

My prayers are with his family, friends, and community today, as we honor his life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION ACT AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 BATTLEFIELDS COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce two new bipartisan bills to provide more federal support for the preservation and protection of the endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and related historic sites in New Jersey and many other states. I am especially pleased that U.S. Representatives JO ANN DAVIS, MAURICE HINCHEY, JOHN MCHUGH, ED MARKEY, JOHN SWEENEY, and MARK SOUDER have joined me as original cosponsors of this much-needed legislation.

In 1996, the Congress enacted the American Battlefield Protection Act, which established the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) within the U.S. National Park Service (NPS). At the same time, the Congress directed the U.S. Park Service to conduct a comprehensive study of endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 sites for submission to the Congress, to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and to the Office of Management and Budget. The U.S. Park Service study is to be completed in the coming spring and opened for at least a 90-day public comment period.

In my home state of New Jersey, many sites have already been surveyed and ranked highly for preservation. Preliminary surveys indicate that five New Jersey sites are in the most jeopardy (the Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth Battlefields plus Fort Lee and the Second Springfield Battlefield) and three of those lie in the heart of the 12th Congressional District which I am privileged to represent.

Current federal law authorizes and appropriates monies from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the preservation and protection of Civil War battlefields and related sites. One of my bills—The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act—would do the same for the hallowed battlefields of the Revolutionary War (e.g. Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth) and the War of 1812 and related historical sites that are also in danger of being lost forever. The enactment of this bill would allow National Park Service officials to collaborate with state and local governments, non-profit organizations, and concerned individuals to preserve and protect endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 historical sites on the priority lists of the forthcoming Park Service study and to provide up to 50 percent of the costs, for example, of purchasing battlefield land threatened by sprawl.

My second bill—The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefields Commemorative Coin Act—would provide a non-federal finding

mechanism to provide even more funding for the preservation and protection of endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and related historical sites. It would authorize the minting of \$3.5 million in gold, silver, and clad commemorative coins to be sold to the public at surcharges of \$3–\$35, thus generating as much as \$23.5 million in seed money. Upon collection of these proceeds, the U.S. Treasury Secretary would transfer them to the non-partisan, non-profit Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefields Foundation to be used exclusively for these expressed preservation and protection purposes. It would cost U.S. taxpayers nothing. The greatest beneficiaries of these two bills would be future generations of Americans who will be able to relive more of the history of the Revolutionary War era and the War of 1812, the early development of our Nation, and the critically important roles played by the people of New Jersey and the other original thirteen colonies and the Northwest Territory.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE CAROL BEGGS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Carol Beggs was many things to many people. He was a friend, a husband, a father, a soldier, and a lawmaker. In all of these, and throughout all his life, Carol lived to serve others. As a young man in the Navy during World War II, then as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, Carol served his country. As a commissioner, then mayor, in Salina, Kansas, he served his city. And finally, in his ten years in the Kansas House, Carol served his state.

However, Carol Beggs was so much more than his titles. He was a man of thoughtfulness and action. He knew what he believed in, and he stood by his convictions. Though he faced tough decisions and took hard stances, Carol never lost his sense of humor. Even when disagreeing with fellow lawmakers, he knew how to lighten difficult moments and bring smiles to colleagues' faces.

His quick wit kept people smiling and laughing, and so did his harmonica. In the halls of statehouse, staff and members alike fondly recall Carol's rendition of "Danny Boy" floating through the halls.

There's nothing quite like "Danny Boy" being played on a harmonica, and Carol doing the playing made it even more special. I'm sure all who knew him think of him when they hear that song, more so now that he has passed.

Carol Beggs passed away Wednesday night, January 19, after a long battle with pneumonia. He was 77 years old. His wife, Betty, says he went peacefully, in his sleep.

Carol and Betty had been married for 54 years and had two sons, Dan and David. Up until it closed in 2000, the whole family helped run Beggs Yamaha Cycleland, a motorcycle shop Carol opened in 1949.

I feel blessed to have known and to have served in the state legislature with Carol

Beggs. He was a member of the Greatest Generation, and like so many of that generation, self was secondary to others. Entrepreneur, veteran, statesman, and loving family man. Carol leaves behind a legacy of courage, honor, and service—and his life serves as an example to all of us.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING MR. ORREN BEATY, JR.

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of a dear friend, Orren Beaty, Jr., devoted husband, father, grandfather, public servant, and United States Veteran. Mr. Beaty passed away in Las Cruces, New Mexico on January 19, 2005 at the age of 85.

A native of Clayton, New Mexico, Mr. Beaty graduated from New Mexico State University in 1940, specializing in history and government. Soon after, he served our nation in World War II as a radar navigator instructor for the B-29 bomber, and later served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

After his service, Mr. Beaty began his political and journalism career as the Managing Editor of the Sun News in Las Cruces and as a reporter, political writer, and columnist for the Arizona Republic. In 1955, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work as an administrative assistant for then-Representative Stewart Udall (D-Arizona). Six years later, when Mr. Udall was appointed Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Beaty served as his principal aide. His steadfast work ethic, unfaltering integrity, and dedication to public service were duly recognized, and Mr. Beaty was awarded the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Award.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Beaty as the Federal Co-chairman of the Four Corners Regional Commission within the Department of Commerce, where he collaborated with the governors of the four Southwestern states to promote economic development. In 1969, Mr. Beaty continued to serve in a succession of journalism, political, and lobbying positions including working on the Democratic presidential campaigns of Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine and Senator George S. McGovern of South Dakota. Mr. Beaty also served as the Associate Editor for Congressional Quarterly and as the Director of Congressional Liaison for Amtrak.

In the mid-1970's, Mr. Beaty became the President and Executive Director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers in Washington, and from 1976 until his retirement in 1988, he served as the Assistant General Manager of Western Fuels Association Inc., a coal supplier to rural cooperatives and municipal utilities. Throughout his career, Mr. Beaty garnered the respect and admiration of those fortunate to have worked with him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the strong sense of service to others that defined Mr. Beaty's life. His passing marks a great loss for his family and friends, and also for his community. I extend my deepest condolences

to his beloved wife of 60 years, Mary Turner Beaty; to his three children, Dr. Orren Beaty III, Laura Beaty, and Susana Michael; and to his five grandchildren, extended family, and dear friends. Mr. Beaty lived his life with compassion, energy, and an unwavering commitment to the public good. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, and his legacy will forever live on in the memories and hearts of those who knew and loved him well.

CHINA'S ANTI-SECESSION LAW

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the People's Republic of China is planning to enact an anti-secession law this March. This law will give China jurisdiction over Taiwan. It will give Chinese leaders the right to use force against Taiwan if China suspects secessionist activities in Taiwan. Predictably, Taiwan reacted to this proposed law with alarm. If Chinese leaders pass this law or persist in this effort, Taiwan will consider an anti-annexation law of its own as a proper response to China.

This battle of laws is unfortunate since cross-strait relations have been improving recently. On January 15 of this year, China and Taiwan agreed to have direct charter flights during the Chinese New Year holidays. Both sides also agreed to continue to work toward restoring direct trade, transport and postal ties—the “three links.” Moreover, the economies of China and Taiwan have grown increasingly interdependent. Taiwanese businesses have invested \$100 billion in China. As many as one million Taiwanese now live and work on the mainland.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

The latest controversy over China's proposed anti-secession law highlights once again the political division between China and Taiwan. China is seeking to unilaterally change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait and force its own style of government on the 23 million people of Taiwan. China has ignored Taiwan's contributions to China's strong economy and Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian's gestures of goodwill.

China's latest move to enact the anti-secession law will not only destroy the goodwill between the peoples of Taiwan and China, it is also unnecessarily provocative and will escalate tension in the Taiwan Strait. The Taiwanese should not be expected to sit by and allow authoritarian Chinese government to mandate the annexation of democratic Taiwan. No freedom-loving people should be expected to do so.

By unilaterally changing the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, China is also challenging America's will to stand behind the Taiwan Relations Act, which says unequivocally that it is the policy of the United States “to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people of Taiwan.” The Taiwan Relations Act also affirms one of the objectives of the United States as “the preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people in Taiwan.”

Mr. Speaker, it is my view that China's proposed anti-secession law is provocative and dangerous. It poses a grave threat to democracy, peace, and stability in the region.

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INTRODUCTION OF H. CON. RES. 53,
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF
CONGRESS REGARDING THE
ISSUANCE OF THE 500,000TH DE-
SIGN PATENT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to announce that on December 12, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the 500,000th design patent to DaimlerChrysler Corporation for the design of the Chrysler Crossfire.

As the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, I am well aware of the importance of intellectual property protection to our economy. Intellectual property rewards and encourages innovation and advancement; without it, we would not have the high-tech, biotech, and everyday inventions that we have come to rely upon in everyday life.

I also am proud of this patent because I happen to represent Detroit, the automobile capital of the world. It is no secret that Detroit boasts the finest auto workers in the world, and it should be no surprise that it is the design of an American car that received the award.

It is for these reasons that I, along with Judiciary Committee leaders on intellectual property and several members of Michigan's congressional delegation, are introducing a resolution recognizing this occasion. The resolution expresses the sense of Congress that the Patent and Trademark Office has contributed significantly to the Nation's economy and that DaimlerChrysler and its employees should be commended for their achievement.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to secure the passage of this legislation.