Today there are currently 27 countries participating in the nationwide Visa Waiver Program, while an additional ten countries are authorized to participate in the Guam Visa Waiver Program. These ten countries, admitted into the Pacific Rim.

The Guam Visa Waiver Program was authorized by the Omnibus Territories Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–396). This program was established to largely complement the nationwide Visa Waiver Program, which was permanently authorized by Congress in 2000 (Public Law 106–21). The Guam Visa Waiver Program has been central to increased international travel to Guam since its implementation in 1998. I believe this program can be strengthened with an increased authorized period of stay.

This bill has been co-sponsored by the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the House Small Business Committee, Mr. MANZULLO and Ms. VELAZQUEZ, respectively. Their support is especially appreciated given the fact that this bill will support many small businesses in Guam which are a part of the visitor industry. Additionally, Mr. ABERCRUMBIE, Mr. BURTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. FARR are original co-sponsors of this bill. I look forward to building more support for this bill in the 109th Congress and to working with the leadership of the House Judiciary Committee on this issue.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE WORLD SERIES

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the players, owners and staff of the Chicago White Sox on their tremendous victory in the World Series. Local White Sox fans across Illinois have been waiting 88 long years for this moment and it is every bit as satisfying as any of us could imagine.

Not many picked the Chicago White Sox to win the World Championship when the season started. After all, they had not won a playoff game in more than a decade, they did not have a group of high-priced superstars on their roster, and they are from the city of Chicago—which had not even seen a World Series game in nearly half a century. But this team never stopped believing in itself and quickly showed the experts and the nation that championships are won through tireless effort, consistent teamwork, and a spirit that says anything is possible.

History will record that the 2005 Chicago White Sox marched through the season with a 99–63 record, the best in the American League. It will further show that this team went on to dominate in the postseason with an 11–1 record that included an unimaginable World Series sweep. But no historic record can convey the excitement that this team created in a city desperate for a baseball championship, or the joy felt in the hearts of White Sox fans everywhere. And it certainly cannot capture the pride felt throughout our state in having this tremendous group of young men represent us in the World Series.

It is my honor to congratulate owner Jerry Reinsdorf, General Manager Kenny Williams, Manager Ozzie Guillen and the White Sox players for this extraordinary accomplishment. From the first day of this season, you have conducted yourself with class on and off the field and truly exemplified what it means to be a champion. In the process, you have set a standard of excellence for others to follow and provided cherished memories that so many dreamed of, but feared impossible.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM E. POTTS FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO STATE AND NATION

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, during a ceremony on November 11, 2005 in Columbia, Tennessee, the late Major General William E. Potts will be recognized for his service to his state and nation. The Veteran's Plaza on the grounds of the Maury County Courthouse will be named the Major General William E. Potts Veterans Memorial Plaza, with a plaque placed as a permanent memorial to his memory.

General Potts was born December 9, 1935 in Nashville. He later moved to Columbia with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Madden Potts. General Potts graduated from Columbia Central High School and Vanderbilt University. Having played football in high school and college he helped his Commodores defeat Auburn in the 1955 Gator Bowl.

Upon graduation from Vanderbilt in 1958, General Potts was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He studied Turkish at the Army's language school and graduated from both the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also earned a master's degree in public administration from Middle Tennessee State University.

General Potts was company commander of the 801st Maintenance Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, served as an advisor in Vietnam and Army Attaché in Ankara, Turkey, and battalion commander of the 702nd Maintenance Battalion, Second Infantry Division in Korea. After being assigned to the Pentagon he was made Deputy Commanding General for research and development, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville before assuming command of the Army's Ordinance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

General Potts passed away February 29, 2004 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, and was
buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

In attendance for the November 11th ceremony will be General Potts’s wife, Peggy; his sons, Colonel Gary Potts, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, Neil Potts, a former Army Captain, Airborne Ranger, Special Forces now in Dallas, and their respective families. The General’s only surviving sibling, Irene Morris of Columbia, will also be in attendance.

The ceremony will include color guards from the Vanderbilt University Army Reserve Officer Training Corporation, the Tennessee State Guard, Spring Hill Junior Army ROTC and the Columbia Central Junior Navy ROTC.

TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one company and their donation. Trinity Railway Express helped senior citizens and other residents of the Houston-Galveston area flee from Hurricane Rita. They donated their time and equipment when it was most needed.

TRE is a service provided jointly by Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and it links downtown Fort Worth, downtown Dallas and DFW Airport.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Trinity Railway Express for their help and donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving Americans, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE MONASTERY OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA I. DELAUYO
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. DELAUYO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the Benedactines of Jesus Crucified of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary—a milestone for this community of nineteen.

Seventy-five years ago, Father Maurice Gaucheron, a priest on the staff of the Basilica of Montmartre, Paris, and Suzanne Wrotowska, the future Mother Marie des Douleurs, began plans to open the doors of monastic life to women who, though interested in pursuing this path, were unable to do so due to their fragile health. From the very beginning, the Monastery of the Holy Cross formed on the Rule of Saint Benedictine which emphasizes a listening heart, obedience, silence, and humility. In 1930, during a Mass celebrated on the crypt of Montmartre, Mother Marie des Douleurs and the first sisters were consecrated and their journey began.

The Monastery of the Glorious Cross in Branford, Connecticut was established just fifty years ago and is the only order of the Benedictines of Jesus Crucified in the United States. Houses of worship play a critical role in all of our communities. It is to these walls that so many turn in times of their greatest need. The Congregation at the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has always opened its doors to those in need of spiritual guidance and comfort. The public is welcomed to celebrate their daily Mass, the community sponsors a monthly day of recollection, and they also provide Mass cards and spiritual bouquets. It has been through their generosity and compassion that the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has become a local treasure. Every community should be so fortunate.

Today, as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee, the Sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross will reflect on their own history as well as all that they have given to our community. It is my great pleasure to join Sister Mary Agatha, the Superior of the community, and all of the sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate this very special occasion. I am honored to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to them for all of their good work.

HONORING MR. FRANK D. LINN, SR ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS SANTA CLAUS

HON. TIM HOLDEN
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. of Lower Swatara Township, Middletown, Pennsylvania as he celebrates fifty years of selfless and heartfelt service to the children and families of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania as Santa Claus. Mr. Linn has given of his time and effort making thousands of children happy as “The Jolly Old Man with the Beard” since 1955. Acting as Santa in a shopping center and at private home parties, he also spreads the spirit of the holidays making visits and toy deliveries to around seventy-five homes at Christmastime.

A graduate of Central Dauphin High School, Mr. Linn has been employed with the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the past forty-three years as a Specialist in Intergovernmental Affairs to the Speaker of the House for Speaker Matthew J. Ryan and currently Speaker John M. Perzel. He has also devoted his time to the Lower Swatara Lions Club and the Middletown Area Red Cross as well as multiple local athletic teams, boy scouts troops, and fire companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize a man who has been committed to bringing joy to the people of my district for fifty years. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. on fifty years of devoted service as our local Santa Claus and thank him for the many contributions he has made toward the well being of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY CARTER

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER JR.
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alabama State Representative Tommy Carter. Representative Carter has represented Limestone County in the Alabama State Legislature for thirty-six years. He plans to retire from public service at the conclusion of his current legislative term in 2006.

I consider it a privilege to have worked with Representative Carter on a wide variety of issues facing Limestone County. He has done a great deal to help further the quality of life for all individuals in our community.

During his many years of service in the State Legislature, Representative Carter was elected to numerous legislative leadership positions. Most notably, he served as the Chairman of the House Rules Committee for over twelve years. Representative Carter currently serves on the Education Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Carter is well respected throughout our local community and the entire State of Alabama. He is a past recipient of the Athens Limestone County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and was the Conservationist of the Year Award winner in 1978. Representative Carter is also a former Scout Master and member of the Alabama National Guard.

After he steps down from the Alabama State Legislature, he will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Community Bank and Athens State University Foundation Board.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 27th, the North Alabama community gathered to honor and celebrate all of Representative Carter’s achievements. I rise today, to join in their celebration and to thank Representative Carter for his many years of dedicated service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEANETTE CANTRELL RUDY–HEALTHCARE PHILANTHROPIST

HON. JIM COOPER
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Mrs. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Mrs. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, an accomplished sportswoman and a true friend to many in Tennessee and across the nation. She celebrates her 78th birthday on October 27th, 2005.