

community, serving on the boards of the Westchester Vitalization Corporation and the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, and as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Westchester. He has also served as the chair of the LAX Area Advisory Committee, president of the Marina del Rey Area Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Westchester Association.

On a personal note, Rich was instrumental in working with me and my staff to arrange important community meetings, including several forums related to homeland security in the wake of the September 11 attacks. He also helped host a highly successful small business forum which attracted more than 100 business owners from the area. Most notably, Rich was instrumental in bringing the community together for a 1997 event with then-U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

I want to thank Rich for his years of dedicated service to the greater Westchester community and his personal commitment to improving the quality of life in his hometown of Westchester and throughout the South Bay.

CONGRATULATING THE FRESNO AREA TAIWANESE ASSOCIATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of celebrating the 91st Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The Fresno Area Taiwanese Association will be holding a flag raising ceremony in the Peace Garden at California State University, Fresno at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 13th to commemorate this day.

In 1911, the Wuchang Uprising brought an end to dynastic rule in China and led to the re-establishment of the first republic in Asia. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was the leader of this uprising and helped to found this new nation. Today, the people of Taiwan and throughout the nation celebrate this historic event with as much fervor as they had on the day of the uprising. Since its establishment, the Republic of China has made countless contributions to the world especially in the areas of economic and social development, science, and technology. Today, Taiwan continues to be one of the cornerstone democracies in Southwest Asia and I will certainly continue to support this thriving country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of the 91st National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The cultural richness of Fresno is a direct result of an active and involved Chinese community and this has helped to strengthen and enhance the relationships in our Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Area of Taiwanese Association many more years of continued success.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF SGT. DAVID LYNCH

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, 19-year-old Adam Gresham was swimming in the hotel pool at the Lafayette Garden Inn, in LaGrange, Georgia. Young Adam drowned in that pool, his breathing and pulse both stopped.

Not far from the hotel is the LaGrange-Callaway Airport, where spectators were enjoying an air show as part of the Delta Airlines Flyin and Airfest. Staff Sergeant Jason Lynch, is a U.S. Air Force A-10 mechanic with the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, which was part of a demonstration team for the air show. SSgt. Lynch was staying at the hotel when he heard screams coming from the pool area. He immediately dropped what he was doing and responded. When he arrived, guests Barry Stetson and Neil Gray of Wanchese, N.C. and Roger Melville, of Stanley, N.C. were lifting the lifeless body of Adam from the pool. Calmly, Staff Sergeant Lynch asked onlookers to call 911 and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on Adam, which he continued until emergency medical services arrived.

According to the Institute of Critical Medicine, the average survival rate for those receiving CPR is about three percent. That means that only 3 out of every 100 people needing CPR survive.

I am pleased to say that Adam Gresham is one of those lucky few.

Because of Staff Sergeant Lynch's quick thinking and level head, Adam Gresham, although still listed in critical condition at Western Georgia Medical Center, is alive today.

I would like to commend Staff Sergeant Lynch and the others for their heroic act and to encourage those hearing these comments to make the effort to learn this vital life-saving skill which saves thousands of lives each year.

TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE LEAHY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Annette Leahy for her four years of outstanding service to Marlborough Hospital and the Marlborough Community.

Mrs. Leahy has been an active member of the community going above and beyond what her job required her to do. She served as a member of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-Country United Way, the Marlborough Rotary Club, and the Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, Mrs. Leahy has volunteered at the local food pantry.

Mrs. Leahy holds degrees from Central Connecticut State University, University of Hartford and the Hartford Graduate Center. Her professional career brought her to Rockville General Hospital, where she served as Vice President for Planning and Administration, Chief Operating Officer, and Senior Vice President of Integrated Health Services.

Since 1998, Mrs. Leahy has been President of the Marlborough Hospital where she oversaw major renovations and expansions, allowing for expanded community outreach programs. In her honor, Marlborough Hospital has named a former lobby the "Annette Leahy Conference Room" to commemorate her achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Annette Leahy for her stellar work at Marlborough Hospital, and wishes her best of luck as her career continues beyond Marlborough Hospital.

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY 2002

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 10, in communities throughout the nation, Lights On Afterschool Events will be taking place. At schools, 4-H Clubs, Police Athletic clubs, YWCAs, in Mayor's offices and in state capitols-activities are planned that highlight the importance of providing safe, enriching environments for young people before and after school hours. These programs are important for working families, help improve academic outcomes for kids and help strengthen the fabric of community life. In my own state of Michigan over 200 events are planned on October 10 to educate families about available programs. America's children are our most precious resource. Their health, their safety, the quality of their education-these are responsibilities we all share. We have an obligation to ensure that every child has a genuine opportunity to succeed. The availability of Afterschool programs moves us toward that goal.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program—by no means the only source of support for Afterschool programs—is a critical resource for all states. The No Child Left Behind Act—signed into law last January by President Bush—promises communities that need this help most, the funds necessary to sustain and develop high-quality Afterschool programs. Unfortunately, in many locations across America millions of children are left home alone, unsupervised, during the hours immediately after the school day ends. For too many of our children these hours are full of squandered opportunities for tutoring, mentoring, academic challenges, and physical, social and cultural development. Not surprisingly, this is a time of day when most juvenile crimes are committed and when more youth are vulnerable to drugs and teenage pregnancy. Lights On Afterschool is an opportunity to showcase the programs that do exist and build support for their expansion. Through the generous support of J.C. Penney, the Afterschool Alliance has nurtured the growth of the Lights on Afterschool campaign—this year events are taking place in 422 congressional districts. By next year that number will grow to 100%.

We all have a responsibility where the nation's young people are concerned—parents, educators, business leaders, community and faith-based organizations and legislators. Providing for the health and welfare of America's

children is too big and too important a job to tackle alone. Afterschool programs offer the chance to improve academic achievement. They provide children with the opportunity to benefit from the mentoring of a role model. They help young students tackle the challenges and learn the value of reading at an early age. They ensure that youth have access to safe and anti-substance abuse activities. And for America's working parents they provide the confidence that their children are well cared for once the school day ends.

Beyond funding for the 21st Century Learning Centers Program, the No Child Left Behind Act, makes available federal Title I funds that can be used to provide supplemental educational services through afterschool programs. The Child Care Development Block Grant is another important resource to assist parents in obtaining high quality afterschool childcare.

I urge my colleagues to visit afterschool programs in your district, encourage local businesses to help sustain and expand these programs and fight for increased federal investment in the 21st Century Learning Center Program, Title I, and the CCDBG. Congratulations to the Afterschool Alliance, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and J.C. Penney, the National Sponsor, and their partners: 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Junior Achievement and the YMCA of the USA on their third successful Lights on Afterschool national awareness campaign.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCESC DE PAULA SOLER

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I welcome, once again, Mr. Francesc de Paula Soler, the gifted and prolific guitarist who played for us last fall at the Library of Congress. He is a world-renowned instrumentalist who will grace the Library of Congress for the second time on October 29, 2002.

Last year's concert soothed and lifted the spirits of those who attended, and this one will no doubt have the same effects. We learned first-hand why de Paula Soler is known throughout the world as the "Poet of the Guitar."

Born in Spain, to a family of artists, Francesc de Paula Soler grew up with the guitar. He received a rigorous and intense training with the classical instrument. As the student of two legendary guitarists, Andrés Segovia and Narciso Yepes, de Paula Soler has become a legend in his own right.

He has played music halls and auditoriums throughout the United States and Europe, mesmerizing audiences of all ages and from all walks of life. Francesc de Paula Soler has been hard at work on his second album and CD called "El Polifemo de Oro," which is dedicated entirely to Spanish music for guitar. The musician has also been working on his next book "Guitar Technique Manual," because he takes his role as a mentor and teacher as seriously as his role as a guitarist. Amazingly, Mr. Soler has managed to work on his album and book while filling a busy tour schedule. He

also instructs students in Master Classes and Seminaries that he offers in the "Ctedra Ferran Sors" and in the "Escola Catalana de Guitarra."

I am grateful that Francese de Paula Soler has returned to Washington, DC to play for us again and urge all of my colleagues to come and enjoy an afternoon of his enchanted melodies.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CARL THOMPSON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Carl Thompson, who served as an advocate for Progressive values in the Wisconsin State Legislature for 32 years.

Mr. Thompson was the youngest delegate to the 1934 founding convention of the Progressive Party, and eventually led the Wisconsin Progressive Party into the newly reformed modern Democratic Party. After the Progressives took over the Democratic Party, they chose Carl as their first candidate for governor in 1948, and again in 1950. As a proponent of public financing of campaigns and keeping money out of politics, he ran for governor with only \$10,000. His opponent spent 16 times as much, but Carl still received 45 percent of the vote.

As a State Legislator from Stoughton, he was a crusader for Progressive ideals. I admire his tireless efforts fighting for civil rights, women's rights, and for speaking for those who so often are not heard. Many of Wisconsin's laws we take for granted today, Carl brought to the attention of the State Legislature, even though they may have been unpopular at the time. His colleagues will tell you that they have considerable respect for him because he was not afraid to challenge the establishment.

Carl's leadership in the State Assembly and State Senate from 1952–1984 has left Wisconsin with a strong Progressive tradition. While his contemporaries left Wisconsin to go to Washington as Senators and Congressmen, he felt it was important to stay at home to fight for his causes in the conservative State Senate. He should be remembered for the positive impact he had as a founder of the modern Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the legacy that he has left for the people of Wisconsin.

TAIWAN CELEBRATES 91ST NATIONAL DAY

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as leaders and people on Taiwan celebrate their 91st National Day on October 10, 2002, I offer them my congratulations and wish them many more happy National Days in the future.

Much has been said about Taiwan's political achievements. It has a former political dissident as its tenth president, and people of Taiwan enjoy numerous political freedoms and

protection of human rights. As political reforms are continuing, Taiwan will soon complete its total democratization.

In terms of economic achievements, Taiwan is one of the world's major economies. Our trade with Taiwan totaled \$51.5 billion in 2001. We exported electrical machinery, optical instruments and parts, aircrafts, aircraft parts, organic chemicals, corn, and soybeans to Taiwan. Taiwan represents the 7th largest market for U.S. exports worldwide.

In other non-economic areas, I believe we must continue to supply Taiwan with defensive arms—to help Taiwan maintain peace in the Taiwan Strait. Also, the U.S. must take an active role in helping Taiwan join many important international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

The U.S. is also grateful for Taiwan's assistance in the fight against global terrorism. Immediately after September 11, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian lost no time in condemning the brutal act against American civilians and offered resolute support of America's anti-terrorism campaign. Taiwan has also taken concrete actions. For instance, Taiwan has shared intelligence information with the United States, security at Taiwan airports has been heightened, legislative bills have been passed to stop money laundering which could aid terrorists, and humanitarian assistance has been provided to Afghan refugees. We appreciate Taiwan's help in combating global terrorism.

Again, congratulations to our good friends on Taiwan on their National Day.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this October 10th marks the 91st National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan). On this important occasion, I wish to congratulate the leaders and the people of Taiwan.

Taiwan and the United States have a very productive relationship despite the lack of official relations. Taiwan has always been supportive of U.S. policies and actions. Last year, Taiwan was one of the first countries to come to our aid in our campaign against worldwide terrorism.

Taiwan's leaders have pledged whatever assistance we need, such as intelligence gathering, in our continuing war against terrorists. Apart from Taiwan's support of us in combating terrorism, Taiwan maintains close cooperation with us in many areas such as economics, politics, immigration, culture and education, science and technology, human rights, and environmental protection.

On the occasion of ROC's National Day, I urge all Americans to continue to lend their support to Taiwan.

America must continue to help Taiwan and the PRC resume dialogue, continue to supply Taiwan with the means to defend themselves, and ease unnecessary restrictions we have imposed upon Taiwan's representative offices in the United States and our "unofficial" official offices in Taiwan.

I am certain that relations between America and Taiwan will continue to grow. Taiwan is a