

I want to take a few minutes to recognize some of the servants of Hope Lutheran Church. Rev. Gerald Renken, who served as Hope Lutheran's first pastor back in 1962, returned to the church for the special anniversary celebration. After Rev. Renken, Rev. James Peter and Rev. Donald Little served as the next two pastors of the church. Today, Rev. Dean Pfeffer is the pastor. All of these gentlemen have served the people of Hope Lutheran in a powerful way through their instruction, encouragement, and faithful leadership.

In addition to the pastoral staff, I would like to recognize several individuals who have dedicated their lives in service to the people of Hope Lutheran Church and Community Christian School. Mrs. Christine Mansell, the church organist, has played beautiful melodies for Hope Lutheran for 25 years. Mrs. Libby Warren has taught preschool for 18 years. Mrs. Lana Baldwin, a kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Sandy Howell, a first grade teacher and the former principal of Community Christian School, have both worked for 15 years. Finally, Mrs. Sue Griffin has taught preschool for 14 years. It is my pleasure to commend these individuals for their tireless dedication and excellent service.

As we remember these faithful servants and the many others who have contributed so much to Hope Lutheran Church and Community Christian School, we are filled with thanksgiving. We now look ahead with faithful expectancy to see how God will continue to use this church and school in Plant City in the coming years.

TAIWANESE PEACE DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, the date February 28, 1947 is etched into the hearts and minds of the Taiwanese people. It was a day in which thousands of Taiwanese gave their lives fighting for freedom and democracy. February 28, 1997, the 50th anniversary of this day, is one that should be honored here in the United States, because we share with Taiwan a common quest for freedom and democracy.

Fifty years ago to the day on February 28, 1947, thousands of Taiwanese began the long, historic struggle for a democratic Taiwan. Since that time, Taiwan has made tremendous political, economic and social progress toward a democratic and representative government. Taiwan successfully and peacefully elected their first president by a direct popular vote in March 1996, despite China's missile exercise threat.

Taiwan's progress toward democratic rule is matched only by its extraordinary economic success. Today, Taiwan ranks sixth in trade with the great State of Texas. We can attribute this economic accomplishment to Taiwan's dedication to the principle of democracy and capitalism.

Mr. Speaker, a democratic Taiwan contributes to the stability and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region. This day, Taiwan Peace Day, is recognized as an important date in Taiwan's historic evolution to full democracy. It should be spent as a day of healing, reconciliation,

and unity among Taiwanese people all over the world. I hope we take the time to recognize the Taiwanese people and congratulate them on both their struggle and their success.

HONORING ROY CUTBIRTH OF LYNCHBURG, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a valued member of my community, Mr. Roy Cutbirth of Lynchburg, TX. Mr. Cutbirth is a man who truly loves his community, and his dedication and commitment of Lynchburg has won him the admiration and respect of his fellow citizens. He is the election judge of Lynchburg, but to the community he is so much more. The following article from the February 20, 1997, Highlands Star Courier illustrates what Roy Cutbirth means to Lynchburg:

[From the Highlands Star Courier, Feb. 20, 1997]

A SALUTE TO ROY CUTBIRTH

In the wake of a recent election, it is fitting to recognize one resident of Lynchburg who is a highly noted figure in our community. He has probably been to your home collecting for the Highlands Volunteer Department or for the Lynchburg Flower Fund. You may even have driven by his house and been greeted with his characteristic wave—a quick twist of his hand with a pointed index finger. Most likely, you have seen him at the local election sites when you cast your vote. He has even been lightheartedly referred to as the "Mayor of Lynchburg" (even though we do not have a mayor). Who is this man? He is our own Election Judge. Mr. Roy Cutbirth.

Roy Cutbirth and his lovely wife, Pauline, have lived in Lynchburg since 1950 and have raised four children here. Their daughter, Gladys Leap, lives in the Woodlands with her husband Howard; Roy, Jr. and his wife, Janie, live in La Porte where son, Roy III is a high school student; Paula and her husband, Barney Stagner, have two children—Bo and Jennifer—and live in Spring; and Jason Cutbirth and his wife, Tiffany, make their home in Dallas where they are raising four young children—Jason, Jr., Austin, Katelyn, and little Christian Tucker Cutbirth.

Roy worked for Exxon/Humble Oil Refinery for 38 years and retired in 1986. But he has more than a few memorable stories to share about 18 of those years when he was a Master Firefighter. He recalls the day in 1974 at 2:05 a.m., when a tugboat full of gasoline hit an underwater line and exploded and how it took 23 hours, 2 fire boats, and Roy with his men on dock No. 4 to put out the fire. Three men were killed in that explosion. In another incident, Roy sustained burns on his head and his hands in one of the worst accidents he could recall.

"An 85-ft. tower had a line about 20-ft long coming down beside it and that line split like a watermelon. It shot up flames about 350 feet high. It took 6 big diesel fire trucks, 1200 gallons of water, and aerial truck with a 100-ft. boom, and 50 ladders to put it out."

Mr. Cutbirth is now in his 34th year as an election judge and says that he first got involved with politics because his mother was always active in politics. He says, "When my mother believed that someone would do the best job in a political office, she would go out and hand out materials and try to get him elected. My dad was not involved like

that because he was busy making a living for us kids."

In his years as an Election Judge, Roy has had an opportunity to meet a few special people. He has met "lots of senators", and during one of the campaigns while at the Rice Hotel, he shook hands with President Lyndon Johnson and Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

When he first started in 1959, Roy and Pauline took the responsibility of election judge as a team, with Pauline as Alternate Judge. Pauline does all the paperwork but could step in for Roy if needed. Currently, their back-up is Liz Parsons with help from Jim and Kathryn Johnson and Joanne Shaw.

AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, because of the press of other business I was unable to join my colleague from California [Mr. FILNER] in the Special Order he took out to celebrate the great achievements of Americans for Democratic Action. ADA has been for 50 years one of the most important organizations in America for the articulation of liberal principles. From its inception through today, it has been a source of thoughtful, well reasoned political activity on behalf of a fairer and more prosperous America. I am very proud to have been active in ADA myself for more than 30 years, and to have served as president of the organization. Indeed, I join many of my most cherished colleagues in having had that honor.

ADA was founded to provide a platform for liberals committed to the principles of social justice and individual liberty. Throughout its history it has fought extremists of the far left and far right, and has consistently maintained a forceful commitment to the Governmental principles first articulated by Franklin Roosevelt in his New Deal. The challenges to American society now presented by the effect of technological change in globalization on the ability of working people to maintain a decent standard of living testify to the continued relevance of the viewpoint that ADA has upheld for so long. I continue to be proud of my affiliation with Americans for Democratic Action and I look forward to a continued advocacy of ADA and its members on behalf of a set of public policies that will improve the qualities of fairness and freedom in American life.

HONORING CLARK K.H. CHEN

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Clark K.H. Chen and his service not only to Taiwan, but to the people of Guam as well.

Mr. Chen was instrumental in establishing the sister city relationship between Taiwan's and Guam's respective capitals, Taipei and Agaña, in 1973. In 1974, he arrived on Guam as Vice Counsel on Taiwan. During his appointment, he encouraged stronger economic ties between our islands.

In 1977, Mr. Chen was promoted to serve as counsel of the Consulate General Office in Houston, Texas, and had to leave Guam. In 1979, when diplomatic relations between the United States and the Republic of China were suspended, the consulate general office was renamed the coordination council for North American Affairs with Mr. Chen as senior assistant.

Mr. Chen's stellar diplomatic service earned him various promotions in subsequent years, including private secretary to the foreign minister and deputy director general of the coordination council for North American Affairs in San Francisco, CA.

In 1991, Mr. Chen returned to Guam and assumed the top position of director general in the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. It was during his tenure that Guam's relationship with Taiwan was further cemented. As head of this consulate office, Mr. Chen's leadership resulted in the passage of the Taiwan Visa Waiver program, the growth of Taiwanese businesses on Guam, and the increase of Taiwanese investments in Guam. As an example of this relationship, I would like to point out that a power plant project, scheduled to be operational this year, would not have been possible without investments from Taiwanese businesses.

Mr. Chen's reassignment for home service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taipei has saddened many on Guam. His diplomatic service on my island spanned the tenureships of four Guam governors. Not only were economic bonds bolstered under his administration, cultural ties were also strengthened through the increasingly frequent visits by Taiwanese tourists under the Taiwan Visa Waiver program.

I commend Mr. Chen for his dedication and service while Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. Clark and his wife, Cindy, will be missed, for they consider Guam as their second home, and the people of Guam consider the Chens as veritable members of our island family.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND LEATHA REVELS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 25, in my home State of Michigan, James and Leatha Revels were recognized as honored leaders by the South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc. I will be pleased to enter this statement into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in February when the 105th Congress convenes.

Jim and Leatha are deeply involved in the American Indian communities. Jim served on the board of directors for the National Association of American Indians of Detroit for many years, and was also president of the board. They have volunteered to be cooks, servers, and the clean-up crew at the Pow Wow. Leatha is the coordinator of the bakes sales and chairperson of S.E.M.I.I.'s trader tables at various functions. They are always willing to help whenever there is a need.

The Revels have on numerous occasions donated their time to senior groups and have

been active members of the Christian Fellowship Mission Church for the past 18 years. Jim represents S.E.M.I.I. on the Area Agency on Aging, the United Way Community Services, and the Macomb County Community Services Agency Advisory Committee for the senior lunch program.

Leatha and Jim are great supporters of South Eastern Michigan Indians. I want to thank them for their devotion, time and love for the native American Indian people. I urge my colleagues to join with me in wishing congratulations to Jim and Leatha Revels.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MY GOOD FRIEND BOB MARTIN, FOUNDER OF MARTIN & BAYLEY, INC.

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my good friend, Bob Martin, who will be celebrating his 70th birthday on March 9, 1997.

Bob has been a community and business leader in and around Carmi, IL, all of his life. He is the proud coowner of Martin & Bayley, which comprises over 120 food and fuel stores, 30 video stores, 5 laundromats, 2 car washes, and 1 travel center/family style restaurant.

Bob is an inspiration for all us in southern Illinois. He started as a grocery storekeeper in the U.S. Navy. When he was honorably discharged, in 1946, he and his father purchased a small grocery store in New Haven, IL. In 1951 he purchased his father's share and in 1969 he went into a partnership with Frank Bayley and began purchasing and building supermarkets. In 1970 Huck's food and fuel store in Grayville, IL, left a legacy as a successful business venture.

For those that know him, it goes without saying that Bob is a family oriented man. His mission statement, which was inspired by his son, Charles, who helps run Martin & Bayley, and his two daughters, Connie Baker and Taijah Sterns, sums up this philosophy—"We are family." He has a big heart and is always willing to help his fellow neighbors and community. Bob has helped so many people through the endless dedication of his time and energy. Martin & Bayley is such a successful business that many of the folks in Illinois compare him to Sam Walton.

His strong background and passion for the community is evident in his church life also. Bob and his wife Ardella has attended the United Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Norris City and has served actively for many years.

Mr. Speaker, Bob truly epitomizes the promise of America. He made the most of his opportunities through hard work and dedication, and he endlessly shares his time with his community, church, and family. If there were more Bob Martin's in this world it would truly be a better place. It has been an honor to represent him in the U.S. Congress.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE HONORS DONALD J. MOSHER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whom I am proud to say I have known and respected for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Donald J. Mosher has announced his retirement from the United Auto Workers after 20 years of service. In appreciation for his long dedication, on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, Mr. Mosher will be the guest of honor at a retirement celebration organized by both family and friends.

Donald J. Mosher, a resident of Lapeer County, MI, since the age of 6, graduated from Lapeer High School, and received a degree from GMI Management and Engineering Institute, and completed a diemaker apprenticeship through the UAW. From there he found employment with General Motors Corp., beginning as a diemaker, and moving from there to coordinator of preventive maintenance and layout inspection supervisor.

It was during Mr. Mosher's time at General Motors that he became involved with the UAW. As a member, he eventually became Thumb Area UAW-CAP Council Chairman, holding the position to this day. He has also served as a member of the general boards for the Michigan branches of UAW-CAP and the AFL-CIO, and has been a Joint Council Delegate for 26 years.

Mr. Mosher's tenure with the UAW helped spark a fire within him of strong civic responsibility and social activism. He has been active in such groups as Boy Scouts of America, Lapeer County Parks and Recreation Commission, Lapeer County Economic Club Committee, and Lapeer and Genesee County FEMA Committee. On the political front, Mr. Mosher has been constantly active in campaigns on the local, State, and Federal levels, serving on various committees and participating in the process as a delegate and a Presidential Elector. He is proud to say that he has attended three Presidential inaugurations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that the citizens of Lapeer County, many of whom I represent proudly, possess a great asset in Donald Mosher. Thomas Paine once said: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it." Don Mosher has dedicated a great portion of his life's efforts in the support of freedom. It is indeed a pleasure to stand in front of this Nation's House and speak of my dear friend, who through his thoughts, deeds, and actions has provided the community with an invaluable resource and an indomitable spirit.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES CARNEY, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late James Carney, Sr. Mr. Carney was