

presidents with the eye towards building an international coalition against Boko Haram.

President Buhari has moved swiftly to combat Boko Haram, commenced efforts to recover the Chibok girls and address the issue of the growing number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To succeed at these objectives, Nigeria must have continued U.S. support in technical training, logistical and infrastructural capabilities and professionalizing its military force to battle Boko Haram.

And we can see substantial gains thus far, with the regional military task force and the Nigerian military closing in and killing members of Boko Haram and rescuing innocent Nigerians and other Africans who have been kidnapped and terrorized by Boko Haram.

I commend President Buhari's commitment to Nigerian security and his directive to local authorities to tighten vigilance in vulnerable places.

With oil being one of the greatest resource and cause of harm and corruption in the country, I commend President Buhari's directive to sanitize the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in order to obliterate inefficiency and corruption in that industry and in Nigeria.

I also commend President Buhari's directive of a complete audit of the country's revenue generating agencies such as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Customs, and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

With all of President Buhari's initiatives to help get Nigeria's house in order, I implore the people of Nigeria to bear with the President even as he works to appoint his cabinet, implement the rule of law, facilitate security in the country, move the country's economy forward and empower the youth of Nigeria.

In the words of President Buhari, I encourage the people of Nigeria to "value order over speed" and precision over mediocrity, unity over division, inclusion over alienation and above all, I ask the Nigerian people to be their brother's and sister's keepers.

I urge the Nigerian people to support President Buhari in his careful strategic and deliberate decision making approach, which hopefully will have positive results on the future of Nigeria and the Nigerian people.

Mr. Speaker, looking ahead of the future of Nigeria, I encourage the Nigerian people to remain committed to visionary change, progress and empowerment of Nigeria at the backdrop of successful democratic elections, under the leadership of a President committed to transparency, peace, coalition building, addressing grievances, negotiations, clear communication, infrastructure building and political intellectual capital building.

Happy Independence Day Celebration to Nigeria and my congratulations to the people of Nigeria.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the upcoming Double Ten Day, the Republic

of China's (Taiwan's) national day, and to extend my very best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

With population of over 23 million, Taiwan has demonstrated its commitment to democracy and is one of Asia's economic engines. Last year, Taiwan went from being our 12th-largest trading partner to our 10th, a position it continues to hold in 2015. Taiwan transformed itself into a vibrant and lively democracy, contributing not only to the global economy, but also to global culture, the exchange of ideas, and the meeting of global challenges, from fighting Ebola to helping to combat ISIS.

I believe a strong Taiwan is an important factor in the peace and security of the region, and I am proud of the role our country has played, through the Taiwan Relations Act, in making it possible for the people of Taiwan to build their strong, prosperous, and democratic society. Our relationship is as strong as ever, as I believe it will continue to be in the years and decades ahead.

Taiwan will remain one of our most important partners in the Asia-Pacific. As a friend of Taiwan, I wish its people a Happy Double Ten Day.

RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franklin County Head Start Program on the 50th Anniversary of the National Head Start Association.

Since it began as a summer program in 1965, the Head Start Program has grown and developed into an innovative early childhood experience offered to children in over 1,500 communities, including those in Franklin County. Thanks to the Franklin County Head Start, countless children and their families in our area have been empowered to reach their full potential.

As of 2013, more than 31 million preschool aged children have participated in Head Start. The continued success of the Head Start Program has been made possible by the dedicated staff and community members like those in Franklin County, who have put an inspiring amount of work into growing and improving its positive impact.

I am privileged to congratulate the National Head Start Association for achieving 50 years of service and to highlight the Franklin County Head Start Program for its commitment to improving the greater Chambersburg area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Philharmonic Orches-

tra's contributions as a major cultural influence in Southeastern Massachusetts for over one hundred years.

Established in 1913 and pausing only for World War II, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is now playing its 100th season. This fully professional orchestra owes its humble beginnings to G. Herbert Clarke, a violin teacher from Kingston. Mr. Clarke served as both conductor and manager of the orchestra until his death in 1932. It was not until 1973 under the conductor and former Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Victor Yampolsky that the orchestra was chartered as a non-profit corporation and began its transition from an amateur to a fully professional orchestra.

Affectionately known as the Phil, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra has inspired America's Hometown and the greater Massachusetts community with its commitment to artistic excellence and music education. It is dedicated to serving the wider community and expanding its repertoire to range from classical to popular music and family-oriented concerts.

To celebrate this historic event, Christopher Theofanidis, a world-class American symphonic composer, wrote a piece specifically for this occasion. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra on its 100th anniversary. May this historic Massachusetts orchestra continue to flourish for another hundred years.

CONCERN FOR CRITICAL NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS UNDER A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern that funding for critical national security space programs will be disrupted under a continuing resolution.

Disrupting funding for essential warfighting capabilities for space protection, assured access to space, satellite communications and missile warning will weaken our national security and risk significant delays in development of these important missions.

General John Hyten, commander of U.S. Air Force Space Command, recently stated that a continuing resolution would delay several new classified and unclassified programs aimed at U.S. space protection.

He also expressed concern that failure to pass a budget would delay the development of a new rocket propulsion system prototype intended to end our dependence on the Russian-made RD-180 rocket engine.

Additionally, due to the uncertainty created by the absence of a full-year appropriations bill for the Department of Defense, the Air Force is purportedly prepared to issue stop work orders on two essential satellite communications and missile warning programs under the Space Modernization Initiative (SMI).

The overall SMI strategy is to invest in creating trade space for future decisions through investments to sustain or improve existing capabilities by exploring technology alternatives and architectures. These efforts ensure affordability, capability and resiliency of our space systems.