

Resolved, AASHTO encourages international harmonization of road safety regulations and good practices through accession to and implementation of related United Nations legal instruments, resolutions, and manuals issued by the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration; and finally be it

Resolved, AASHTO encourages the United States to take a leadership role at the First Ministerial Conference on Road Safety and for the United States to work with nations around the world to achieve the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety and to reduce the impact of this health epidemic on the global community.

PRESIDENT MA OF TAIWAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to comment on the remarkable achievements of the government of Taiwan in moving forward a new era of peace in the Pacific.

One year ago, the new President of Taiwan took office amid increasing tensions between China and Taiwan. Today, because of the initiatives of President Ma Ying-jeou, Cross Straits relations have improved to such an extent that they have now produced a series of agreements to enhance mutual cooperation between Taiwan and China.

For too long Taiwan, opposed by China, has been excluded from the World Health Organization. As a result of the conciliatory efforts of President Ma and the recognition by authorities in China of the need to have Taiwan represented, Taiwan now has achieved status by the World Health Assembly. Good work President Ma. With the new health crisis the world faces with Swine Flu, politics must not impede mutual cooperation in combating this dreadful problem.

Increased communications, charter flights and postal agreements negotiated through the initiatives promoted by President Ma in his first year in office have lessened tensions to the extent that day to day contacts have replaced confrontation.

It is in the interest of the United States that this progress, which we understand is the hallmark of President Ma, continue. Peace in the Pacific is an essential ingredient of world progress.

Good luck Mr. President. May the successes of your first year in office be the forerunner of many years to come.

INTRODUCING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the Sanctity of Life Act. This legislation provides that the federal courts of the United States, up to and including the Supreme Court, do not have jurisdiction to hear abortion-related cases. Since the Supreme Court invented a "right" to abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, federal judges have repeatedly thwarted efforts by democratically elected officials at the state and local level to protect the unborn.

However, the federal courts have no legitimate authority to tell states and local communities what restrictions can and cannot be placed on abortion. Even some intellectually honest supporters of legalized abortion acknowledge that *Roe v. Wade* was incorrectly decided. Congress must use the authority granted to it in Article 3, Section 1 of the Constitution to rein in rogue federal judges from interfering with a state's ability to protect unborn life.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in support of using the power granted to the Congress by the Constitution to protect the ability of individual states and the people to restore respect for the sanctity of human life.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record that had I been present for the vote on H.R. 915, I would have voted in favor of the FAA reauthorization. As my daughter and son are graduating from college and high school, respectively, I am unable to be present for the vote. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I was proud to approve the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009 in our committee.

Being from Colorado, I fly in and out of Denver International Airport. Denver has struggled recently with a dearth of properly trained air traffic controllers. Denver TRACON is struggling with staffing problems because of: retirements, resignations, trainee failures and an inability to recruit and retain both the experienced veteran workforce and high quality trainees that have the ability to succeed in the training program. Air traffic controllers are required to retire by age 56, and of late, 98 percent of controllers have retired before that age because their salaries are not competitive. I am pleased that H.R. 915 addresses the mediation issues between the National Air Traffic Controllers Association and the FAA.

Additionally, the inclusion of funding to accelerate the implementation of the NextGen system is critical. It is important that we seize any opportunity that we have to make our airways not only safer but also more efficient.

I am also pleased to see that the bill increases funding for Essential Air Service. Coming from a rural district, I understand how critical EAS is to economic development. Rural communities across America count on EAS to preserve affordable, reliable air service. The EAS program is a major piece of our rural transportation infrastructure and greatly enhances the ability of these communities to attract and retain new business investment. I support continued efforts to maintain this vital program and urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RON VANVOORHIS, TEACHER AT EAST MUSKINGUM MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR GIVING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE WASHINGTON, DC FOR 30 YEARS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Ron VanVoorhis, initiated East Muskingum Middle School's annual trips to Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Mr. VanVoorhis has been responsible for close to 4,000 students being able to see and experience Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Mr. VanVoorhis has consistently attended each trip, missing only one year for the birth of his daughter; and

Whereas, Mr. VanVoorhis has provided this service without stipend and consistently at very low cost, saving each student an average of \$100 per trip; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Mr. Ron VanVoorhis on his service to the East Muskingum Middle School, and congratulate him on his 30 years of service in bringing the students of EMMS to Washington, D.C. to give them a better idea of what it means to be an American citizen.

IN HONOR OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOVA-ANNANDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2009 AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of their 15th Anniversary and to pay tribute to their 2009 Award Recipients.

In 1994, Dr. Claiborne Richardson of The Reunion Music Society and Dr. Gladys Watkins of the Northern Virginia Community College formed a partnership between the two organizations to create the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra. This orchestra combines the talents of local professional and amateur musicians and college students to develop their skills and to perform the music of different cultures and heritages. On April 17, 2009 during the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra's 15th Anniversary celebration, The Reunion Music Society announced the award recipients in two special categories: The Richardson-Watkins Founders Awards, which recognize persons or businesses from the community that have made significant contributions to the success of the Reunion Music Society's programs, and The Orchestra/Players Awards, which are given to musicians who have made significant contributions to the success and development of the Symphony over several years and are selected by their peers in the orchestra.

The recipients of The Richardson-Watkins Founders Awards are: