

TAIWAN OBSERVES ITS NATIONAL HOLIDAY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 10th, the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its national holiday that commemorates the founding of the Republic of China by Dr. Sun Yat-sen in 1911.

Throughout my 31 years in Congress I have continually drawn attention to what has been achieved in Taiwan. It is one of the most dramatic examples in modern history of the power of freedom—that a small island, only slightly larger than the state of Maryland and with relatively few resources of its own, could rise to such a position of prominence in the global marketplace.

But a free market economy—the free exchange of goods and services—is not the only key to Taiwan's great success. The free exchange of ideas has also had a profound impact. And I know I speak for the entire House of Representatives when I say that the evolution of Taiwan's political system into a full-fledged democracy has been a source of great satisfaction to the American people and their representatives in Congress.

On the occasion of this year's R.O.C. National Day we are also pleased to welcome back to Washington a man many of us have known and admired through the years. Chien-jen-Chen—known to his many friends simply as "C.J."—is back in town as Taiwan's official representative and director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.

C.J. Chen served in Washington from 1971 to 1980 as a political secretary in what for most of those years was the R.O.C. Embassy. He was back between 1982 and 1989 as Taiwan's deputy representative in the United States. For us old hands here in Congress, C.J. Chen is a well-known figure and a great friend. It's good to have him back.

And I might add that during his years back in Taipei in the 1990s, C.J. Chen served in several high-level posts, including that of Minister of Foreign Affairs over the past year.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to welcome C.J. Chen back to Washington. And may I also extend the congratulations of Congress and the American people to the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of this year's National Day celebration. May the close ties of friendship and solidarity between our two peoples continue to flourish in the years ahead.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAIWAN

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, The Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its birthday on October 10, 2000. Taiwan has much to celebrate, it is a country lead by a freely elected

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President, with a open and vibrant press, an astonishingly successful entrepreneurial free market economy and a supportive and caring program of government assistance to counties in need all over the world, from war torn eastern Europe to Africa. In March of this year, Taiwan citizens freely chose Mr. Chen Shui-bian, the candidate representing the Democratic Progressive Party, as their president. Since his inauguration on May 20th, President Chen has shown strong leadership on behalf of the 22 million citizens on Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, on the eighty ninth occasion of the Republic of China's National Day, it is important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish on the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE B.F. HOXIE ENGINE CO. NO. 1

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 of Mystic as it celebrates 125 years of service of its community. The B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 has been, and continues to be, a tremendous asset to residents throughout Mystic.

Since its inception in 1875, the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 has played an important and crucial role in protecting the community from fire damage. The company has been responsible for responding to and extinguishing several major fires during its operation, including the Noank Shipyard fires of 1890 and 1898.

Today, the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 stands as a pure example of the evolution of firefighting. Jumping directly into the new technologies of firefighting, the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. was one of the first fire departments to introduce the use of the compressed air breathing apparatus for firefighters. The company utilizes the latest and most advance equipment available, including a thermal imaging camera to quickly locate the heart of a fire, a laser to measure surface temperature and a Biosystems PhD meter to detect gases in the air.

Powered only by volunteers, the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 is responsible for founding Mystic's first ambulance service, providing EMT service and responding to highway accidents and other emergencies, as well as hosting a weekly fish frying fund-raiser during a portion of the year to benefit the activities of the department.

Volunteer firefighters are true American heroes. They give their time and their energy to protect our families, our homes and our treasures. Some brave volunteers make the supreme sacrifice every year to save their neighbors and to make our communities safer.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1, past and present, exemplify these qualities every day. I join with residents throughout Mystic and southeastern Connecticut in congratulating the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co. No. 1 on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

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REGARDING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I take a moment to congratulate our friends and allies in the Republic of China on Taiwan as they prepare to celebrate their National Day on October 10. As a Member of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, it gives me special pleasure to mark this occasion.

As my colleagues know, the Taiwanese people recently made history as they successfully and peacefully held their second democratic presidential election and chose Mr. Chen Shui-bian, the candidate from the opposition party, as their head of state. President Chen and the people of Taiwan are to be commended for that landmark achievement.

Like his predecessors, President Chen continues to seek a proper role for Taiwan in the international community. President Chen also has sent goodwill messages many times to resume a dialogue with the People's Republic of China. In the meantime, he exhorts his countrymen to make Taiwan a strong, peaceful, and worthy ally of ours in a region that is so important to our national interest.

I join with my colleagues in the Congress and many Taiwanese-American friends in the United States in congratulating the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on this 89th anniversary of their National Day.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: REV. DR. JAMES S. BULLOCK, PASTOR, HOLY SACRED BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. James S. Bullock, the distinguished Pastor and Spiritual leader of Holy Sacred Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Bullock, the former Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church of Coney Island, New York, was called to Holy Sacred Baptist Church in August of 1999 and was installed on December 19, 1999 by The Metropolitan Interdenominational Ministers Conference, The Eastern Baptist Association, The Pastors and Churches Union and the Holy Sacred Baptist Church family. Presiding over the installation ceremonies was the Rev. Dr. B.T. McCollum, Vice-Moderator of the Eastern Baptist Association, the Moderator D.H. Dvovore Chapman, Co-President.

The installation service was heralded by countless community leaders, including officials of the African American Clergy and Elected Officials of Brooklyn, the Rev. Joe L. Parker, President and many other clergymen and women along with school officials, teachers, and officers of the various PTA groups.

Rev. Dr. James S. Bullock is a community minded clergyman. He participates in many