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**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise and join my colleagues in honoring a unique man and a graceful diplomat.

After 4 years of exemplary service as the head representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), the quasi-embassy of the Republic of China (ROC), Ambassador C.J. Chen is returning to Taiwan. In fact, since joining his country's foreign service 37 years ago, Ambassador Chen has continuously been involved with U.S.-Taiwan relations in his many job assignments both in Taiwan and in the United States.

In 1979 when the United States severed diplomatic relations with Taipei and recognized Beijing, Ambassador Chen was then working in Taiwan's embassy in Washington. He spent days and nights negotiating and communicating with U.S. government officials and lawmakers in helping draft the Taiwan Relations Act (P.L. 96-8). Signed into law on April 10, 1979, this important legislation has enabled Taiwan to grow both economically and politically during the last quarter century.

In subsequent years, Ambassador Chen has played many key roles in Taiwan's foreign ministry. He has encouraged the U.S. to act as a balancer and facilitator in handling its relations with both Taiwan and the People's Republic of China (PROC). In addition, Ambassador Chen and other leaders in Taiwan have been successful in urging the U.S. to continue to provide Taiwan with military aid necessary for its self-defense.

During the last 4 years, Ambassador Chen has aimed to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan relations which are now at their highest point since 1979. While there have been no major changes in U.S. policy toward either side of the Taiwan strait recently, the U.S. stance toward Taiwan has improved significantly, largely due to Taiwan's democratic government.

In addition to the Bush Administration's goodwill towards Taiwan, support on Capitol Hill continues to grow. Since the start of the 108th Congress, both the House and Senate have introduced and/or passed various resolutions relating to Taiwan including support for: (1) Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO); (2) A U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement and; (3) Taiwan's security. Ambassador Chen has played a critical role in building support for each and every one of these resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, while Ambassador Chen is indeed leaving Washington, I have no doubt that he will continue to contribute to the enhancement of U.S.-Taiwan relations in the future. I wish C.J. and his wife Yolanda all the best.

They will be greatly missed here in Washington.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR AND THE KICK-OFF OF THE CELEBRATION

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War and the commemorative activities planned to revisit this important time in our Country's history.

As a former soldier, I believe that remembering and recognizing the bravery and courage of those who fought before us is essential to keeping history alive and fully appreciating the freedom we now enjoy. Today, our troops are faced with the conflict in Iraq. As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, let us remember that it is through the bravery of the young men in Iraq that there will be a new country, new government, and new opportunities, much like the result of the French and Indian War 250 years ago.

Beginning in 1754, the French and Indian War changed everything. The political climate during and after the war directly resulted in the American Revolution and the creation of the United States as an independent nation. The war also gave America its first introduction to George Washington, the beginning of a friendship that would help to build this great Nation.

Laura Fisher, the Executive Director of the French and Indian War 250, Inc., along with former Pennsylvania First Lady Michele Ridge, National Co-Chair of the French and Indian War Advisory Committee, and Chuck Queenan, Chairman of the Board of the French and Indian War 250, Inc., have helped to build the national commemoration of the French and Indian War from a regional event to a multi-state initiative that spans a twenty-state area from Maine to South Carolina.

Official commemoration activities began in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 16-18, 2004, at the historic Point Park. The Point was the site of Fort Duquesne, later Fort Pitt, and one of the most sought after locations thanks to the accessibility of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela Rivers.

The next several years will commemorate the anniversary through large-scale re-enactments at historic sites, exhibitions of rare historical artifacts, educational symposia and a major public television series, and I encourage my colleagues and their constituents to participate in remembering some of the most important milestones and sacrifices made leading to America's founding.

The National Governor's Association meeting held recently in Washington, D.C., was a great victory for the French and Indian War 250th Anniversary as several of the nation's governors reaffirmed their support of the importance of the commemoration by signing their name to the French and Indian War Memorandum of Understanding. I applaud Governor Ed Rendell of my state of Pennsylvania, and all the Governors who have pledged their continued commitment to devel-

oping programs to attract and educate visitors about the rich heritage and contribution that each state made during this era of conflict.

Governors who signed the Memorandum of Understanding have pledged to continue working to create French and Indian War trails, new marketing strategies to inform the public of this exciting initiative and educational programs to aid teachers in the classroom.

In commemoration of the French and Indian War's 250th anniversary celebration and the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the importance of this celebration and the importance of recognizing the sacrifices made in battle, I respectfully request that the French and Indian War Memorandum of Understanding be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I thank the Speaker and I yield the floor.

Memorandum of understanding between the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia, and War for Empire, Inc d/b/a French and Indian War 250, Inc.

The following represents an understanding between the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia (hereinafter "the States") and War for Empire, Inc., d/b/a French and Indian War 250, Inc. (hereinafter "French and Indian War 250").

Whereas, the States represent the geographical area in which the French and Indian War historical sites are located and French and Indian War 250 represents the official commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War.

Whereas, the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War is fast approaching, spanning the years from 2004 to 2010, and the opportunity exists to connect the unparalleled collection of historic sites in these States.

Whereas, by developing a common storyline, educational materials and marketing strategies, these important, but mostly rural, sites in the States will be given new visibility.

Whereas, the occasion of this major anniversary will serve as a springboard in the States for tourism, education and economic development as we develop new programs and projects to attract visitors, educate the general public about the lasting importance of this conflict, and elevate this regional story to national prominence.

Whereas, commemorative plans revolve around four basic goals: to improve and connect the battle sites, both regionally and nationally; to create programming to attract visitors and educate the public; to stage commemorative events nationwide over the life of

the anniversary period; and to elevate the visibility and significance of the commemoration.

Whereas, connecting battle sites, located in the States, from the spread of the war through southwestern Pennsylvania to its neighboring colonies and related sites from Pontiac's Rebellion, which occurred on the frontier as the immediate aftermath of the war, gives greater context for a new understanding of the critical role played in this era by Native American nations.

Whereas, the States' large network of battle sites from the French and Indian War can offer visitors a living historical storyline. The National Park Service has already begun programmatic efforts at several sites, including the well-known national battlefield Fort Mifflin, and is supportive of the efforts to link these activities to the French and Indian War commemoration.

Whereas, it is important to translate the story into specific exhibit and public presentation strategies, including development of a shared logo, brochures and marketing plans to reach new audiences with targeted and effective messaging.

Whereas, a major centerpiece of the celebration will be a four-hour public television special, aimed at a broad general audience and aired as a national prime time television event. The reach and lasting effect of this national television event can be extended with cutting-edge technological tools to reach teachers and students nationwide with curricula and other related materials.

Whereas, Parkman Prize winning historian Fred Anderson is authoring an heavily illustrated popular book based on the film, which will also encourage new interest in the States' sites.

Whereas, the States will enjoy tourism opportunities through regional and multi-state tour and thematic guides that will be distributed at the 40-plus National Park Service Revolutionary War/18th century sites. Also, a new national French and Indian War thematic trail will be developed, linking the States and their sites.

Whereas, a national calendar of commemorations, reenactments and public programming in the States will generate and sustain interest for the life of the anniversary period. A national media strategy will be developed, including a press tour, to reach diverse markets.

Now therefore, the States and French and Indian War 250 have established a working relationship and agree in good faith to work together to focus on the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War and commence the aforementioned activities as of February 22, 2004 and continue these activities until 2010 or terminated by any party.

In witness whereof, the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia and French and Indian War 250 have

evidenced their good faith intent of the undersigned to work toward the goals herein enumerated.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW D'AMICO

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, with this month being Autism Awareness Month, I ask that you join me in recognizing the efforts of Andrew D'Amico and his parents, Mr. Frank D'Amico and Mrs. Nancy D'Amico in supporting this cause. With autism occurring in 1 in every 250 births nationwide, more scientific research in regard to causes and treatments would prove to be beneficial. The D'Amicos participate in the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR), an organization that as its name suggests funds and promotes scientific research to determine both the biological origin and possible cure for this condition. In 1994, NAAR became the first association in the United States to uphold a mission dedicated to research concerning autism. More recently, on April 1st of last year, the D'Amicos along with other representatives of NAAR lobbied on NAAR's Hill Day for increases in the NIH budget specifically geared towards researching this condition.

In addition to boosting financial resources for research, NAAR builds a supportive community of friends and family connected to autism. This group's major fundraiser, Walk F.A.R. for NAAR, takes care of both bases by raising funds and by connecting many individuals through one powerful goal of spreading awareness and deepening knowledge. NAAR hosts this special 4-mile long walk in numerous locations throughout the Nation. Since May 2000, 150,000 walkers have together raised over \$15 million. The dedication and care of those involved in the walk survive any obstacle, as is evident in last year's Delaware Valley Walk. Rain drenched this site, but 2,000 supporters completed every bit of the 4 miles and collected \$204,000. The commitment of NAAR's members simply shines. Walkers can take part in this event separately or within a team. Andrew and his parents formed Team Andrew, a team that at fifty walkers strong donated \$10,000 alone last year at the previously mentioned walk. Andrew along with the rest of his team intends to continue their strong showing and partake in the 2004 Delaware Valley Walk on June 12th, exactly two months before his 18th birthday.

Aside from his activities with NAAR, Andrew devotes himself to high achievement within his high school and surrounding communities. Currently a junior at West Deptford High School, he has earned upstanding academic marks and the esteem of the faculty. Such accomplishment secured for Andrew the Principal's Award for the second marking period of the current school year and an invitation to apply for membership to the West Deptford Chapter of the National Honor Society. Acceptance into this society revolves around scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Further solidifying his involvement within West Deptford High School, Andrew serves

through the Key Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Rather than taking a back seat, Andrew actively and admirably becomes involved.

Andrew combines his interest in service and ability to lead by volunteering at the Gloucester County Camp that focuses on Asperberger Syndrome. Those exhibiting symptoms of this condition show signs of deficient socialization and difficulty in coping with changes in routine. This 4-week program aims to comfortably increase social interaction amongst its participants. Andrew, a two-year veteran, decided to take another step up and reach out to those willing to put out a hand. The construction of this tight network offers a foundation for the individuals of the camp to gain support from. Mr. D'Amico described his son's incredible ripple effects when he commented, "Andrew has made our family stronger and each of us a stronger person. We were all blessed on the day he was born." Andrew chooses not to view his state as a heavy weight or crutch. He instead aspires to not only take care of himself and his responsibilities but to also touch and invigorate those around him. For a myriad of reasons, Andrew D'Amico unquestionably deserves acknowledgment.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
REV. DONALD WINHOLD

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory of the Rev. Donald A. Winhold, the father of Laura Sue Gaines. Laura Sue is a former staff member of mine whom I highly regard. Her father passed away on May 24, 2004.

Laura Sue's father was a man of strong convictions, untiring dedication and infinite compassion. He was a devout Christian who dedicated his life to serving the Lord and helping his fellow man. As a Southern Baptist minister and area missionary, Rev. Winhold helped charter five churches during his tenure. Those churches are the First Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Sioux City, Iowa; the Trotwood Baptist Church in Trotwood, Ohio; the First Baptist Church in Napoleon, Ohio; the First Baptist Church in Azle, Texas; and the Greeneville Baptist Church in Greeneville, Ohio. He also was responsible for establishing the first public library in Raymond, Illinois.

Rev. Winhold used every means at his disposal to spread the gospel, including through his television and radio ministries. He was truly a man of vision who understood the nature of the people he ministered.

Rev. Winhold was also a man who valued family life and service to his country. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean War. And he was married 46 years to his beloved wife, Rosalie. They had four children: Michael Winhold, Michelle Hopkins, William Winhold and Laura Sue.

I commend Rev. Winhold for his full and rewarding life. He will be remembered as a true servant of God, and he will be sorely missed by his family, his church and the communities for which he worked.