

TOM ROSS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Tom G. Ross on the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of serving and protecting others in law enforcement.

Tom began his career in July of 1967 and faithfully served as a law enforcement officer for more than forty years, including twenty-eight years in the City of Long Beach, California and more than 12 years in the City of Smithville, Missouri. Over the years, Tom has received special recognition from his command staff due to his strong personal qualities, professional skills and his willingness to put his country and fellow citizens before himself.

Tom has earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow officers and fellow citizens of Smithville, Missouri. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Tom Ross for his dedicated service to ensuring the safety of the people of Smithville, Missouri. I know Tom's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

HONORING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL
DAY, OCTOBER 10TH

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend to the people of Taiwan my heartiest congratulations as we approach October 10 or National Day—the founding day of the Republic of China.

Since Taiwan's government was originally founded on the Chinese mainland nearly one hundred years ago, the people and government of the republic have made great economic and political strides.

Over the last several decades, Taiwan has been transformed from a one-party state, into a thriving global economic powerhouse, a generous and responsible member of the international community, and one of the most vibrant multi-party democracies in the Western Pacific.

Madam Speaker, this year was an especially eventful year in Taiwan's democratic evolution as voters on the island went to the polls to elect a new president and vote on a nationwide referendum. The results saw Taiwan's voters overseeing the second peaceful transfer of power there since Taiwan's remarkable transition to democracy in the 1990's.

The Taiwanese people deserve our respect and admiration for moving forward with this

historic election—courageously going to the polls despite pressure and threats of violence from the Beijing authorities and their so-called "anti-secession law."

Again, I rise to congratulate the Taiwanese people, and I hope that this important holiday will continue to inspire everyone on the island to continue working together to preserve a bright future for democratic Taiwan.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF LIFETRACK RE-
SOURCES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Lifetrack Resources in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on its 60th anniversary. During the past six decades, Lifetrack Resources has grown from a small charity into one of the largest community-based nonprofits serving families and individuals throughout the Twin Cities region.

Lifetrack Resources was originally founded on September 1, 1948, as the St. Paul Rehabilitation Center to meet the needs of injured veterans returning from World War II and the polio epidemic. In a true collaboration, the Amherst H. Wilder Charity, the Junior League of St. Paul, the MN Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and the board of directors of Family Nursing Service of St. Paul came together to meet the needs of the community. These partnerships have continued through the years, and young children with disabilities received preschool education and both children and adults were provided physical, occupational, and speech therapy services at Lifetrack Resources. Over the years, Lifetrack developed model rehabilitation therapies and employment programs that were expanded through mergers with the Jewish Vocation Service to establish a comprehensive rehabilitation center and the St. Paul Hearing and Speech Center to provide audiology services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. In 2000, St. Paul Rehabilitation Center was renamed Lifetrack Resources to embody the organization's extensive service to the greater Twin Cities area.

Today, Lifetrack Resources provides effective employment services and therapies to a wide-range of adults and children who encounter multiple obstacles to achievement—including those facing some of the most difficult challenges—immigrants and refugees, people with mental illness, individuals with criminal records, and our homeless population. Partnering with community organizations, Lifetrack Resources helps over 11,000 people each year to make positive changes in their lives by providing the skills and support they need, resulting in increased employment and economic opportunities and empowered healthy families. I have seen first hand how the success stories that Lifetrack Resources fosters continue to not only save government funds and improve our economy, but also strengthen our community's health and well-being.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Lifetrack Resources' committed donors, staff, volunteers, community partners, and clients, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 60th anniversary of Lifetrack Resources.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AND CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCE-
MENT COORDINATION ACT OF
2008

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Department of Defense and Civilian Law Enforcement Coordination Act of 2008. My bill would amend Federal law to permit Department of Defense law enforcement officers to better coordinate and cooperate with civilian law enforcement agencies. I drafted this legislation in cooperation with the Fraternal Order of Police, FOP, because many DOD law enforcement officers in my district have informed me that they are prohibited from basic coordination and cooperation with civilian agencies near DOD facilities. We need to ensure that Federal, State, and local law enforcement are able to work together to apprehend criminals and to prevent and solve crimes. I hope that my colleagues will join me in cosponsoring this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 616, rollcall No. 617, and rollcall No. 618, I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 616, "yes" on rollcall No. 617, and "yes" on rollcall No. 618.

CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF
ANTIGUA FOR THE EXPROPRIA-
TION OF HALF MOON BAY RE-
SORT

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I would like to discuss a regrettable situation which we have been monitoring for some time now.

I am talking about the expropriation of the Half Moon Bay Resort in Antigua, which belonged to a group of American citizens, who developed the property into an internationally recognized vacation destination and have owned it for over 35 years.

The Hurricanes that hit the Caribbean in 1995 severely damaged the resort, making it necessary to negotiate a financial package to rebuild the property. Instead of assisting the