

demonstrate continuous improvement in safety, based on criteria administered by the National Safety Council. Only 1 percent of U.S. slaughter plants receive this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Premium Standard Farms on 10 years of safe and productive operations at the Milan Processing Facility.

SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S EFFORT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, in seeking to return to the United Nations, the Republic of China on Taiwan will once again ask diplomatic allies to present its case before the United Nations this fall. I am in total sympathy with Taiwan's effort. Taiwan is the only nation not represented in the U.N. Taiwan's exclusion from the U.N. violates the principles and spirit of the U.N. Charter, especially the fundamental principle of universality and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As we all know, the U.N. Charter demands that this global body welcome the participation of all people, including the 23 million people of Taiwan. Those who object to Taiwan's participation in the U.N. argue that U.N. Resolution 2758, adopted in 1971, makes the People's Republic of China the legitimate representative of Taiwan. The fact is that the PRC has never exercised jurisdiction over Taiwan. It is absurd to claim that the PRC can speak for a land and people over which it has no control. If the United Nations is founded on the principle of the equality of sovereign nations, it has no reason not to recognize Taiwan's sovereignty as an independent nation. It must and should give Taiwan representation.

Moreover, as we live in an era of the ascendancy of democracy and human rights, we must see that Taiwan has been a vibrant democracy with a democratically elected president and legislature. Taiwan's government upholds human rights. Its citizens enjoy freedom of assembly, association and religion. Free nations of the world cannot allow Taiwan, a beacon of democracy, to be subdued by an authoritarian China.

Besides being a multiparty democracy, Taiwan is an economic powerhouse, now ranking as the world's 14th largest economy. It has the potential to be a valuable party to ensure peace, security and progress in the Pacific region. Clearly it does not serve anyone's interest to keep Taiwan out of the United Nations. Also, as Asian-Pacific nations are confronted with problems of environmental degradation, greenhouse effects, depletion of marine and other resources, poverty and disease, Taiwan could play a significant role in grappling with some of these concerns if it were allowed to work with the United Nations and its agencies. No such opportunity awaits Taiwan today.

Mr. Speaker, I truly believe that Taiwan has been poorly treated by the United Nations. Taiwan has been a responsible global citizen for years. It has done a good job, for example, in helping to resettle refugees in Afghanistan, in preventing AIDS in Africa and in dispatching numerous technical and medical teams to de-

veloping countries in Latin America and Africa. U.N. should recognize and reward Taiwan's global outreach to needy countries.

Maybe the solution is parallel representation for both Taiwan and the People's Republic of China on the pattern of the previous East and West Germanys and the North and South Koreas. Such an arrangement would provide Taiwan and China with a forum for dialogue whereby they may forge closer ties based on mutual understanding and respect, leading to permanent peace in the Taiwan Strait.

For all the reasons named above, my colleagues and I urge the United Nations to consider Taiwan's bid to return to the U.N. with thought and wisdom.

HONORING THE JOFFREY BALLET OF CHICAGO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago on more than 40 years of excellence and artistic achievement.

Since its foundation in 1956, the Joffrey Ballet has brought a unique and innovative approach to American dance theater. In addition to entertaining Chicago audiences for decades, the Joffrey exists as a touring company with a repertoire of original ballets and choreography that have been enjoyed by ballet fans worldwide.

Created by Robert Joffrey and Gerald Arpino, the Joffrey held its first major production at Chicago's 8th Street Theater on January 22, 1957. The performance proved to be a tremendous success, and helped establish the Joffrey as one of the best national companies of the day. In addition, the Joffrey has received international acclaim for its performances in 25 foreign countries, including Korea, Syria, and Afghanistan.

Renowned for a remarkable repertory of more than 225 ballets by 85 choreographers, The Joffrey commissioned the first ballets of such notable American choreographers as Alvin Ailey, Laura Dean, Anna Sokolow, and Chicagoan Randy Duncan. Furthermore, the company has revived many of the lost classics such as *Parade* from 1909, and *The Three-Cornered Hat* from 1919. In addition, The Joffrey has achieved great success by incorporating modern technology and pop culture into its productions to create ballets that are appealing to modern audiences.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the people of Chicago in congratulating The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, one of Chicago's finest cultural institutions. From its brilliant original productions, to its extraordinary presentations of the classics, the company continues to perform ballet at the very highest of levels. I am happy to applaud their numerous achievements, and to wish them continued growth and future success.

HISPANIC ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA. I rise today to commend the University of Texas Pan American on organizing the 3rd annual Hispanic Engineering Science and Technology Week (HESTEC), a national celebration, emphasizing the importance of math and science literacy by highlighting rewarding career paths in engineering, science, and technology.

The University of Texas Pan American is one of the premier Hispanic-Serving Institutions in the Nation not just because of the large number of Hispanic students that attend classes here but because of the university's longstanding and deeply rooted commitment to expanding access to education for our community. HESTEC is just one example of that commitment to our young people, our future.

We are in the midst of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month—a time to celebrate Hispanic culture and the many contributions Hispanic Americans have made to this great Nation. The University of Texas Pan American, through the HESTEC initiative, has decided to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by looking to the future.

Love of country is a fundamental value in the Hispanic community. When the nation is in need, Hispanic Americans have always answered the call to serve. It is in this fine tradition that University of Texas Pan American founded HESTEC.

HESTEC is a call to serve. It is a call to our Hispanic youth to step in and fill the pressing national need for highly trained professionals in the fields of science, engineering, and technology.

Our Nation is facing a shortage of critical proportions in the fields of math, science, engineering and technology. Science and engineering employment opportunities are increasing three times faster than all other occupations. Yet, the number of college students entering the fields of math, science and engineering continues to decline, placing America's position as the world's leader in science and technology at risk. Increasingly, Hispanics will be called upon to reverse that trend. By the year 2010, Hispanics will represent 1 out of 4 students in U.S. schools, but today only 4 percent of U.S. scientists and engineers are Hispanic. This presents both a challenge and an opportunity for higher education institutions to attract more Hispanics entering the career fields of science and technology.

The University of Texas Pan American recognized that Hispanic Serving Institutions have a unique responsibility to meet this challenge and to increase the number of Hispanics in math, science, engineering and technology fields. Therefore, in October 2002, under the leadership and vision of Roland Arriola, vice president of external affairs, the university hosted the first Hispanic Engineering Science Technology Conference (HESTEC).

Since its inception, HESTEC has captured the imagination of South Texas and galvanized the community around the goal of preparing the next generation of mathematicians, scientists, engineers, and technology experts. This event has engaged our community on all

levels. Last year, HESTEC reached over 1,500 teachers, 25,000 community members, and 330,000 students from across Texas. The initiative also has generated \$1 million in scholarship dollars for college students.

The University of Texas Pan American has created a model initiative for the Nation. Today, on the eve of the 3rd annual HESTEC and in the midst of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting this fine institution for its service to the Hispanic community and to the Nation.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS "OZARK" IN PORTLAND, OR, AND HONORING ITS CREW

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure today that I welcome the crewmembers of the USS *Ozark* back to Portland, OR to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ship's commissioning on September 23, 1944. The *Ozark*, built by the Willamette Iron and Steel Corporation here in Portland, crossed the Columbia River bar less than 2 weeks later and played a vital role in our Nation's victory in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The Pacific Theater saw some of the war's most dangerous naval encounters, and the commitment of the USS *Ozark's* crewmembers is a testimony of their bravery and sacrifice.

In the Pacific Theater, the ship and its crew transported troops for the invasion of Iwo Jima and evacuated wounded Marines to hospitals in Guam. After seeing further action in the Pacific Theater, the USS *Ozark* was present in Tokyo Harbor during the historic ceremony where the Japanese surrendered on board the USS *Missouri*. The ship then returned 950 recovered American prisoners of war to the United States via Guam and Pearl Harbor.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who served aboard the USS *Ozark* for their brave efforts in the defense of our Nation. I wish them a festive 60th anniversary celebration this week in Portland.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LOWELL E. ENSLEN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of Mr. Lowell E. Ensenlen during 52 years of service in the Northwest Indiana community. Lowell has spent nearly five decades representing his community. His career as a lawyer has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people.

Lowell E. Ensenlen was born in Gary, Indiana in 1927. He attended Hobart public schools and Valparaiso University. Lowell was admitted to the American Bar Association in 1952.

He was National President of Sigma Delta Kappa from 1963–1964, Town Attorney of Dyer, Indiana from 1957–1960, 1962, and 1964–1972 and of Cedar Lake, Indiana, from 1976–1980. Lowell has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. He is a member of Ensenlen, Ensenlen & Matthews Law Firm, which was established in 1960. Ensenlen, Ensenlen, & Matthews Law Firm provides general civil, criminal and appellate practice in all State and Federal courts, family/domestic relations, probate and estate planning, insurance, real estate and labor relations law.

Not only has Lowell Ensenlen had many constructive accomplishments throughout his career as a lawyer, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs designed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. Lowell was President of Members Hammond from 1965–1966 and is currently affiliated with Lake County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations, American Judicature Society, Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and Fellow Indiana Bar Foundation. Along with his many other accomplishments, Lowell has received numerous certificates and awards.

Lowell has demonstrated his faithfulness by his extraordinary service to Ensenlen, Ensenlen, & Matthews and his community through his hard work and self-sacrifice. Although Lowell has served on numerous committees and has dedicated his time to Ensenlen, Ensenlen, & Matthews, he has never neglected to provide support and love to his family.

Mr. Speaker, Lowell E. Ensenlen has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of Ensenlen, Ensenlen, & Matthews the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Lowell E. Ensenlen for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and devotion.

TRIBUTE TO INSPECTOR DENNIS WITULSKI AND BIO-OPERATIONS CHIEF ANTHONY MALTESE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 24, 2004 the Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Union will host their Annual Dinner-Dance, honoring their 2004 retirees. This yearly event, honors Sterling Heights firefighters for their dedication to their community and recognizes their commendable contributions to the city. I am pleased to be associated with this fine organization and to call many of them my friends.

I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to the careers of two retiring firefighters.

Inspector Dennis Witulski, discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1973, was appointed as a Sterling Heights firefighter on July 20, 1981. He was promoted to FEO in 1992 and then

promoted again to Lieutenant in 1996. Mr. Witulski was deemed Firefighter of the Year in 2001 by the city of Sterling Heights and American Legion Post 151. He twice received Perfect Attendance awards in 1996 and 2002. Mr. Witulski received various merits and awards throughout his tenure with the fire department, and retired on July 20, 2004.

Bio-Operations Chief Anthony Maltese was born in Detroit, Michigan, on June 6, 1950. He was appointed to the position of firefighter January 29, 1973. He received commendation for responding to a house fire in 1974 and a Meritorious Unit Citation for a lifesaving incident in 1986. Mr. Maltese was promoted to Lieutenant in July of 1992, and promoted again to Captain in October of 1995. He received his Associates Degree, Cum Laude, in 1994 and was appointed Battalion Chief in 1997. Mr. Maltese retired as Operations Chief on November 19, 2003.

Many of us embark on a profession that does not call for us to put our lives in danger each day we go into work. These men chose to dedicate their careers and their lives to helping people in their community stay safe and secure, and putting their lives in harm's way to save a life, a family, a home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these two heroes, who have dedicated themselves to Sterling Heights and the community at large in a way that few can; with valor, commitment and honor.

TRIBUTE TO GIANNA ANGELO POULOS-DASKALAKI FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, the woman who was responsible for the success of the 2004 Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece. As head of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee, "Mrs. A" was instrumental in ensuring that Athens remained the site of Summer Games and that the massive undertaking of construction and organization was completed.

Preparing for an event that is as elaborate as the Olympic Games is a monumental task—one which was almost lost to Athens. Credit for the success of the Games has gone to the leadership and determination of Mrs. A whose vision, tenacity, and pride in Greece enabled the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee to overcome every challenge they faced.

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend this summer's games and found myself in awe of all that surrounded me. From the magic of the opening ceremonies and the lighting of the Olympic Torch to the incredible athletic venues, Athens was nothing short of spectacular. As the Games were brought back to their birthplace, the city was reborn—the Old World met the New and people from across the world celebrated in the spirit of competition. Whether spectators marveled at the breathtaking image of the lighted Parthenon in the night sky, or took in the