

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU

Mr. REID. Madam President, today I rise to honor and commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Las Vegas News Bureau. Since its inception in 1947, the News Bureau has captured photos and videos of the colorful history of Las Vegas. Community leaders started the News Bureau as a way to generate publicity for Las Vegas through the use of photography and film, and in doing so, they preserved the history of the city.

The News Bureau has been at the forefront of documenting and publicizing Las Vegas as the world's leading destination for decades. Over the years, they have captured memorable moments of some of Vegas's most famous entertainers, illustrated the growth of the iconic skyline, and archived the scenic imagery of the surrounding Las Vegas landscape.

Amidst their archives, the News Bureau captured unforgettable moments of show biz legends and Las Vegas regulars, like Elvis, Liberace, Wayne Newton, and Frank Sinatra, among others. The archive also houses historical moments such as President Kennedy's trip to visit the troops at the Nevada Test Site, where the atomic bomb was detonated during the 1950s and 1960s. And alongside the many photographs of celebrities and familiar faces are millions of photos documenting the various parades, events, and tourists that helped make Las Vegas the thriving destination that it remains today.

The Las Vegas News Bureau plays a unique role in marketing southern Nevada as a one-of-a-kind destination. Their iconic images of Las Vegas provide a competitive advantage that helps distinguish Las Vegas from other destinations, while also acting as an invaluable resource to journalists and historians alike. The unforgettable pictures of the neon lights of historic Fremont Street and glamorous images of Las Vegas show biz are more than just pieces of Las Vegas history: They represent what made Las Vegas the universally renowned city that it is today.

For the past 65 years, the News Bureau has chronicled the rise of Las Vegas into the Entertainment Capital of the World. I am proud to recognize their accomplishments before the Senate today, and I know that they will continue to tell the story of Las Vegas for years to come.

## FOOD EMERGENCY

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, today I wish to submit for the RECORD my remarks and a speech by Taiwan's top diplomat in Washington, Jason C. Yuan, of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, who announced on April 25, 2012, the donation by his government of 1,150 metric tons of rice to Kenya through Feed the Children, a well-known and respected charity based in my home State of Oklahoma.

The food emergency in the Horn of Africa is a stark humanitarian crisis and Kenya simply has not received enough rain to feed its people. Record-high food prices, internal conflicts, and insecurity in the region have exacerbated the situation. With malnutrition and disease on the rise, dane Kenyan families are required to travel long distances in search of food. It is evident that outside help must be provided.

The people of Taiwan are providing that help. Its generous gift will have an immediate impact on relieving the hardships brought on by this first drought of the 21st century.

Ronald Reagan once said that "a hungry child knows no politics," meaning that the American people are always willing to open up their hearts and the blessings of their bounty to the less fortunate around the world. The people of Taiwan are doing the same thing today through this generous donation.

Some may say that this gracious donation of rice is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the overall need in Africa. Yet one must remember that every mighty wave starts with a tiny ripple.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD remarks from Ambassador Jason C. Yuan.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

AMBASSADOR JASON C. YUAN'S REMARKS AT THE TWIN OAKS ESTATE  
APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. Steve Whetstone, Congressman Dan Burton, Ms. Barbara Schrage of AIT/W, Mr. Mark Powers and Ms. Kiersten Powers of Senator James Inhofe's Office, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

On behalf of my government, I am pleased to announce that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the Republic of China (Taiwan), in cooperation with the Red Cross of the Republic of China and Feed the Children have decided to form an alliance to donate 1,150 metric tons of rice to Kenya, a country currently suffering a famine. This partnership will allow the rice donation from Taiwan to be distributed with the help of FTC in refugee camps, to ongoing relief efforts in Turkana and to primary schools in Mombasa, Kenya.

Feed the Children is one of the largest international charities, with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and based on Christian values. It has been dedicated to providing hope and resources for those without life's essentials throughout the United States and the world for decades.

Taiwan and FTC have associated in the past and successfully cooperated in 2005 to

deliver 10,000 metric tons of rice to the tsunami ravaged areas in Indonesia. In 2006 Taiwan donated 52 containers of new clothing to FTC worth approximately US \$17.6 million, which were later distributed to more than 16,000 children, orphans, elderly, abandoned and others in need in 11 countries (Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Armenia, and Ukraine). In 2007, Taiwan donated 5,000 metric tons of rice to Kenya and 5,000 metric tons of rice to Malawi through FTC, to help people in those two countries suffering from famine. In 2011, Taiwan donated 100 metric tons of rice to restart the Mombasa Kenya School Feeding Program, benefiting 27,000 children for 2 school terms.

Enhancing Taiwan's contributions to international development is one of the three lines of defense that President Ma Ying-jeou has outlined for the ROC's national security. As a maturing democracy and thriving economy, Taiwan has been shouldering our own responsibilities in the world. Humanitarian work has become an especially important platform for Taiwan's contributions to the international community. Taiwan's democracy and economic prosperity have combined to give rise to a vibrant society of numerous non-profit organizations. In almost every major disaster relief program that has occurred in the world recently, Taiwan has been an important contributor, whether this meant providing financial aid to help rebuild homes in Sichuan, or giving life-sustaining medical aid to Haitian children. Taiwan was also one of the first to arrive with emergency relief supplies and rescue teams when Japan was struck by the triple disaster of an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear incident. In fact, Taiwan ended up donating more than US \$200 million to the Japanese people.

Last week, President Ma just wrapped up a 12-day official visit to Burkina Faso, Gambia and Swaziland, our three allies in Africa. Pursuing a policy of viable diplomacy that requires that all foreign assistance must be justified, legitimate and efficient, President Ma announced a donation of US \$2.1 million worth of support to Mali refugee assistance efforts in Burkina Faso, and US \$3 million to emergency food programs in Gambia. The project "A Lamp Lighting up Africa" also helps the students of our West African allies study at night with LED lamps.

The Republic of China used to be a country that received economic assistance from other countries, particularly the United States. Now that we are better off, the least we can do is to help other people in need. So we look forward to future cooperation with Feed the Children or other NGOs in the United States for the good cause. Thank you!

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 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN ECUADOR

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, May 3 was World Press Freedom Day. In this country, we recognize freedom of expression as our most cherished right. It forms the foundation for every other freedom, and an independent press is essential to its exercise. Yet in many countries expression is often censored and punished. Journalists are threatened, imprisoned, and killed for exposing official corruption and criticizing government repression. Not only is the media targeted and silenced, the entire population is denied access to accurate reporting.

The Senate was in recess on May 3, but I would like to call other Senators'