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TRIBUTE TO A DEMOCRATIC  
TAIWAN

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Taiwan's democratic practices and respect for human rights.

For 20 years, Taiwan's promotion of liberty, the rule of law, freedom of the press, an independent judiciary, and associative rights have contributed to the creation and continuation of a mature democracy. Through electoral competition which expanded their rights and innovative legislation which improved the lives of the Taiwanese citizenry, over time democratic practices, institutionalized democracy, and fostered the Nation's emancipation from authoritarian rule; and ensured the Nation's allegiance to liberty and justice.

Mr. Speaker, over the years, Taiwan has been a staunch ally of the United States and a responsible member of the community of nations. Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the people of Taiwan for establishing a flourishing, multi-party democracy and for their dedication to democratic ideals and human rights.

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution calling for a month to remember the significant achievements and contributions that Irish-Americans have made to our Nation.

Throughout our more than 200 years of history as a Nation and during our colonial period, countless immigrants from the Emerald Isle have arrived on our shores. Irish-Americans have been instrumental in building up our strong, free, and prosperous Nation at every turn in our Nation's rich history. Despite initial discrimination, Irish-Americans used the freedom and opportunity of the United States to build strong communities and businesses and prove themselves great Americans.

Though many Irish came to American shores with little but the clothes on their backs, their hard work and integrity made them great American leaders. While we are all aware of President Kennedy's pride in his Irish heritage, 18 other presidents are of Irish descent including Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, and Ronald Reagan.

There is a great legacy of Irish-American service in our military with many recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor claiming Irish heritage or birth. Irish immigrants have contributed significantly in our Armed Services as well, ensuring full freedom for all Americans.

While many Americans remember their Irish heritage on St. Patrick's Day, because of the great contribution of Irish-Americans to our Nation, it is fitting that we dedicate an entire month of ceremonies and celebrations to their achievements.

TRIBUTE TO BUSINESSES IN  
MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
THAT DO NOT SELL TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the businesses in Marin County, California, that have stopped selling tobacco products in order to protect the health of the public.

Recently, I attended an event with the American Heart Association at Mollie Stone's Market in Greenbrae to officially announce the removal of all tobacco products in their Bay Area stores, including two in Marin County. At that time, Michael Stone, cofounder Mollie Stone's, said, "I don't think there's been a company our size taking this proactive action . . . we did it for health reasons for the community." The American Heart Association described this as "an aggressive, positive approach to help stop the spread of smoking."

Larry Meredith, Director of Marin County Health and Human Services, added, "Tobacco is the No. 1 cause of preventable death in the United States today . . . The decision by Mollie Stone's to go tobacco free is another jewel given to the community." A survey by this department found that other stores are considering the same move, citing concerns for general public health and youth smoking. Two years ago when United Markets, a small Marin independent chain, pulled their tobacco products, coowner Bill Daniels announced that "it's just the right thing to do."

Other Marin County stores that have decided it's the right thing to do are: AG Ferrari Foods, Golden Gate Pharmacy, Golden Point Produce/Tomales Bay Foods, Good Earth Natural Foods, Cornucopia Gourmet Deli, Elephant Pharmacy, Jack's Drug Store, Kaiser, Marin Medical Pharmacy, Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, Paradise Foods, Peoples Market, Pueblo Latino Market, Olema Liquor and Deli, Ross Valley Pharmacy, Royal Coach Car Wash, Target, Trader Joe's, Western Sport Shop, and Whole Foods.

The County of Marin is also setting an example in protecting public health. For example, with funding from a tobacco settlement agreement, the Department of Health and Human Services has developed a program to crack down on illegal sales of tobacco products to minors, and the Board of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance expanding smoking bans to outdoor public gathering spaces such as parks and ATM lines.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that smoking is a major cause of diseases that are hurting public health, straining our medical system, and putting millions of individuals at risk. I commend these businesses and the County of

Marin for their courage and foresight in responding to this threat by limiting tobacco use and availability, and I honor all businesses that add their names to this growing list.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 526; Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

TRIBUTE TO DON TALLEY

**HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Don Talley, who was both a nationally recognized leader in the agriculture industry as well as a local community leader. Sadly, Don passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at the age of 66, and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Don's wife, Rosemary, his son, Brian, and the rest of his family for their loss.

Don was president and a coowner of Talley Farms, a specialty crop operation in the Arroyo Grande area, which I represent. Founded in 1948, under Don's auspices, Talley Farms grew to encompass more than 1,150 acres. In 1982, he established Talley Vineyards, which produces a collection of fine wines. Over his lifetime, Don successfully worked to build Talley Farms and Vineyards into nationally respected entities. Talley Farms grew a variety of specialty crops and was especially renowned for growing the best bell peppers.

As president of Talley Farms, Don established and implemented environmentally sound farming practices, developed innovative agricultural techniques for growing, harvesting, and packaging produce, and was noted for treating his employees well. Moreover, Don served in leadership positions with the Western Growers Association, Ag Box, the Council of California Growers, the California Agriculture Leadership Foundation, and Farm Credit West.

One of Don's hallmark legacies was his strong personal leadership efforts to improve relations between the California agriculture industry and local communities. Notably Don was named Agriculturist of the Year in 1992 by the County of San Luis Obispo Farm Bureau and was voted Grower of the Year in 2004 by the Western Growers Association. In addition to Don's leadership in the agricultural industry, he served on the Arroyo Grande City Council and as mayor from 1974 to 1976. He also was a commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Commission and a member of the Cuesta College Board of Trustees.

Don will be remembered not only for his leadership and achievements, but also for his community service, selflessness, and compassion for his employees. California agriculture

suffered a significant loss with the death of Don Talley.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NANCY  
ROBERTS GARRITY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Nancy Roberts Garrity, a teacher at St. John Fisher School and recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association's Distinguished Teacher Award. Mrs. Garrity will receive her award at the NCEA annual conference on April 10, 2007. She was selected out of a pool of more than 100,000 nominees.

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the largest professional association in the world, offers guidance and educational services to its 200,000 members. During the Fall of each year, every member school is invited to nominate one teacher for the Distinguished Teacher Award. This award was established in honor of Sister Miriam Joseph Farrell, who served as executive secretary of the NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools. The NCEA divides the country into 12 geographic regions, with one teacher in each region receiving this award.

St. John Fisher School is located in Chicago's West Beverly neighborhood. This parochial school provides educational opportunities for preschool through eighth grade students, where teachers serve as influential figures in developing students' lives.

Mrs. Garrity is guided by the belief that each student uniquely contributes to her classroom. She utilizes creative teaching methods in order to cater to individual educational needs. For example, when teaching her class about A Christmas Carol, she plays the part of Jacob Marley's ghost, complete with chains and a ghostly voice. During the poetry section of her reading class she dresses up as a hippie. Mrs. Garrity's creative methods of teaching allow her students to reach their full potential.

Mrs. Garrity has been a teacher at St. John Fisher School since 1990. The Catholic educational system has given her the ability to influence her student's lives with her passion for teaching, which is evident in her students' drive to succeed.

It is my honor to recognize Mrs. Nancy Roberts Garrity as a recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award. Teachers, like Mrs. Garrity, are key to our children's futures.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLINTON  
KIRK

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay tribute to Mr. Clinton Kirk, a constituent of mine who has dedicated the past 20 years of his life to staying healthy and fit.

Mr. Kirk resides in Valley, Alabama, and is in his eighth decade of life. He is known around the area as "The Walking Man." Kirk says when he began his walking in 1982, he would walk around 5 to 6 miles a day in the early morning. Over 20 years later, he says he now walks about 1 mile a day and says he attributes his good health to his walking habit. Amazingly, Mr. Kirk has walked over 50,000 miles since 1982, and began keeping a daily log of the distance he covers in 1986.

I salute Mr. Kirk for his continued efforts to exercise and stay healthy, and commend him at this milestone for serving as an example for us all to take care of ourselves and stay fit.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF PAUL AND SYLVIA HOLLINGER

**HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy and service of Paul and Sylvia Hollinger.

Fifty years ago, Paul Hollinger got his start in Christian radio as a singer for WMBI at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

After leaving Moody, he continued his broadcasting career in Pennsylvania as a sales representative on WEZN in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

In July 1961, Paul began with WDAC radio in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and he's been capably serving that station ever since. In 1981, his wife, Sylvia, joined him at the station and continues to play a crucial role in its operations to this day. Together, Paul and Sylvia have grown WDAC into the tremendous success that it is today.

WDAC's consistently high ratings are a testament to the God-given talents that the Hollingers have brought to the station's leadership ranks.

With programs offering sound Biblical wisdom for living a life of integrity, as well as practical guidance for raising a God-honoring family, WDAC provides a wonderful resource to the Lancaster community.

Paul and Sylvia have also been active in the community outside of their roles at WDAC. They give charitably of their time and resources, serve as leaders in the pro-life movement, and are strong supporters of the conservative family values that Lancaster County holds so dear.

Paul and Sylvia's retirement this month from WDAC's daily operations caps more than four decades of distinguished service, and it's a legacy worth honoring.

We live in an age of eroding decency and growing vulgarity on our Nation's airwaves.

Under the leadership of Paul and Sylvia Hollinger, WDAC has consistently and successfully gone against this trend.

The high-quality, family-friendly Christian programming that WDAC has committed itself to is a wonderful influence on the surrounding community every single day.

Paul and Sylvia have played an enormous role in making this happen and their legacy of positively impacted lives grows with each new listener.

I congratulate the Hollingers on a wonderful life of service, and wish them all the best in whatever the future holds.

TRIBUTE TO FORTUNE "TINO"  
BOSCO

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Fortune "Tino" Bosco, of Tampa, Florida, who lost his battle with cancer last month. Fortune described himself to many as "just a poor Italian immigrant," but to all who knew him, he was so much more—a grand story teller, a civil rights advocate, a political powerhouse, a bocce ball enthusiast and a dedicated family man.

Born in Lanciano, Italy, Fortune earned a degree in law and economics from the University of Rome, and went on to serve in the Italian National Police and at Interpol, the Paris based international police agency. Also a professional soccer player, in the 1950s, Fortune played on the Italian Olympic soccer team.

In 1954, Fortune arrived in the United States on the Andrea Doria. Later, when the famed ship collided with another cruise liner, Fortune worked as a translator for the rescued Italian passengers. It was during this time that Fortune met the love of his life, Marjorie Nettleton, who was also helping the accident victims. Marjorie and Fortune would go on to settle in Florida and start a family, which became the focal point of Fortune's life.

Fortune earned his second law degree at University of Miami. Afterwards, he was hired as a civil rights attorney by the U.S. Department of Justice and transferred to Tampa to serve in the Office of Economic Opportunity. His passion for protecting civil rights brought him to Selma, Alabama in 1965 to participate in the historic civil rights march.

Always proud of his Italian heritage, Fortune was also known for his weekly "La Pagina Italiana" column in Tampa's trilingual La Gaceta newspaper. Even as Fortune struggled with retinitis pigmentosa, which slowly robbed him of his eyesight, Fortune continued to write his column, play bocce ball and chess games and actively participate in local and state political campaigns.

Fortune was active in a host of local community groups including the Sons of Italy, Mona Lisa Lodge and the Italian Club of Tampa. He served on the Mayor's Alliance for People with Disabilities and was an honorary member of the Board of Directors at the Lion's Club.

In so many ways, Fortune represented the heart and soul of Tampa. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Fortune's family.