

willingness to assist the U.S. government in combating worldwide terrorism. The people of Taiwan have embraced the notion that terrorism is the enemy of all the people of the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the people of Taiwan and I wish them goodwill and fortune for their bright and prosperous future.

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to join President Chen Shui-bian and the people of the Republic of China in celebrating National Day on October 10, 2001. This important occasion highlights the growth and emergence of Taiwan's democracy as well as its dynamic economy.

Over the past fifty years, Taiwan has undergone tremendous political, economic and social changes. As the first democracy in thousands of years of Chinese history, Taiwan has become a model for other emerging democracies around the world to emulate. Taiwan has also emerged as an economic powerhouse. Despite Taiwan's small size and lack of physical resources it has become the world's 17th largest economy, 15th largest trading nation, 8th largest investor and 3rd largest holder of foreign exchange. Taiwan plays an essential role in the global economy and is a major economic partner of the United States. Over the past decade, a robust bilateral trade relationship between Taiwan and the United States has mutually benefitted both nations. Last year, bilateral trade between our two nations topped \$64.8 billion and it continues to grow.

I would like to congratulate President Chen Shui-bian who has passionately advocated Taiwan's strong commitment to democracy, human rights, and increased global economic cooperation. Please know that I join many of my colleagues in the United States Congress in supporting your government effort to seek readmission to the United Nations and other international organizations. I strongly believe that Taiwan deserves a seat in all international fora and a prominent place on the world stage.

I also want to thank President Chen and the people of Taiwan who have heeded President Bush's call to join the international community in a counter-terrorism coalition following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. President Chen's government has graciously pledged all of Taiwan's resources in helping the United States fight the terrible scourge of terrorism. President Chen's pledge of unequivocal support for our nation during these difficult times is a testament to the historically close relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

Again, I want to wish the people and government of Taiwan the very best as they celebrate Taiwan's National Day.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
TAIWAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the Republic of China (ROC)—October 10th, 2001—I send my warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes to President Chen Shui-bian, the Honorable C.J. Chen, ROC Representative to the United States, and the good people of Taiwan.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank President Chen, Representative Chen and the leaders of Taiwan for their strong support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. As our Nation struggled to recover from the horrific tragedy, I would note Taiwan was one of the first governments to declare unequivocal support for and cooperation with the United States to combat terrorism worldwide.

President Chen has repeatedly affirmed Taiwan's strong belief that the United States is on the right course in going after terrorists and extremists worldwide, and Taiwan has offered assistance in this mission. Terrorism knows no national boundaries and terrorists seek to destroy freedom and our democratic way of life. Standing shoulder to shoulder as fellow democracies, Taiwan has mourned with America, shared the pain of our Nation, and joined in partnership to fight terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the quick response of Taiwan is not surprising, as the Republic of China is a true democracy—a democracy that cherishes, protects and respects all of the rights of her citizens. The success of Taiwan's democracy is further reflected in her prosperity where, despite having only 23 million people, Taiwan has developed into one of the most important and robust economies in the world.

As the United States leads the global fight to eradicate terrorism, Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful for good friends and allies such as Taiwan. In this regard, Representative C.J. Chen has done an excellent and superb job on Capitol Hill and Washington in representing Taiwan and furthering relations between our governments.

Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the National Day marking the birth of the Republic of China, I ask our colleagues and all Americans to join me in saluting and honoring the strong, vibrant and impressive democracy that is Taiwan today.

HONORING LAURENCE R. (CAMPY)
CAMPTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to honor Mr. Laurence R. (Campy) Campton as he celebrates his 85th birthday on October 27, 2001. I want to recognize Campy for his love of his country and dedicated patriotism first exemplified during his service in World War II.

Campy has seen some of the most horrifying scenes in American war history. Mr. Campton landed on Utah Beach at Normandy where Campy and his comrades in the Fourth Infantry Division made the initial push to drive the Nazi forces back into Germany. German soldiers later captured Campy during the Battle of the Bulge. He remained a captive of the Nazi troops until he was finally liberated by American soldiers and spent the remainder of his tour in Europe in a hospital bed in France. It is my privilege to acknowledge Campy for the sacrifices he made that future generations would enjoy the freedoms and liberties that shape the American way of life. Furthermore, I wish to honor Campy for the bravery he showed on the battlefields of France and the leadership he took back to Colorado where he became an active member of the community.

Campy and his wife Daisy have made significant contributions to their local neighborhood in Salida, Colorado where they have lived since 1949. Campy has always put his community first serving as the Chaffee County Veterans Services Officer and was recently named the Veterans Service Officer of the Year at the annual state convention. Campy is also a devoted family man as he and Daisy raised three children to respect and love their country.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Campton is a role model to all Americans. Campy represents a thread in the fabric of our nation. It is my honor to recognize a Mr. Laurence R. (Campy) Campton for his lifetime of achievements from the battlefields of France to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Salida, Colorado. It is my pleasure to offer Campy the thanks from our nation and my warmest regards.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations today to President Chen Shui-bian and to all Taiwanese people on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day.

Taiwan is one of America's closest and most reliable allies and it is one of Asia's greatest democracies. Our decades-long relationship with Taiwan continues to be strong and I am certain it will remain so for generations to come. The warmth of our relationship can best be gauged by examining the level of friendly interaction between our two nations.

Our bi-lateral trade, which topped \$64.8 billion last year, continues to grow at a healthy pace and has made Taiwan the United States' eighth largest global trading partner. And last year, nearly 30,000 students from Taiwan attended colleges and universities here in the United States. Additionally, outside of Asia, the United States is the number one tourist destination for Taiwan travelers.

Clearly, the people of Taiwan, like the United States share many of the same values that we hold dear, values such as freedom, democracy and the defense of human rights. And they have always remained a steadfast ally in a region of vital importance.

Recently, the Taiwanese people and their government once again demonstrated the values and commitment they share with us, by

standing with us in the fight against global terrorism following the September 11th attack on our country. The Taiwan government has pledged to do everything it can to assist us in eliminating the evil scourge of terrorism that threatens peace-loving democracies around the world. The people of Taiwan can be proud of President Chen for the excellent job he has done in leading their nation, and equally proud for the fine representation they receive here in Washington from Ambassador C.J. Chen.

So to President Chen Shui-bian and to all the people of Taiwan, I want to say "Good Luck and Good Fortune" to each of you as you celebrate your National Day.

CONCERNING TAIWAN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of the solidarity for the American people displayed by the government and people of Taiwan in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

The United States of America is fortunate to have an ally like Taiwan, which shares our nation's commitment to finding and bringing to justice those responsible for the crimes against humanity which took the lives of thousands of innocent Americans on September 11, 2001. I appreciate Taiwan's offer to assist our nation's global campaign to eradicate the scourge of terrorism from our earth. I am also deeply grateful for the precautionary steps Taiwanese officials have recently taken to protect the safety and welfare of American citizens who are either currently visiting or living in Taiwan.

As the United States embarks on a number of economic, diplomatic, and military initiatives in the coming days and months, it will become ever clearer who stands with us in our battle against evil and who stands against us. I am extremely pleased that our friends in Taiwan will stand firmly with us and that they are prepared to provide whatever assistance they can to aid and abet America's global campaign against terrorism.

I am also appreciative of the fact that festivities marking Taiwan's National Day, which were to have been hosted by the Tapei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States today, were canceled out of respect for those killed and injured in the attack on America on September 11, 2001.

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA-TAIWAN

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and send best wishes to the Republic of China on Taiwan as they celebrate National Day.

National Day marks the beginning of democracy in China when on October 10, 1911, a revolt erupted against the ruling Manchu dynasty. This revolt led to the establishment of

the Republic of China on January 1, 1912. The ROC was established on Taiwan in 1949. The Republic of China on Taiwan has made great strides toward full democracy. Last year, voters in Taiwan elected Mr. Chen Shui-bian as the Tenth President of the Republic of China. This election marked, for the first time in Chinese history, a peaceful transfer of power and the first change in the ruling party in fifty years.

The ROC thrives as multi-party democracy and furthermore, the people of Taiwan have proven that freedom and democracy are not just American ideals; they are universal principles that apply to every individual, to every community and to every nation. The ROC has also shown that hard work and ingenuity can create a strong world class economy. Taiwan has a fully developed market-oriented economy ranking as the world's 14th largest trading state and the United States' fifth-largest trading partner. It is Japan's second-largest export market, and a rich country possessing one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves.

The ROC has long been and continues to be an ally of the United States. The United States continues to benefit from our countries' bonds of friendship and cooperation, both economic and governmental. Unlike the United States, however, the world has not been able to fully benefit from all that Taiwan has to offer.

The Republic of China has been kept from full participation in the world. It is not a member of the United Nations. It is not a member of the World Health Organization. It has not been allowed to participate in the Asia Pacific Economic Conference. By denying Taiwan membership in these organizations, the world community loses.

On this day especially, it is my wish for the Republic of China on Taiwan that it be granted participation in these forums and for the world to fully embrace Taiwan and all it could bring to the global community. I congratulate the ROC on its National Day and wish it greater prosperity and achievement in the future. The Republic of China has always been our friend. And at this time, of all times, we need to be thankful for and loyal to our true friends.

HONORING STEVEN WESTHOFF

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to pay tribute to the life of Steven Westhoff who has recently passed away. Mr. Westhoff was a valued member of the community in Glenwood Springs and those who knew Steven will surely miss him. I went to high school with Steve and considered it a privilege to be his friend.

Steven Westhoff was born on June 5, 1954. He spent his childhood growing up in Boulder, Colorado and moved to Glenwood Springs in 1967. During his many years as a resident of Glenwood Springs, Steven took on many duties ranging from his most recent employment as a Project Manager for Schmuesser Gordon Meyer Consulting Engineers and Surveyors to the head of the Ski Patrol at Ski Sunlight. Mr. Westhoff was also a valued member of the

Garfield County Search and Rescue operation. Steven will be remembered as a hard worker, an avid outdoorsman, and a loving husband.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of such an exceptional individual is never easy to accept. We will remember Steven through the memory and the experiences he shared with those to whom he was close. I would like to express my deepest condolences along with the sympathies of this body of Congress to his family and friends during these trying times.

IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA POSEY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable woman in my district, Patricia Posey, who passed from this life on September 12, 2001. Pat lived a life of true riches for 77 years, sowing seeds which rooted deep in our community and which will flower for generations.

A master gardener, her love of this pastime and the beautiful bounty her efforts produced became legendary in West Toledo. Her gardening genius was well recognized, and she was published in several local, regional, and national magazines. Pat enjoyed sharing of her labor of love in the garden by hosting dinners featuring her produce. She was a winner of PBS' Victory Garden contest as well as local contests. Certified by the Ohio State University's Extension Service and the Lucas County Co-Operative, Pat mentored others to become master gardeners as well. Founder of the Toledo Mud Hands Garden Club and member of the American Horticulture Society, Pat's garden was even recognized by the National Wildlife Foundation as a wildlife refuge.

Truly a woman of substance, Pat volunteered for Grace Community Center, Feed Your Neighbor, and Love for Children. Her work as director of Toledo New Careers Program and later 15-year director of Stautzenberger Business College earned her The Golden Nike Award from the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and baking, making over 2000 pastries every Christmas and canning dozens of jars of produce from her garden.

Our heartfelt condolences to Pat's son, Joseph, her brothers and sister Barney, Leo, Mel and Alma, grandchildren Samuel and Hannah, great-grandchild Lucas, her nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. I know the memory of Pat will be carried carefully in their hearts and on a sweet Spring day when the earth is fresh and the garden new they will share the moment with her, smiling.

RECOGNIZING BACA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude to the Baca County Board of Commissioners in Baca