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American life, and should remain protected and preserved to continue as a valuable teaching tool for generations to come.

SUPPORT MORE AWARENESS TO  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to remind Americans that domestic violence and other forms of violence against women are still widespread in the United States of America.

On Friday, October 6, 2000, the Boston Herald reported that the number of victims killed in domestic violence incidents in Massachusetts increased by more than 50 percent over last year's numbers. This is a frightening development, particularly when the state's average for other violent crimes decreased over the same period.

When women decide that they have had enough of their abusive relationships, they frequently turn to a local shelter that provides services to survivors of domestic violence. Often times, shelters that assist women and children are chronically short on resources. In fact, throughout the nation, for every six women that seek protection at a shelter, five are turned away because of lack of space or funds. In many of these unfortunate instances, women and children are forced to return to their abusive relationship because they lack a viable alternative.

Last Friday, the House passed the conference report on HR 3244, Sex Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Support of this bill is critical for several reasons. In particular, this conference report contains the reauthorization for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA is a grant program that was established under Title IV of the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. Reauthorization of this bill will allow domestic violence assistance centers throughout the country to continue receiving grants to carry out programs that assist women who have been victims of domestic and sexual assault.

This legislation authorizes \$3.4 billion worth of grants over 5 years. The grants will support programs to reduce violence against women by strengthening law enforcement, services to victims of violence, and education and training to combat violence, as well as reducing the effects of violence on children. This law will also better protect battered immigrant women by reforming immigration laws that are currently being used to prevent a battered immigrant spouse from reporting abuse or leaving an abusive relationship.

Passage of the VAWA reauthorization is an important victory for women and is key in our nation's war against domestic violence. Until America completely eliminates domestic and sexual violence against women, we must provide these women a safe haven with adequate protection and services. VAWA reauthorization is a step in the right direction to provide assistance to the women and children victimized within their own homes.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

I call upon my colleagues to join me in remaining vigilant about this problem.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JAY GLAT

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dr. Jay Glat upon the occasion of his retirement. A superb dentist and an outstanding member of our community, Dr. Glat served his patients with kindness and respect for almost 40 years, meeting the highest standards of professional conduct and personal responsibility. Dr. Glat served his profession outside of the office as well, donating his time and expertise to numerous committees and boards on a local, state, and national level. He served as President of both the New York and Bronx County Dental Societies, as Delegate to the American Dental Association, and as General Chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting. During his many years of practice, Dr. Glat also received numerous honorary fellowships and distinguished service awards in recognition of his many achievements.

Just as he faithfully provided care to his local community, Dr. Glat also served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Dental Corp, exhibiting a tremendous degree of pride, commitment, and integrity in his work. The principles of service and sacrifice that have guided Dr. Glat's career have made him a tremendous credit not only to his family and our local community, but to the dental profession. While I am sorry to see Dr. Glat retire, I know that many have benefited from his care and dedication. I thank him and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement years.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS  
REGARDING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION  
IN THE UNITED NATIONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2000*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Congressional Resolution 390, which acknowledges Taiwan's efforts to become an active member of United Nations. Taiwan's commitment to democratic domestic policies, efforts to engage international organizations, and desire to formalize its role in the international community should no longer be overlooked by the Administration.

Driven out of the UN in 1971, Taiwan has tried to gain readmission since 1993. Unfortunately, those efforts have been stymied because of obstruction by the People's Republic of China. The PRC, one of the five permanent Security Council members which determines new UN membership, has threatened to veto Taiwan's application for membership if it ever reaches the Security Council.

Taiwan's exclusion is contrary to the single most important purpose of the UN, namely the

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maintenance of international peace and security. For the past decade, Taiwan, now under President Chen Shui-bian, has denounced the past policy of recovering mainland China by force and striven for peaceful coexistence with the PRC. It is the PRC that has resorted to the use of force, as occurred in 1995 and 1996.

While Taiwan should be accepted in its own right into the UN, the efforts by China to isolate the country it deems a "renegade province" increase the urgency of moving to approve Taiwan's admission into that international body. Not only will that provide access to the UN Security Council and discourage future Chinese provocations, but it will shift the responsibility for Taiwan's security from a solely U.S. responsibility to that of the larger international community.

I hope that with the passage of House Resolution 390 that Taiwan's vigilance for independence, ardent trust in America as an ally and recognition by the international community will be realized. It is important that we make a place at the international table for all supporters of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to vote for House Resolution 390.

IN HONOR OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE PUBLICATION OF  
THE LITHUANIAN NEWSPAPER  
DIRVA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor of the 85th anniversary of the publication of the Lithuanian newspaper DIRVA.

First published November 22, 1915, under the title SANTAUKA, the DIRVA has been a source of pride and strength for the Lithuanian-American community. The DIRVA compels its readers with the events of Lithuania and those that affect Lithuanian-Americans here in the United States. It serves simultaneously as a link to their history and as a vehicle for their advancement.

Through the tireless efforts of its editors and contributors the DIRVA, once one of many Lithuanian newspapers, has survived and flourished. It is now one of only two national Lithuanian language newspapers.

This also offers me a chance to formally recognize and commend the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. Cleveland Chapter and Viltis Inc., the publisher of DIRVA, for aiding the community for years and planning a celebration of this monumental event.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and congratulate DIRVA for its years of dedication to the Lithuanian-American community.