

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan and its people on the progress they have made since that time. Taiwan has established itself as a stable political presence in Asia, an important economic power, and proof that democracy can work in Asia. At the time of its enactment, there were some who believed that this new foundation for relations between our countries would not work, that our friendship would dissipate, and that Taiwan would be weakened.

But that has not been the case. If anything, I believe our friendship and understanding has strengthened since that time. Taiwan's determination not just to set its own course, but to develop and mature as a nation has grown. Its economic achievements in that time are especially impressive: no other Asian nation was as successful in withstanding the recent economic crisis on that continent. But I continue to believe that its most impressive achievement has been the development of a multiparty democracy, and its readiness to share power among its democratic parties.

I wish to extend my congratulations to President Lee Teng-hu—who once resided in my congressional district—on his achievements in office, and also to Representative Stephen S. F. Chen on the capable job he has done as Taiwan's representative here under the Taiwan Relations Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the Church of Saint Rose of Lima on the occasion of its Eighth Annual Dinner Dance.

The members of the Church of Saint Rose of Lima have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York residents.

This year's Dinner Dance is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping others. This year's honorees truly represent the best of what our community has to offer.

Mario Russo and his wife, Diana, met in the Rockaways and were married at Saint Rose of

Lima Church on November 30, 1941, by Rev. James Galvin. A carpenter by trade, Mario has worked on many of the Rockaway projects such as Hammels Houses, Arvene, Nordeck, Dayton and Surfside. Mario Russo has routinely worked on improving the quality of life of his friends and neighbors in the Rockaways. He has served as the head of the Somerville-Arvene Civic Association, President of the Arvene Civic Council and been a member of Community Board 14 for the last thirty years. In addition, Mario Russo, has been an active member of the American Legion, the Rockaway Civic Association, and his local Chamber of Commerce. For the last thirty-five years, Mario Russo has conducted a yearly campaign for Earth Day and Plant Up for Trees.

Jo Ann Francis Celeste Mullaney Shapiro, has been an active member of the Rockaway community for over fifteen years. Her involvement spans from graffiti removal projects, increasing our police protection, improving our children's education, to fighting for our senior citizens. Jo Ann Shapiro is the Past President of the Rockaway Kiwanis Club and an active member of the Rockaway Beach Civic Association. She is a founding member of the Far Rockaway High School based Health Clinic and past Chairperson of its advisory board. She is an active member of the Business and Professional Women Club and the Peninsula Regular Democratic Club. Jo Ann has worked for the New York City Board of Education in Community School District 27 and served as her school's U.F.T. Chapter Chairperson. She is an active member of the Saint Rose of Lima Parish and serves as Assemblywoman Audrey I. Pheffer's Chief of Staff where she makes Rockaway's issues, her issues.

Each of today's honorees has long been known as innovators and beacons of good will to all those with whom they come into contact. Through their dedicated efforts, they have each helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of their many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on their being honored by the Church of Saint Rose of Lima.

RECOGNITION OF OSSABAW ISLAND FOUNDATION AND IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TO PRESERVE NATURAL HABITATS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ossabaw Island Foundation and the Georgia Commissioner of Natural Resources for their efforts to preserve Ossabaw Island, Georgia's first Heritage Preserve.

Georgia's high rate of population and economic growth have created statewide expan-

sion into previously uninhabited areas. Efforts to preserve and protect endangered natural areas is vital to the well-being of Georgia's environment.

Ossabaw Island is one of the few remaining barrier islands on the Atlantic Coast to remain in an undeveloped state. The fragile ecosystems of the island should be preserved so that natural areas along the coast will work to protect estuaries, wildlife, marshes, and coastal shorelines. If Ossabaw Island remains in its natural state, it will provide needed protection for the mainland from Atlantic storms, permit the functioning of marshes which provide water and air purification essential to habitation of Georgia's mainland, and provide conditions not tainted by human intervention for environmental research.

I would like to commend the Ossabaw Island Foundation, a public/private partner with the State of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources, for diligently serving as a voice for the preservation of the island. The Foundation has worked to incorporate educational and cultural programs in the island's historical buildings and to provide appropriate access and utilization of the Ossabaw Heritage Preserve.

Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, Ossabaw Island was included on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Properties List of 1995. The island was also listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior in 1996.

The importance of preserving natural habitats is a common belief among the members of the House of Representatives. We must not allow the natural beauty and resourcefulness of our nation to be sacrificed for lesser purposes. The benefits of protecting and preserving areas of natural habitat range from aesthetic to practical and must not be ignored.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing the partnership and hard work of the Georgia Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Board of Trustees of the Ossabaw Island Foundation. Their combined efforts have protected and will continue to protect and ensure a healthy environment on Georgia's Ossabaw Island for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN BELLAMY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Mr. Calvin Bellamy, of Munster, Indiana. On May 23, 1999, Mr. Bellamy will be honored for his exemplary and dedicated service to Northwest

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