

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA OF
CALCUTTA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of Mother Teresa of Calcutta who will be beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome on October 19, 2003.

Born in Albania on August 26, 1910, Mother Teresa decided to become a Roman Catholic sister in 1928. She was assigned to a convent in Calcutta and became a teacher of geography and history at St. Mary's School. In 1948, Mother Teresa founded a religious order known as Missionaries of Charity to help the poor, the suffering, and the dying in Calcutta and around the world. Today, there are approximately 5,000 sisters in the order and over 400 missions around the globe.

Later in life, Mother Teresa focused her energies on hospice programs for those with AIDS. She offered unconditional love to everyone, regardless of class or position in life. Because of her actions, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985.

Few people in recent history have done more to help their fellow human beings than Mother Teresa. It is a privilege to recognize a person who has brought care and comfort to millions. I hope you and my other distinguished colleagues will join me in honoring her lifetime of service and dedication to the people of the world.

92ND TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2003, one of our largest trading partners, the Republic of China on Taiwan, will be celebrating the 92nd anniversary of its National Day. I wish to join my colleagues in the U.S. Congress in sending best wishes to the 22 million residents of this lovely island. I also commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu as they continue to lead Taiwan to greater economic prosperity at home and greater participation in international activities abroad.

Just like our 4th of July, October 10th marks the beginning of a fantastic story of economic, social and political success that has culminated in Taiwan becoming a vibrant democracy in the Pacific Region. These are exciting times in the history of relations between the United States and Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, on this 92nd occasion of the Republic of China's National Day, it is important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

HONORING ALICE MAY LARSON ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alice May Larson on her 100th birthday. Alice was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on October 4, 1903, and currently resides in Boulder City. I am pleased to join Alice's friends, relatives, and all of Boulder City in congratulating her on reaching this milestone.

A TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN, THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the United States' most reliable allies, the Republic of China, on the occasion of its National Day, October 10. That great nation, better known as Taiwan, has served as a mirror on our times, reflecting the agonies and dreams of the 20th Century and the soaring aspirations of the new century. The ROC was born of the tragedy of Communist betrayal, reared in the tension of the cold war, and reached maturity during the information age.

The ROC was the first casualty of Imperial Japanese aggression and our staunch ally in the fight to free the Pacific of that tyranny. In 1949, Chinese Communists seized power on the mainland and the central government of the Republic of China relocated to Taiwan. Since that time, we have rightfully considered Taiwan's security of vital interest to the United States. In 1950, President Truman ordered the Seventh Fleet to protect Taiwan from attack by the Chinese Communists and we have maintained a presence in the area ever since. Moreover, the Congress has consistently expressed its support of the ROC since the passage of Taiwan Relations Act of 1979.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has developed into Asia's premier democracy, having peacefully evolved from one party rule to the vibrant home of multi-party elections. It has seen opposition parties succeed the ruling KMT, the party of National founder, Chiang Kai-shek and the popular election of its legislative branch.

Taiwan's political development has been complemented by its economic rise as one of Asia's "Four Tigers," along with Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea. Since 1949, the ROC's economy has moved from a leader in agricultural exports, to a major manufacturer of small electronics and consumer goods, to today's premier Asian producer of capital- and technology-intensive commodities, such as personal computers and machinery. Because its economy has achieved such rapid growth, Taiwan boasts one of the world's highest standards of living, with only 1 percent of its population below the poverty line in 2000. Today, the ROC is an irreplaceable part of the world economy and vital to continued growth here in the U.S.

I know that my colleagues will join me in wishing Taiwan's President Chen Shuibian, its

Representative here in the U.S., C.J. Chen and the 23 million people of Taiwan a most happy National Day and continued peace and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO CASHER CHOATE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Mr. Chaser Choate, who recently passed away following an extended illness. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community.

Mr. Choate, born January 18, 1931, was the first of nine children of Edison and Eva Choate. Following high school graduation and after one quarter at Tennessee Tech, Mr. Choate was called to duty for service in the Korean war. In his third year of service, he was diagnosed with cancer and was forced to retire from the military. After having 85 percent of his stomach removed, due to the cancer, Mr. Choate returned to Tennessee Tech where he graduated with a degree in business.

Upon receiving his undergraduate degree he embarked for Florida. While in Florida and after a brief stint as an insurance adjuster, he found his calling as an educator. He returned to Tennessee and obtained a master's degree. He took a position with York Institute, his old high school, as a guidance counselor. Mr. Choate spent the rest of his career at York serving as a teacher of general business, economics, and English.

While at York, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Community Education Program. He helped establish the Adult Education Program and served as administrator of the GED Program. Mr. Choate was active in the Fentress County Literacy Council, Fentress County Foster Care Review Board, Fentress County Retired Teachers Association, Jamestown Rotary Club, and was a dedicated member of the Jamestown United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Choate today. His dedication and selflessness to his community are examples to all who wish to lead.

HONORING SHERMAN FREDERICK
ON HIS ELECTION TO THE NE-
VADA NEWSPAPER HALL OF
FAME

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sherman Frederick on his election to the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame. I am pleased to join with all Nevadans in honoring him for his contribution to journalism and our community.

Sherman Frederick began his career in journalism as an intern at the Review-Journal, the paper he currently publishes. He also serves as President of the Stephens Media Group, allowing him to share his experience and expertise with newspapers around the country.

All of us who have been sworn to uphold the Constitution recognize the vital role our newspapers play in protecting our freedoms by remaining vigilant against any violations of our First Amendment. I urge all Nevadans and all members of this House to join with me in congratulating Sherman on winning this high honor.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China and is celebrated internationally as Taiwan's National Day. As this historic day approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate President Chen Shui-bian and the people of Taiwan for their continuing political reforms and economic achievements.

Mr. Speaker, over the last decade, Taiwan has established itself as a strong and successful model of democracy. Under the leadership of President Chen, the government and people of Taiwan have continued to implement domestic reforms and strengthen diplomatic relations with surrounding nations. This continuing commitment to democratic progress can best be seen in next year's elections. With both the presidential and legislative elections scheduled for 2004, next year will likely prove to be a politically dynamic and exciting year for Taiwan. I applaud the robust multiparty democracy that Taiwan has become.

Mr. Speaker, along with its democratic development, Taiwan remains an important economic partner for the United States. We are Taiwan's largest market, but Taiwan is our 7th largest trading partner. This is a remarkable achievement for this island nation of 22 million people. Taiwan's accession to the World Trade Organization last year will set the stage for even greater opportunities for U.S. business.

Mr. Speaker, as Taiwan continues to earn international acclaim as a model of democratic progress and free market economics, I call on my colleagues to join me in commending Taiwan during the upcoming celebration of Taiwan's National Day.

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAIWAN'S 92ND ANNIVERSARY OF NA- TIONAL DAY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to offer my congratulations to the 23 million people of Taiwan; it will be celebrating the 92nd anniversary of its National Day on October 10, 2003.

Taiwan is a dynamic democracy, and world economic leader. With a total of more than 95 political parties, every public office is hotly contested through free elections. People enjoy full political freedom, including freedom of

press and assembly. Its per capita income ranks among the highest in the world.

The State of Washington, including the Seventh Congressional District, has enjoyed the close commercial, social and cultural ties that link our two nations. Many of our brightest leaders in the state trace their roots to Taiwan, and the Taiwanese American community is integral to our country's rich ethnic diversity.

The annual commemoration of this historic date is a valuable reminder that freedom and justice are paramount goals shared by our countries.

Again, congratulations to Taiwan and its people on their National Day.

REMEMBERING THE LATE JOE LAPPIN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of my good friend and neighbor L.W. "Joe" Lappin. Joe passed away Monday, September 8, at the age of 85.

Joe, as everyone knew him, was a pillar of our community, as a member of the Boulder City Elks Club, Archeo Nevada, and the 31ers Club. Joe was a fountain of knowledge about Boulder City for all of those, including myself, who wanted to know about the origins and traditions of this unique community. As a former Mayor of Boulder City, I knew that I could count on Joe to know what needed to be done, and more importantly, what I was doing wrong.

Joe is survived by his wife Patricia, his two children and three grandchildren. We will all miss Joe, and I urge the members of this House to join me in expressing our condolences to his family and friends.

IN MEMORY OF ROMAN Q. BENAVENTE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, Roman Quichocho Benavente who passed away on September 30, 2003.

Roman was born on February 22, 1922. He was married to the late, Margarita Mendiola Mesa Benavente and father to Frances B. Leon Guerrero, Nora B. "Lola" Beck, Barbara B. "Bobbie" Vaira, Randolph Mesa "Randy" Benavente, Raymond Mesa Benavente, and Bernice B. Batson and the late Danny San Nicholas. He was also grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, godfather, and friend.

Roman was a shining example of the strength and courage of the Chamorro people. We are proud and grateful of his 50 years of service to his country and his people. He was a 30-year veteran of the United States Navy from which he retired as a Chief Petty Officer in 1970. He went on to serve with the United States Capitol Police, retiring after 20 years in 1991.

Although Roman and his family remained in the states after his retirement, his love for the island of Guam and his Chamorro heritage was constant. Together he and Margarita raised their children with a deep appreciation of their Chamorro heritage and a love of their island home. As a founding member of the Guam Territorial Society, now known as the Guam Society of America, Inc., he was an active member, planning and participating in all activities. More importantly, Roman has helped bring those of us residing in the area together to continue our local traditions and to help pass these traditions on to our children.

Roman was known for his kindness, generosity and his sense of humor. He was known for his love for God, his family and friends, his island and his country. He was known for his love of cooking, singing and dancing. Yet for the many things for which Roman will be remembered, I will especially remember Roman for his steadfast loyalty, support and friendship to me and my family throughout the years. Roman would open his home to us whenever we visited Washington, D.C. and I could count on his presence and participation at all my events. In fact, on the day I was sworn in as Guam's Delegate, he was the first person to arrive for the ceremony. He came early to offer his assistance. This was typical of Roman. Whenever anything needed to be done, he was the first to arrive and the last to leave, doing what needed to be done and having a great time doing it.

We have much to learn from Roman and the way he lived his life. He taught us to love, to laugh and to celebrate and to be there for each other. Though we mourn his death, we honor his life in living by his example. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Roman Quichocho Benavente.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVE BARRON

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Barron, a teacher at Claremont Middle School in New Hampshire. He passed away this summer, but has left behind a deep impression on his students. Because I cannot improve upon the sentiments expressed by one of his former students, Robin Lasko, I will simply include her letter to me and close by saying he will be missed.

DEAR CHARLIE BASS: On the night of July 25, 2003, one of the finest educators the state of New Hampshire has ever seen passed away. His name was Steve Barron, a seventh grade social studies teacher.

My name is Robin Lasko, and in the fall of 2003 I will become a junior at Stevens High School. Mr. Barron was my homeroom teacher in seventh grade. He will always be remembered for the things he taught me, things that books could never show. He taught me to have compassion for the earth, and to care even when no one else does. He taught me that being accepted by the public eye was not the only thing that mattered in life, and he taught me to think of the consequences of everything I do.

The first day of seventh grade, I walked into Mr. Barron's classroom and was very intimidated. My first thought was that I was