

Americans across the United States have made priceless contributions to our country, and organizations like the Formosan Association for Public Affairs have helped further these outstanding accomplishments.

Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human rights. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which formed the official basis for friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. And that bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese-American Community.

I am privileged to represent a strong Taiwanese-American community, and I am proud to pay tribute to their strength and activism during Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

IN HONOR OF DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I pay honor to the outstanding achievement of students and others associated with Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas.

This school has been chosen by judges of the 17th Annual American Set a Good Example Competition to receive one of three national second place awards. These awards go to a school for a project done by students to influence their own peers in a positive way—away from drug abuse, crime and violence while forwarding commonly accepted moral values such as honesty, trustworthiness and competence. Additionally, Duncanville High School won the \$2,500 Learning Improvement Award for the work students did on researching career information and determining a direction they want to pursue, including making resumes and completing Pell Grant applications, and writing for a minimum of five scholarships. Such projects enhance student opportunities, strengthen character and better prepare our young people for a positive future.

I commend the students, principal, administrators, teachers and parents of Duncanville High School for a job well done in these successful projects.

HONORING DR. CHARLES H. McCOLLUM, MD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Dr. Charles H. McCollum for being named the Houston Surgical Society's "Distinguished Surgeon" of 2000.

An extraordinary surgeon and teacher, Dr. McCollum has served since 1967 as Assistant Professor and then Professor of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. He is renowned as a lowkey yet demanding teacher who in-

stills in his residents the excellence that he himself brings to his profession. While sharing his knowledge with residents and enhancing their performances, he is still dedicated to his patients and to his daily work in the operating room at the Texas Medical Center's Methodist Hospital.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. McCollum graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a B.A. in 1955. He received his Medical Degree from UT's Medical Branch in Galveston in 1959. Dr. McCollum did his internship and his residency training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Dr. McCollum is known throughout the Texas Medical Center community as a fine physician and civic leader. From 1961–1969, Dr. McCollum was a Captain in the United States Army Reserve. He has had many academic and professional society appointments and offices. He served as President of the Texas chapter American College of Chest Physicians from 1975–1976. He lent his expertise to the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society, serving as an officer from 1977 to 1992. He has served as President of the Houston Surgical Society, Southwestern Surgical Society, and the Texas Surgical Society.

Throughout his career, Dr. McCollum has distinguished himself as a caring doctor who puts his patients first and a gifted teacher who demands the best. I congratulate Dr. McCollum for being named the Houston Surgical Society's, "Distinguished Surgeon" of 2000.

TRIBUTE TO AMY SCHLUETER

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy Schlueter as an exceptional teenager from Rolla, Missouri. Amy was recognized yesterday at the Fifth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards as one of Missouri's top two student volunteers for the year 2000. Amy received a \$1,000 award, a silver medallion and her trip to D.C. for her exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Amy Schlueter started reaching out to others at a young age. Amy, a senior at Rolla High School, implemented and organized a "Random Acts of Kindness" club at her school to challenge her peers to act with kindness, not violence. Since her club began, 89 students and faculty members have been rewarded for random acts of kindness, and in January, a two-week celebration in Rolla recognized hundreds of community members who made a difference by being kind to others.

In Amy's words, "Our nightly news provides us with images of savage car crashes, rapes, assaults, mutilated children, gang wars, telling us this is reality. It is exceptionally rare to hear about people doing good things for one another, and the reality is, random acts of kindness happen every day."

This kind of maturity and dedication to a community is not often recognized in today's youth. As Amy said, we often hear about the

bad behavior in our youth. I hope Amy will serve as an inspiration to today's youth as she demonstrates that it is cool to be kind to others, and youth can play an important role in their community.

Next week is National Random Acts of Kindness Week. As we work on our annual spending bills, and go about our day-to-day business, I hope that my colleagues can follow Amy's example. I also hope we as a society can spend more time focusing on the Amy Schlueter's of the world when we watch the evening news so we will have good examples to follow.

REGARDING PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today after months of information-gathering, discussion, and deliberation, I am announcing my position on the issue of granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status to China. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the hundreds of constituents, colleagues, community leaders, and representatives of groups with a stake in this debate, for sharing their views and answering my questions as they patiently engaged in this process with me. Seldom in my legislative career have I taken an issue more seriously than this one. While I realize that my decision will not please everybody, I hope there is no doubt that every voice and every argument presented to me was given the utmost consideration.

I believe it to be in the best interests of the 19th District of Illinois, and the nation as a whole, that I oppose extension of Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China. I do support China's accession to the World Trade Organization. However, I am convinced that the United States must maintain annual grants of NTR until we have ascertained that China is living up to WTO rules and our own expectations regarding human rights, labor rights, religious tolerance and environmental protection.

China has a long history of failing to live up to its agreements, and Chinese officials have recently indicated they do not intend to abide by certain components of the WTO agreement either. While I hope this will not be the case, I am not comfortable relinquishing bilateral enforcement tools like Section 301 and anti-dumping provisions in favor of a WTO dispute resolution process which is notoriously slow. We must not place ourselves in a situation where American jobs are sacrificed while we wait two or three years for a WTO ruling, only to have no recourse if the ruling is adverse.

Many argue that only through engagement and open trade will we see programs in China on matters of labor rights, human rights, religious persecution, and environmental degradation. If this is indeed the case, then we need not worry, for China will be engaged with the global marketplace through its WTO membership regardless of the outcome of our PNTR vote. Unfortunately, there is reason to doubt this contention. The United States has