

few weeks. Most of the attention has focused on the departure of Britain from Hong Kong, and the Beijing Government's assumption of control over those territories. Many of us are deeply concerned about what that will mean for the rights of the residents of Hong Kong, and for the future of civil liberties there.

But it would be unfortunate if those developments overshadowed what has happened in the Republic of China on Taiwan. On July 18, work was completed on a number of constitutional changes. Among the structural changes was the freezing of provincial government operations, a step which should make Taiwan more of a participatory and representative democracy. The changes will guarantee Taiwan's original residents full political participation. At the same time, other changes will also provide the kinds of social protections and guarantees that many of us consider an essential feature of a modern democracy. For instance, the changes will guarantee medical care to disabled citizens.

Let us hope that the progress Taiwan has made in the past and the further progress it has made with these changes shall serve as an example for other Asian nations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Jason Hu, the Representative of the Republic of China on Taiwan, on completing his first year of service here on Washington. Many of us in the House have come to know him and respect him for his work here and for sharing his perspective on Asian affairs with us. He is an able successor to his predecessor, Ambassador Liu.

MORRO BAY HARBOR FESTIVAL

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the opening of the Morro Bay Harbor Festival, in Morro Bay, CA. On October 4 and 5 the people of Morro Bay will begin their annual celebration of the many fishermen and women of this growing villa who have played an integral role in the community, in the economy of the central coast, and indeed the entire country. As an avid seafood consumer, I can honestly say that some of the finest halibut I ever tasted has come from under the shadow of glorious Morro Rock.

It is my hope that Morro Bay, and its vitally important fishing industry, will continue to grow. In fact, it seems rather inconceivable that it will not. More and more Americans are looking to seafood as a healthy and delicious form of nutrition. In recent years, the popularity of seafood has grown to unprecedented levels, and the people of Morro Bay can be proud of this great accomplishment.

The Morro Bay Harbor Festival celebrates the people, natural beauty, and fishing industry that makes the central coast the unique place it is. As a resident of this area for over 30 years, I have personally experienced the marvelous beauty of Morro Bay. As a Member of Congress I am fighting to ensure the Federal funds needed to ensure the future economic vitality of the harbor, especially the critical Army Corps of Engineers' dredging project. With some help from the Federal Government, the strong spirit and determination of the peo-

ple of Morro Bay will ensure that this festival will be celebrated as long as fish swim in the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the unique and vital community of Morro Bay.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG NATIONS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the many individuals who were noncombatants during the Holocaust of World War II, who risked their lives and those of their families to save countless people who faced death because of their religious beliefs. Two such people were Stacia Brazauskiene and Albinas Zilevicius. Both have been honored as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem Institute in Jerusalem and will be visiting with two of my constituents, Nathan and Sima Katz whose lives they saved during the war. They will be in New York City to join with the Katz family in celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of the Katz's granddaughter, Rebecca Levy.

In 1941, Nathan Katz and his family were living in Shavel, Lithuania, when the Nazi forces evacuated all Jews into the Shavel Ghetto. With the help of a Lithuanian Gentile named Antonites, Nathan and Sima Katz escaped with eight other family members. After being forced to flee from several hiding places, they were taken to the farm of the Zilevicius family.

Although Antonites has since disappeared into history, we know the heroic story of the Zileviciuses. With great care and much courage, the Zilevicius family built a hiding place behind a false wall in their barn for the Katzes, who remained on this farm protected by the Zilevicius until the end of the war. The Zilevicius family was constantly aware that they could be executed for their attempts at hiding the members of the Katz family. On several occasions, searches by the Nazis almost undid the heroic efforts of these protectors. Despite the horrendous atmosphere of terror in which both families lived, they survived.

Most significant is the fact that the members of the Zilevicius family had no prior relationship with Nathan and Sima Katz nor any other member of the Katz family. In addition, the Zilevicius family received no remuneration from those families whose lives they were protecting.

A war often produces great heroes who have distinguished themselves in military action. What is more compelling, however, is that ordinary citizens with no prior training risk their lives not for any national allegiance or desire for reward, but do so because it is the right and compassionate thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing and honoring the remaining members of the Zilevicius family, Stacia Brazauskiene and Albinas Zilevicius, as they join with Nathan and Sima Katz whose lives that have both saved and enriched.

JAMAICA'S 35 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, as friends of Jamaica everywhere celebrate its 35th anniversary of independence, we pause to recognize and commend our democratic neighbor to the south and extend our heartiest congratulations to the Government and people of Jamaica and to Jamaican-Americans throughout the United States.

I place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, for the benefit of my colleagues, the 35th anniversary messages issued by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Right Honorable P.J. Patterson and the Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Dr. Richard L. Bernal.

35TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE
MESSAGE BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF
JAMAICA, THE RT. HON. P.J. PATTERSON,
P.C., Q.C., M.P.

This year, as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence, we also return to the tradition of Emancipation Day as one which deserves our special commemoration.

Under the theme: "Full Free Emancipation to Independence", our national celebrations will climax during the period from Friday August 1—Emancipation Day to Monday August 4—Independence Day.

The resumption of Emancipation Day as a public holiday commemorates not only the abolition of slavery, but the birth of free Jamaica. It is the advent of that Free Jamaica which now permits us to enjoy political independence, democracy, constitutional rule and to be equal members of a civil society.

Emancipation and Independence celebrations this year will provide the opportunity for Jamaicans at home and abroad to reflect on our ancestral roots.

The twin occasion also provides a timely opportunity for all Jamaicans everywhere to commit ourselves to healing the nation, unifying our people and removing whatever barriers have tended to divide us in the past.

Jamaicans all over the world are a proud people. Our nation, despite its limited size and economic resources, stands tall in the international arena. There have been outstanding achievements in the fields of sports, music, and tourism to name a few.

Many of you, who now live overseas, have distinguished yourselves in several fields of endeavour, and continue to make us proud.

I invite all Jamaicans residing overseas to join together to celebrate our rich heritage on Emancipation Day. Let us renew our commitment to build an independent Jamaica, Land We Love.

On behalf of the Government and Jamaicans at home, I send heartiest greetings to all Jamaicans abroad, their extended families and friends of our island, no matter what their nationality.

Happy Emancipation and Independence anniversaries.

May God continue to bless you all.

P.J. PATTERSON,
Prime Minister of Jamaica.

MESSAGE FROM JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED STATES HIS EXCELLENCY DR.
RICHARD L. BERNAL ON THE OCCASION OF
JAMAICA'S THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
INDEPENDENCE

This year, as we come together to celebrate the thirty-fifth year of independence,

we will also for the first time since 1962 observe Emancipation Day as a public holiday. The celebration commemorates the abolition of slavery in Jamaica 159 years ago. Its reinstatement is intended to recognize the significance of the struggle for and the achievement of emancipation by our ancestors and to preserve this in the collective memory of the Jamaican people.

Emancipation Day was one of the most significant transformative moments in the history of Jamaica, a central historical point of departure which forms part of the foundation upon which we build our nation. Our progression as a country from emancipation to independence and beyond demonstrates that indomitable Jamaican spirit engendered in the struggle for emancipation.

Jamaica continues to make progress towards economic development although confronted by internal and international problems. Despite the obstacles, the economy has been stabilized with encouraging growth in tourism, bauxite and agriculture. A stable exchange rate and careful monetary and fiscal management has dramatically reduced inflation and alleviated the pressures of the cost of living.

For the fourth consecutive year, Jamaica was voted the top Caribbean destination at the prestigious World Travel Awards. The introduction of the Air Jamaica hub in Montego Bay will help to promote significant economic activity in western Jamaica and broaden air transport options in the Caribbean. Our national airline is also expanding its North American routes to better serve overseas Jamaicans and to promote the tourist industry.

Jamaica continues to play a leadership role in international affairs. Prime Minister P.J. Patterson chaired the historic meeting between the CARICOM Heads of Government and President Bill Clinton in Barbados in May. This meeting was a positive step towards strengthening US-Caribbean relations by establishing the framework for continued intergovernmental dialogue and cooperation in matters of mutual interest. We reinforced our campaign against drug trafficking by concluding an Agreement to Suppress Illicit Maritime Drug Trafficking ("shiprider") with the United States in a manner which did not infringe on Jamaica's sovereignty.

In collaboration with our Caribbean neighbors, we continue to dialogue with the United States on NAFTA parity and seek a resolution to the banana dispute. In this co-operative spirit, I urge Jamaicans to join forces with other Caribbean peoples to address the implications of the new immigration legislation in the United States.

We have learnt from our historical experiences that we are stronger through collective action. In this regard Jamaicans in the United States continue to play a significant role in nation building. Your investments, remittances and contributions to social institutions have made a tangible impact on the lives of all Jamaicans at home. It is this kind of patriotism and initiative which creates the oneness which is Jamaica, a nation without borders. On this independence anniversary let us move forward with confidence, fortified by past achievements, and infused with hope. Together we can realize the enormous potential of our small but exceptional nation.

DR. RICHARD L. BERNAL,
Ambassador.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. DENNIS LAMBERT AFTER 20 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and bid farewell to a valued member of my staff, Mr. Dennis Lambert, who after 20 years of distinguished service in the legislative branch of our Federal Government, has decided to retire. Dennis has served as my chief of staff since January 1995 when I first took office and has proven to be an outstanding administrator, a trusted friend, and faithful ally.

Dennis grew up in Kansas City, MO, and attended school in the Hickman Mills School District. He holds an A.B. in history from William Jewell College, a masters in public administration from New York University and a masters in liberal arts from Georgetown University. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in Germany and the United States, specializing in communications. Dennis also taught school in Center School District in Kansas City, MO. He served in key staff positions for former Member of Congress, Tom Coleman [R-MO] from 1976 to 1992, initially as chief of staff and later as minority staff director on the House Agriculture Committee. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of the city of Washington, DC, and has worked closely with the Truman Foundation. Dennis is an experienced leader and team player; a fantastic negotiator and strategist; he is a master at innovative consensus building and I always marvel at his ability to remain so calm in the midst of any storm.

In my 3 years in Congress, I have come to rely heavily on Dennis' counsel and infinite wisdom. He has been a very loyal friend to me and to the rest of our staff, and we will miss him.

TRIBUTE TO STERLING DOWLING

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding young person from the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina.

Sterling Dowling, an Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School rising senior, has just been elected president of Boys' Nation, a week-long government and leadership training program that combines lectures and forums with visits to Federal agencies, institutions, memorials, and historical spots, held at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. At Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Sterling serves as corps commander of the Air Force Junior ROTC, is on the executive board of his student council, and serves on the student advisory board. He participates on the debate team, serves as an HIV/AIDS peer educator and is a member of Palmetto Project Operation HOPE for better race relations.

Sterling Dowling's success is not a recent occurrence. Before being elected as president

of Boys' Nation, Sterling served as governor of Palmetto [South Carolina] Boys' State. Sterling will return to Palmetto Boys' State next summer to serve as a youth counselor. Boys' State and Boys' Nation are both sponsored by the American Legion.

After graduating from high school, Sterling plans to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta or South Carolina State University in his hometown to major in English education. He intends to seek a degree at the North Carolina Central School of Law. In his last year in high school, Dowling said he plans to go forth armed with confidence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Sterling Dowling for his outstanding accomplishments and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LATE SENATOR
BOB WILSON

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to praise one of the finest men ever to serve in the State senate of the State of Alabama, Senator Robert Terry Wilson, Sr. Senator Wilson was born in a mining camp in Dora, AL, on April 23, 1922. He was the third of seven children. Senator Wilson was raised in Jasper and then attended the public schools, as well as the University of Alabama, where he also graduated from law school.

During World War II, Senator Wilson was a brave man who served as a tail gunner in a B-26 bomber. He flew 65 missions over Italy and France during the hardest years of the war. For his heroism, he was decorated with many medals, including the coveted French, Croix De Guerre.

Although he fought many battles during the war, he also fought many more in the political arena, some great and some small. In the Alabama senate, he represented the poor, the downtrodden, and the forgotten of society. He always was an effective voice for the under-represented of our land, and did so with principle.

One of the few battles Senator Bob Wilson ever lost occurred last week when many years of cancer finally overcame him. I send my heartfelt wishes to his widow Ruth, and his children, Bob, Sue, Sally, and Alice. We will all miss Senator Wilson, and the arena of politics will be just a little bit less bright without him.

I am glad that I had the privilege and pleasure to serve with him in the Alabama Legislature.

JERUSALEM BOMBING ABHORRENT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am in shock over the terrorist suicide bombings that abruptly shattered the lives of over 150 innocent people and murdered 13 unsuspecting shoppers in a Jerusalem market