Post Office Building Designation Act "aye."

roll-nizing the contributions of "Greensboro Four" to the civil rights movement "aye"; roll-
call vote No. 32, the Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Four'' to the civil rights movement "aye"; roll-

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important Pacific Rim relationships is the one between China and Taiwan.

and they agreed to direct flights during the Lunar New Year holidays and both sides 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 as Tai-

honoring Rotary International to evidence its member clubs on six continents.

Throughout the years the organization has been remarkable for "doing good in the world." For example in 1985, Rotarians made a commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Today, contributions to the Rotary Foundation total more than $80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs; and Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of volunteers and have im-
munized more than one billion children worldwide.

In point of fact, by the end of 2005 Rotary will have contributed close to $500 million to this cause alone.

Mr. Speaker, for 100 years Rotary has striven to meet the challenges of a changing world, including such pressing issues as environ-
mental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and at risk children. Let us then pause our own hectic pace and honor Rotarians for bringing hope and help to all humanity.

For the last several decades, U.S. policy has been to encourage amicable relations be-

between Taiwan and China so that they may work out whatever differences they may have through peaceful means. We in the inter-
national community should make sure the peace and prosperity of the 23 million people in Taiwan is maintained.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. BUCHSIEB
HON. ROBERT W. NEY
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Richard and Beatrice Buchsieb were married in January 15, 1955, and are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and Whereas, Richard and Beatrice Buchsieb were married January 15, 1955, at 3rd Ave. United Methodist Church in Columbus, OH; and Whereas, Richard and Beatrice Buchsieb are the loving parents of four children and four grandchildren.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Cam-
bridge, and the entire 18th Congressional Dis-

trict of Ohio in congratulating Richard and Be-
atrice Buchsieb as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF VALLE DEL SOL, INC.
HON. ED PASTOR
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Valle del Sol, Inc., a nonprofit, community-

based organization in Phoenix, Arizona which has helped thousands of individuals each year through its extensive behavioral health and so-
cial services.

Valle del Sol was created in 1970, at a time when behavioral health services in Phoenix were nearly non-existent for Latino families. The organization was originally established to address opiate addiction in the community, and although it has expanded its services over the years, Valle del Sol has always maintained its commitment to providing bilingual and cul-

urally relevant services for the Latino commu-
nity.

As one of the largest Hispanic behavioral health and social service organizations in Mar-
icopa County, Valle del Sol’s culturally diverse, bilingual staff provides a wide range of pro-
grams and services for the entire family. These programs are designed to address the increasing social and community needs re-
lated to family and behavioral health problems, and include counseling, substance abuse treatment, adult education, advocacy, services for seniors, and an adolescent therapeutic group home. Valle del Sol’s commitment to excellence in customer service, financial viability, planned growth, and community develop-
ment in Arizona has positively contributed not only to Latino families, but to the entire Ari-
izona community. I am particularly proud of Valle del Sol’s achievements in becoming an $11 million agency with nearly 200 employees.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we may soon know the official count from the elections in Iraq but it is already very clear we will not know the real long term impact and results for some time.

Will the election unite the Iraqi people or further divide them? Will the new government represent the interests of all sectors of Iraqi society? Will the rights of minorities be protected? Will the new laws of the land be promulgated on a secular or religious basis?

The elections do nothing to increase the legitimacy of our so-called “preventive war.” The official end for the search for weapons of mass destruction confirms what a majority of the American people have known for some time: we were misled as to the need for military action in Iraq.

There was no link between Saddam Hussein and 9/11. U.N. sanctions and inspections were, in fact, highly effective in disarming Iraq after the 1991 war.

There is no doubt that those Iraqis who did vote, and already the controversy is growing over what share of the population participated, were expressing their profound hope for an end to the violence, for an improvement in the quality of their lives, for a say in their own futures and an end to the occupation of their country.

And why not? Estimates by reputable experts such as the British medical journal, The Lancet are that more than 100,000 Iraqis have died as a result of the war and the on-going violence under the occupation.

The Iraqi government has reported that malnutrition among young children has doubled since the war began and that they are experiencing soaring rates of disease exacerbated by a decimated health system.

Iraq is no closer to a stable democracy today than it was two years ago. The Iraqi insurgency appears to be growing significantly faster than the security forces we have attempted to train. It is questionable if Iraqi security forces can ever achieve authority as long as our troops have the real responsibility for maintaining order.

The presence of more than 130,000 U.S. troops has, in fact, become a rallying point and an endless source of fodder for propaganda by terrorists.

At a time when American prestige and leadership is more necessary than ever, when the light of hope for a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people once again flickers to life, U.S. ability to serve as a broker for peace has been crippled by the perception of many of our actions in Iraq.

We face the massive and difficult task of rebuilding international alliances and renewing the mechanisms of international diplomacy and security. And what has been the cost to America? As of yesterday, 1,449 American troops killed. 10,740 wounded as of the end of January. Extended time of service for tens of thousands of service men and women and reluctant conscripts at immense cost to families.

The diversion of tens of billions of dollars from homeland security, health, education, housing, and a host of other needs have left some of our most urgent needs here at home untreated and unaddressed. The long term impact on our military has not yet been examined, but based on our experience after Vietnam there is good reason to expect that there will be a negative impact.

Mr. Speaker, in the interests of stabilizing the situation in Iraq, in the interests of peace and security in the region, in the interests of our homeland security, and in support of our troops, it is time to bring our troops home.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM BERtrand Turner on His 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, Mr. William Bertrand Turner on this, his 100th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, William Bertrand Turner was born on February 28, 1905 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and grew up a stone’s throw away from the famous Pasquotank River. Mr. Turner grew up there, was educated in the public school system, and eventually graduated from Elizabeth City State University.

Mr. Turner’s love for science lured him to Shaw University in the Capital city of North Carolina. He pursued his interest in Organic Chemistry during the height of the “Roaring 20’s” and graduated in 1925, during the beginning stages of the Great Depression.

Mr. Speaker, after his graduation from Shaw University, William Turner set his sights North, and began a quest for his Master’s Degree at the renowned Cornell University in New York. Mr. Turner received his Masters Degree in his passion, Organic Chemistry in 1936.

In 2001, Mr. Turner was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the American