

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON THEIR MAY 20, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 18, 2012

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Republic of China, Taiwan, on its presidential inauguration, which is taking place on May 20, 2012. President Ma Ying-jeou of the Chinese Nationalist Party was re-elected to a second term on January 14, 2012. That day marked another successful election for the people of Taiwan and the many accomplishments of President Ma over the last four years.

Under President Ma's leadership, Taiwan has become a true economic success story. Unemployment has remained low at 5.3 percent. At the same time, salary, wages, and well-paid jobs have risen. Taiwan is currently the world's 18th largest economy with a GDP of U.S. \$501.7 billion. In addition, on April 29, 2009 the World Health Organization invited Taiwan as an observer at the World Health Assembly; which is a significant step forward for Taiwan's international standing and the health of the people of the East-Asian and Pacific region.

Over the past four years, President Ma has strived for Cross-strait peace, stability, and improved relations between Taiwan and China. Today, there are direct flights, postal services, and new shipping routes between Taiwan and China. In addition, a landmark free trade agreement with China has slashed tariffs on hundreds of goods and produced numerous job opportunities for both Taiwan and China.

Equally important, Taiwan has worked hard to maintain a longstanding U.S. security partnership. The Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Taiwan Straits and the Western Pacific since its enactment in 1979.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working closely with our allies to find solutions for ensuring Taiwan's long-term security, and to deepen our dialogue with the people of Taiwan. I applaud President Ma's dedication to maintaining peace and stability for Taiwan and his support for our shared democratic values; and I look forward to working with him during his second term.

HONORING ROCK SPRING CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rock Spring Congregational United

Church of Christ in Arlington on the celebration of its 100th anniversary on May 20, 2012. Founded a century ago by a group of neighbors gathered at a home near a stop on the Old Dominion trolley line, from its humble beginnings this church congregation has grown tremendously, and along the way has become a bedrock of the Arlington community and beyond.

In the 1930s, Rock Spring's women formed Arlington's first library, Rohrer Children's Library, which is now the oldest public library in Arlington. Today it holds over 5,000 books and remains open to the community, serving as an invaluable resource.

The County's population grew after World War II, yet there were no kindergartens in Arlington. To help meet the need, Rock Spring's women became the driving force behind the 1944 opening of the still-thriving Rock Spring Cooperative Pre-School, which operates on church property.

In the 1950s and 60s, Rock Spring's congregation and individual members supported and actively worked for the desegregation of the Arlington Public Schools and other public places.

The church and its members have supported and led movements to create social service and volunteer organizations in Arlington and Northern Virginia including: Hospice of Northern Virginia (now Capital Caring), Meals on Wheels, FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), AMEN (Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs) and the Arlington Housing Corporation.

Numerous Rock Spring members, including the late Virginia Delegate Mary Marshall, and long serving Arlington County Board members Ellen Bozman and Jim Hunter, have served as public office holders and on local, regional and state boards and commissions.

Looking towards the future, Rock Spring members have declared their church to be a "Just Peace" and "open and affirming" congregation, and a place where a welcome is extended to all. They continue the church's tradition of activism and charitable work through activities such as the "Fifth Sunday" initiative, gardening for AFAC, and youth mission trips to build houses.

I would like to ask my colleagues in the House to join me in commending the Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ for its 100 years of commitment of service to Arlington, Northern Virginia, and the wider world, and to encourage their congregation to continue its faithful activism for the next century. I send my sincere thanks for their unwavering service to Northern Virginia.

REMEMBERING MR. LEON LYNCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 18, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and profound respect that I

take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most valued citizens, and a true champion of workers' rights, Mr. Leon Lynch. Mr. Lynch dedicated his life to serving the needs of the United Steelworkers (USW), and he was tremendously successful in his efforts to improve the quality of life for workers in Northwest Indiana and across the nation. Mr. Lynch passed away on Friday, May 4, 2012, but his legacy will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched.

Throughout his extraordinary career, Leon Lynch accomplished many visionary goals. In 1956, he joined USW Local 1011 while working at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company mill in East Chicago, Indiana. Over the years, Mr. Lynch served in many capacities, and because of his strong leadership skills and willingness to take initiative, his career continued to flourish. In 1968, he was named a USW staff representative and later became an international representative. In 1976, Leon was appointed the International Vice President of Human Affairs for the USW, making him the first African American to serve as a vice president for a major labor union, and he was re-elected to this position a remarkable six times. Recognizing the impact he had on behalf of his union membership, Leon was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation in 1994 and to the Air Traffic Service Board of the Federal Aviation Administration in 2000. In 1995, Mr. Lynch was elected to serve as a member of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Executive Council.

Mr. Lynch retired from his position as the International Vice President of Human Affairs for the USW in 2006. He is remembered as a great leader who will leave a lasting impact on generations of union workers to come. In 2005, having recognized the tremendous contributions he made to its members, USW Local 1011 dedicated its career development facility, the Leon Lynch Learning Center, in his honor. This outstanding facility offers guidance for steelworkers to prepare for employment opportunities.

Mr. Lynch also gave much of his time to many organizations and committees throughout his life. Leon was a member of the Democratic National Committee, the Labor Roundtable of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the Workers Defense League.

Leon leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his wife, Doris Tindal-Lynch; his adoring daughters: Tina, Tammy, Sheila, and Maxine; and five beloved grandchildren. He also leaves to cherish his memory many dear friends and family members, as well as a saddened but grateful community and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering the great life of Mr. Leon Lynch. His remarkable contributions to the Labor Movement, both locally and across the nation,

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