens of Haddon Township. This past summer, the library was forced to temporarily close after suffering damage from an unfortunate water main break. Undeterred, library staff worked diligently to reopen as soon as possible. Reflecting the great value and importance of this library, community members lined up at the door for the reopening of their cherished and loved library.

The staff of the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library also deserves particular recognition. It is through their hard work that this library has come to be so cherished by the people of Haddon Township. Their efforts have made the library a great success over the past fifty years and will continue to earn the support and admiration of the community for many more to come. To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the library, local leaders, entertainers, and citizens came together to mark this important milestone with a day of reading, fun, and games.

Mr. Speaker, the fiftieth anniversary of the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library and the dedication demonstrated by its staff should not go unrecognized. I congratulate them on fifty great years, thank them for their service to the community, and wish them all the success in the future.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM ''WHERE IS THE PEACE DIVIDEND? EXAMINING THE FINAL REPORT TO CONGRESS OF THE COMMISSION ON WARTIME CONTRACTING''

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the committee for holding this important hearing on the future of our presence in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As one of the first Members of Congress to oppose the war in Iraq and as one who has forced debate on the war in Afghanistan a number of times in the House, I continue to be deeply concerned by the findings of the Commission on Wartime Contracting (CWC) in Iraq and Afghanistan. The latest and final report highlights continued privatization of inherently governmental functions, a significant lack of oversight of contingency contractors who in many cases, are providing vital support services for our personnel on the ground, and an estimated waste of up to $60 billion thus far. Many of us were on this committee last year when it released a report (''Warlord Inc.'') detailing the use of U.S. taxpayer dollars to pay off warlords in Afghanistan and essentially fuel the very insurgency we are trying to quell.

At a time when vital social services here at home are being cut in the name of fiscal responsibility, we would do well to take the recommendations and findings included in the final report of the CWC very seriously. It is clear from the Commission's reports that the U.S. Government has privatized the business of war to such a point where we are guaranteed to continue to see billions of dollars go unaccounted for and bad actors in Iraq and Afghanistan act with total impunity. And as the Commission points out, there will be another contingency operation.

The truth is that we cannot afford these wars. According to Congressional Research

Service, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost us over one trillion dollars. Estimates by Joseph Stiglitz and Linda Blimes put that number at closer to $5 trillion when you include the long-term costs associated with caring for returning veterans.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is essential to take this time to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, emphasize the importance of screenings and continue to work towards a cure.

Early detection is of the utmost importance for women of all ages. The 2.5 million breast cancer survivors through the U.S. are a testament to the importance of breast cancer awareness and following recommended screening guidelines. I strongly encourage women to follow the recommended mammography screening guidelines and to perform self-exams. Early detection saves lives!

A woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease one of the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. Despite tremendous advances in treatment and prevention, it remains the second leading cause of cancer death. I am proud to support the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Breast Cancer Deadline 2020, a call to end breast cancer by January 1, 2020. This initiative focuses on determining how to prevent the development of breast cancer and metastasis and renews the sense of urgency to eradicate this disease.

It is my privilege to work with dedicated volunteers, patients, caregivers and survivors from organizations such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure, National Breast Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society and so many others. Their tireless work is an inspiration and a reminder that we must keep up the fight until there is a cure.

IN HONOR OF THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT THE GERARD CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Time Warner Cable, the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development for their efforts in the construction of a new, state-of-the-art technology center in on Staten Island.

The Technology Center at the Gerard Carter Community Center, sponsored by Time Warner Cable and the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, is fully equipped with the newest computers, high-speed Internet, flat screen and high definition televisions and educational software to help Americans succeed in the 21st Century. The hard-working residents of Staten Island can now take advantage of modern technology to train and search for 21st century jobs.

Facilities like the Gerard Carter Community Center provide state-of-the-art tools for displaced workers to update their skills and regain their competitive advantage in the labor market. It also provides a place for students to utilize the latest technology to further their education.

I applaud Time Warner Cable and the Gerard Carter Community Center for giving Stapleton residents access to the latest technology. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding Time Warner Cable and the Gerard Community Center to create the Technology Center—its ventures like this give the unemployed and the underemployed the opportunity and the encouragement they need to take back their lives and get to work.

HONORING THE DEER LAKES AA BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2011 Deer Lakes High School Boys Volleyball Team. This past season, the team won the WPIAL championship as well as the Pennsylvania State Championship. I congratulate them on an outstanding season and commend their hard work in winning both prestigious titles.

Over the course of their season, the team showed remarkable consistency while displaying exemplary team play. Incredibly, the team did not lose a match all season.

I would also like to give special recognition to two members of the team who played to the best of their abilities each and every game. Tony Nicotra and Jeremy Gaston deserve praise for their team leadership and work ethic throughout the season. Their hard work was rewarded when they received the co-most valuable player award for both the WPIAL and state tournaments.

In addition, a team is only as good as the coaching staff that stands behind their players. Head coach Richard Tatrn along with assistant coaches BJ Ruyes, Terry Gaston, Joe Giradi, and Kevin Hamilton all deserve recognition for their encouragement, instruction, and leadership throughout their championship season.

I again congratulate the Deer Lakes Boys Volleyball Team's players and coaching staff on all of their achievements. It is with great joy that I pay tribute to this team on their well-deserved accomplishments this season.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD TIMES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Cape Cod Times, a daily newspaper circulated throughout the towns and villages of Massachusetts' Cape and Islands.

Seventy-five years ago, businessmen J.P. Dunn and Basil Brewer came together in a Hyannis garage to publish the Cape Cod Standard-Times. This union grew out of the men's desire to provide the residents of the Cape and Islands with access to community news, so they teamed up with the New Bedford Standard-Times for joint distribution through the 1960s. By 1970, however, the success of local small businesses and industries had brought an era of expansion to the region, augmenting the need for a local paper to service the needs and interests of the unique communities of the Cape and Islands. In 1975, the first Cape Cod Times edition was published as an ''independent Cape Cod newspaper, printed and published on the Cape, by Cape Codders, for Cape Codders.''

Today, the Cape Cod Times provides over 60,000 readers in the region with daily headlines of national and local relevance—from summer beach closings to breaking news across the globe. The paper's circulation reaches beyond the Cape and Islands through its online subscription, allowing readers to stay up-to-date on community happenings no matter their location.

Time and time again, the paper has been recognized for its national significance, having been named to such prestigious awards as ''Newspaper of the Year,'' ''Website of the Year'' and ''Sunday Newspaper of the Year'' by the New England Press Association, the New England Newspaper Association, and the New England Associated Press Executives Association.

Having owned a home on Cape Cod for twenty years, it is with pride and gratitude that I congratulate the Cape Cod Times, its editors and staff on providing seventy-five years of authentic journalism to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts. I extend my best wishes to the paper for many more years of award-winning journalism to come.

HONORING WILLIAM ENSIGN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of William Ensign a respected and jovial Toledoan whose ethic of public service resulted in his being elected Mayor of Toledo in 1967, and then reelected again in 1971. We offer our condolences to his wife of 61 years, Joan, their children Maria, Kimberly, Madonna, Christopher, Joel and Thomas, as well as their families.

William J. Ensign was born in 1924. He grew up in Cleveland and went on to serve as a Marine in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology and criminology from the University of Notre Dame. He came to Toledo in 1951 to work in the legal system until he became the director of the county welfare agency in 1963, a position he held until he was elected Mayor of Toledo in 1967. He was re-elected by a landslide in 1969. He resigned in 1971 after then Ohio Governor John

Gilligan appointed him Director of the Ohio Youth Commission. He then served for a year with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Beginning in 1975, he was the Director of the Criminal Justice program at Ohio Dominican University.

Even as he raised his family and pursued his career, William Ensign developed his passion for music. He received his first drumsticks at age six, plated piano and was a drum major in the college band. He played with the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra and the Marine Corps band.

William Ensign's legacy is well-described by a former political foe, ''He was bright and engaging and never had a bad word about anybody.'' True testament to a life lived in service to others, his community and nation.

REPRESENTATIVE JERRY COSTELLO WILL BE DEARLY MISSED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am sad to learn that the House of Representatives will be losing a strong leader with the retirement of my dear friend and colleague, Congressman JERRY COSTELLO. In the U.S. Congress, he fought hard to protect the environment and promoted progressive development of infrastructure.

I am privileged to have worked with JERRY in the past 23 years he has served in this great institution we both so love. JERRY has been a steadfast steward of the public interest from his early days in law enforcement to his more than two decades in the House of Representatives. Throughout his public career he has demonstrated time and again how colleagues can reach across the aisle to find compromise for the good of the nation.

I wish JERRY the best of luck with his future endeavors. His service to the people of Illinois' 12th District has been impeccable and he will be dearly missed by both his constituents and colleagues.

CONGRATULATING CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of the upcoming October 10, 2011, Centennial National Day of the Republic of China. The Republic of China shares my country's belief that government must be by the people, for the people, and of the people.

After the heroic struggle for liberation during World War II, in which our two nations fought side by side, the Republic of China was instrumental in the foundation of the United Nations and has continued to play an important role in global affairs.

The Republic of China is an example of democratic and economic liberalization for emerging economies in Asia. This impressive economic growth has turned Taiwan into one of the United States' largest and most trusted trading partners and the single largest per capita importer of U.S. agricultural products. Our relationship has proved very important to my district which is home to some of the most productive farmland in the world.

The Republic of China has pursued a foreign policy that promotes peaceful cooperation between nations, and I support its efforts to provide leadership in the international community. Today, I send my good wishes for the future prosperity of a free and democratic Taiwan.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is $14,837,099,271,196.71.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was $10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by $4,198,673,524,902.91 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cooperative Housing Corporation on its silver anniversary of providing affordable, high quality housing and services to senior citizens and special needs individuals throughout Central New Jersey.

The CHC has proudly helped improved the lives of many older adults and special needs young people throughout its 25 years of service. Since 1986 the CHC has provided shared housing facilities and special services designed to meet physical, social and psychological needs on a cooperative family basis. The CHC comforted countless individuals through a caring ''second family'' environment, and promoted health, security and happiness for senior citizens and others.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commend the staff, board and founders of the Cooperative Housing Corporation for 25 years of dedicated community service in Central New Jersey and pleased and honored to share this important milestone with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

My best personal wishes to everyone associated with the Cooperative Housing Corporation.

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the city of Delray Beach on the occasion of its centennial celebration. For 100 years, the city of Delray Beach has symbolized the American spirit: looking ahead in times of prosperity; enduring in times of difficulty; and always rising to meet the challenges that have at times weighed on our country's history.

From its modest beginnings as an agricultural area in 1894, Delray Beach quickly grew, attracting many visitors in the winter months. On October 9, 1911, with a population of nearly 300, the area of Delray was chartered by the State of Florida as an incorporated town. Industrial plants for the canning of pineapples and tomatoes were built, bringing in new residents and ushering in an era of prosperity. By 1920, Delray's population had reached over 1000 residents. Today, it is estimated that more than 65,000 people call the city of Delray Beach home.

The city has seen its share of highs and lows throughout the years. The early 1900s saw Delray prosper, only to experience economic hardships by the Great Depression. By the 1930s, Delray was again flourishing, only to find itself in engulfed in the unrest faced by our nation during the civil rights movement. But Delray Beach, like our country, endured.

In the 1980s, prosperity was again seen changed to decay, as many of the small mom-and-pop stores that lit the downtown area were forced to close their doors. But today, even in the face of economic hardships, Delray Beach has united to create a plan for redevelopment and revitalization that has transformed and continues to transform its commercial center.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the history of the city of Delray Beach, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that Delray Beach, along with the countless other cities and towns across our great nation, experience growth, prosperity, and success in the next 100 years.

HONORING MARY E. GERKEN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the life of Mary E. Gerken, who passed from this life at age 90 years. She was an indefatigable educator, brilliant student, source of inspiration, enduring mother for her family and our community, and woman of deep, abiding faith. Her life truly can be described as a woman for others. We offer our condolences to her family, especially her children Cathy, Fran, George and Pete.

Born August 29, 1920 to Nettie Mosher, a World War I Army nurse, Mary Gerken grew

up in Northwest Ohio and was the Valedictorian of her Perrysburg High School graduating class. She went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from Mary Manse College and her Master's Degree in Science Education and Microbiology from the University of Toledo. Married following World War II, Mary then was widowed with four young children.

Long before women were welcomed in the sciences, she was blazing a path for those that would follow. Even as she raised her family and cared for her mother and mother-in-law, Mary taught at the high school and college levels. A conscientious parent, she instilled in her children a core of social justice, exposure to the liberal arts, and insisted on a college education for each of them.

After her retirement—in her seventies—Mary traveled a new path. She taught Native Americans in Minnesota and worked with a community of religious sisters. When she came home several years later, she began a tenure of public service as an industrial hygienist with OSHA. She served as a Eucharistic Minister in her church and was a member of Zonta International.

Mary E. Gerken is an example of a life well-lived. She leaves a legacy of service, compassion and industry to her family and our community. Our community expresses its gratitude for her many decades of exceptional teaching, good humor, humility, and encouraging nature. We shall miss her spirited presence but remain grateful always for the lasting legacies her life's work generously gave to us.

FOREST DEDICATION RECOGNIZING DAVID CUTLER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the David Cutler Memorial Forest in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

David Cutler became of fixture in Duxbury in 1945 when his family decided to settle here, and from that point on, our community has been the better for it.

Just five years after moving to Duxbury, his parents started the Duxbury Clipper, and thus began David's affair with newspapers. After serving as captain of Colby College's football team, he came back home and got a job as a reporter at the Patriot Ledger. It wasn't long, though, before he felt a call to duty and David enlisted in the US Marines.

Like many men of his age group during that time, he was sent to Vietnam, where in an attack in 1968, he was shot in both legs. His courage and valor were rewarded with a Purple Heart and the title of Captain. Upon returning to the states, he went back to the Patriot Ledger and would soon become the paper's State House reporter. But after two years, he felt another call to duty, and left the Ledger to start the Marshfield Mariner.

Today, communities throughout Massachusetts' South Shore are served by one of David's papers—whether it be the Norwell Mariner or Scituate Mariner or anywhere in between. But it takes a special kind of man—a truly gifted story-teller—to make the most local of news a successful business; yet, that's what David did. He took a $1000 investment and turned it into an $8 million empire. From there, David went on to sell his Mariner newspapers and began working to resurrect other struggling newspapers around Massachusetts until his untimely death.

The details of David's life appear to describe a man who was larger than life—college football captain, honored Marine, intrepid newspaper reporter and successful entrepreneur. And that is just the highlight reel. It doesn't take into account all the lives he touched both professionally and personally, the numerous community functions and local causes he threw his support behind, the countless games and events he attended for his children and later grandchildren.

These are often thought to be "the little things," but in reality they are as much the mark of a man's success. Maybe even more so, for they are what make life rich. So by all accounts, David Cutler was the richest man in town. And the truly fortunate thing is that he seems to have known that while he was still alive. I was moved when I read that early in his illness, David said to an old friend, "My life's work was my family, and I've succeeded." I never had the pleasure of meeting David Cutler, but if all I knew about him was that one quote, I would know he was a good man.

David's legacy of service and commitment to our community lives on today. It lives on in his newspapers. It lives on in his family. And it lives on in this forest we are dedicating in his honor. It seems to me that there is no more fitting a memorial for man who contributed so much to Duxbury than a living, breathing, growing part of the town he loved. David Cutler's forest, like the man it is named for, will make its mark on the lives of countless members of our community for generations to come.

HONORING DR. TOM GALLIA OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tom Gallia, a longtime member of the Rowan University community, currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the President and the Vice-president of community relations.

In his 40 years with the university, Dr. Gallia has served as a dedicated and tireless advocate for students and has played an integral role in every major university decision over the past several years.

In particular, Dr. Gallia's achievements have revolved around his relationship with the Borough of Glassboro. He graduated from Glassboro State College, where he earned bachelor's degree in biological and physical sciences with a minor in science education in 1966. He also met his wife at the school. His first job was at Glassboro High School, where he served as a biology teacher, advisor, and wrestling coach.

Prior to joining the administration of the University, Dr. Gallia served as a biological science and secondary education professor, serving three terms as a Department Chair and eight years as executive associate dean in the College of Education. Dr. Gallia continues to hold the rank of full professor in both the Teacher Education and Educational Leadership departments.

Dr. Gallia has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the Rowan Boulevard Project. The opportunities provided by the construction of the hotel, bookstore, residential apartments, and town square are secondary to the degree to which the project truly brought Rowan University students and the school's surrounding community of Glassboro together. The project, with Dr. Gallia's guidance, has helped the school develop a positive and meaningful relationship with the surrounding town.

In addition to his work at Rowan, Dr. Gallia serves in numerous positions in community organizations, including Main Street Glassboro, Central Business Redevelopment Authority, Glassboro Economic Advisory Board, Glassboro Chamber of Commerce, and Glassboro Code Enforcement Board, the Finance Committee of St. Bridget Church, the Bishop's Task Force and Transition Team at the church, and St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize Dr. Tom Gallia for his tireless dedication to the Borough of Glassboro, and to the faculty, students, and surrounding community of Rowan University and his decades of service to this fine institution of higher learning.

HONORING PASTOR ROGER FREEMAN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are leaders who work to shape the direction of the country and there are workers who toil to shape the direction of the soul. In the Tennessee Seventh Congressional District, there is one leader whose efforts over the past several decades have led many into the goodness of the Almighty. I rise today to honor First Baptist Church Pastor Roger Freeman as he retires from decades of active ministry.

An accomplished author, devoted father, and principled leader, Dr. Freeman serves not solely his beliefs. Dedicated to reaching both inward to his congregation and outward to the community, Freeman spends time serving in state Baptist associations as well as local civic organizations. Dr. Freeman's service reach extends beyond the walls of the church. In 2007, Freeman was invited by the National Park Service to offer the prayer for the lighting of the National Christmas Tree and eloquently represented his community, his family, and his faith.

From Texas, to Louisiana, to Tennessee, and communities beyond, Freeman has spent his life in service to his creed and his calling. I join with his wife and children in offering thanks to Dr. Roger Freeman for his many years of faith and guidance. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Dr. Freeman. As he retires from First Baptist Church, I hope his fidelity to his vocation will remind us all to the higher service of our own.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra for fifty years of musical entertainment and to express my gratitude for their undying commitment to preserving education of the arts in Massachusetts.

The Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra was founded fifty years ago as an all-volunteer collection of student and adult musicians. Today, the Orchestra is renowned as the premier cultural arts organization of Cape Cod—comprised of 85 classically trained, professional musicians who bring their passion for music and culture to each and every performance. Under the skillful direction of Maestro Jung-Ho Pak, the Orchestra reaches the hearts of its audiences through five classical concerts and three pop concerts per season—inspiring over 50,000 residents and visitors to the Cape and Islands communities.

The home of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra has changed throughout the years—from venues across the Cape to their current stage at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center at Barnstable High School. However, their music has remained in the souls of their listeners wherever they go. Through the Orchestra's MusicWorks! Education Program, students of all ages across the Cape and Islands are provided with the opportunity to interact with orchestra members, learn about their many instruments and attend intimate concerts. These programs are designed to enable all students—not just those who are musically-inclined—to develop an appreciation for and life-long interest in classical music.

In September, 2010, the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra merged with the Cape Cod Conservatory of Music & Arts—unifying their mission of inspiring joy through the arts. Now, the Cape Cod Symphony and Conservatory of Music & Arts provide a whole variety of new programs—from a musical summer camp to music training for adult students—to engage eager participants of all ages.

The high-caliber educational opportunities offered by the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra has greatly contributed to the cultural atmosphere of the region. I commend the Orchestra for its devotion to music education and I thank all members, past and present, for their willingness to relay their passion for music and performance to five decades of audiences.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN AS IT CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor President Ma Ying-jeou and the people of Taiwan as they celebrate their centennial National Day on October 10, 2011.

Nearly 65,000 Taiwanese-Americans live in the Chicagoland area, and I am always impressed by their engagement in the political process and pride in their culture and history.

Taiwan is an important friend and ally of the United States. The United States and Taiwan enjoy a robust trade relationship that totals $59 billion in goods and services, making Taiwan the ninth-largest U.S. trade partner. Taiwan also stands as a strong democracy in the Asian-Pacific region.

It is important to mention the strides Taiwan has made in improving its relationship with mainland China too. The most significant development in recent times was the signing of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement on June 29, 2010. The agreement reduced tariffs and trade barriers between the two sides, improving not just bilateral trade, but the cross-strait relationship. Regular dialogue between Taiwan and mainland China has also helped reduce military tensions.

Please join me in congratulating President Ma and the people of Taiwan as they celebrate their centennial National Day, and in wishing them many more years of friendship, prosperity, and peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 3, 2011, I missed a couple of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 742, 743, 744.