

"tear down this wall." And it's that voice that ended the Cold War through his policy of "peace through strength."

So, we're not marking the end of one name for this park and beginning of a new one. Instead, we're celebrating the passage of title from one Cold War messenger of freedom to another. Ronald Reagan recognized what an effective and influential tool the Voice of America was in our battle to end the Cold War. In fact, in 1983 he delivered an address via Voice of America, in which he outlined his vision for long-term negotiations with the Soviet Union. He recognized the vital role Voice of America played in our struggle against the Soviets, and he used it to the advantage of our nation and our fight for freedom.

Last week, another American President—George W. Bush—spoke in that park. He spoke of a different battle—this time against the evils of terrorism—in which we are currently engaged. Just like the Cold War, it will be a long struggle—but one which we know we will win. Why? Because we have the same message of freedom on our side that we did when Reagan and the Voice of America led us to victory against communism. And so that message of freedom and the Voice of America continues, in that park and across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friends back home in Butler County who were involved in the effort to place President Reagan's name on the park. In this year of tributes to a man I know as a hero, I can think of very few higher than this one.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED CHURCH

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 120th anniversary of the United Church in Walsenburg, Colorado. Through good times and bad the church has stood the test of time, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing the Church and its long tenure of service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

The United Church, a Methodist congregation, was founded in 1884 by miners in Walsenburg. On a plot of land sold to them by the town's namesake for one dollar, the church built its first building. In 1929, the United Church built its current building with funds from its membership, a local bank, and the Methodists' Board of Church Extension. Although the Church struggled to survive during the depression and poor economic times, they were able to pay off all debts by 1944. In 1961, the United Church merged with the Community Congregational Church, and today has a membership of about 80 people.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize the United Church in the year of its 120th anniversary. For over a century it has provided compassion and spiritual guidance to the community, and I am honored to congratulate them on their anniversary before this body of Congress and this nation.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS OF LOWER MERION AND NARBERTH, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Volunteer Medical Services Corps, VMSC, of Lower Merion and Narberth, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating 60 years of service to their community.

In 1944, during the height of World War II, the residents of Narberth Borough felt it was their duty to provide routine transportation for those involved in the war to and from the ports of Philadelphia. The group quickly became incorporated as the Volunteer Medical Corps of Narberth with the main goal was to provide first aid care to those in need and to facilitate non-emergency transports.

In 1951, the corps leased property from the Borough of Narberth and built a new building that could accommodate their needs and growing business. Since 1951, times have changed and medical services have continued to grow in size and scope, and VMSC of Lower Merion and Narberth has proven itself versatile as it has grown with the times. In the 1960's and 1970's when EMS became a specialty, the State health department and the Lower Merion Police Department recommended that VMSC expand its role and provide all emergency care for Lower Merion Township. VMSC quickly became the provider of emergency medical services not only to Lower Merion Township, but Narberth Borough as well.

In the 1990's, the VMSC again grew considerably thanks to its paid staff and volunteers. The company moved to a new headquarters in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and, during that time, it integrated another ambulance company into its own. In 1999, Pleasant Valley Ambulance was integrated in to VMSC, providing ALS services to the Conshohocken Area. This move also helped to reduce response time and the volunteers were able to provide a more timely service. The integration of Pleasant Valley Ambulance also gave VMSC the ability to bring advanced life-support units to those in need.

In 2002, VMSC founded a bike patrol unit. The bike patrol teams consist of two EMTs or medics who can help reduce responder time in large or crowded medical emergencies. The state-of-the-art equipment includes a full range of cardiac medicine, bandaging and splinting supplies, oxygen, and a defibrillator. The bike patrol is extremely important because the EMTs on bikes have the capability of arriving at the scene of an accident well before an ambulance and they can provide life saving care.

Today, VMSC prides itself on providing high-quality, cost-effective emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services to the ill and injured citizens of Lower Merion and Narberth, Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lower Merion and Narberth for their commitment to providing quality care, mutual respect, and open communication with their community. It is an honor to recognize an organization that selflessly provides for its

community each day and in turn creates a better quality of life for the citizens of Narberth and Lower Merion Township.

TAIWAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has been excluded from the United Nations since 1971 and since then, Taiwan's 23 million people have had no representation in the United Nations. Exclusion of Taiwan is a violation of the United Nations principle of universality.

I, therefore urge my colleagues and friends of Taiwan to support Taiwan's return to the United Nations because Taiwan's political reforms should be recognized by the international community. Taiwan's return to the United Nations will not hinder the eventual reunification of Taiwan with the Chinese mainland as long as such reunification has the approval of the 23 million people of Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Taiwan's ambassador, Dr. David Lee, to Washington. Prior to his Washington assignment, he was Taiwan's premier diplomat in Europe and Taiwan's Political Vice Foreign Minister. I had the pleasure of having Ambassador Lee and his wife at my table during the Congressional Black Caucus' dinner during the Annual Legislative Conference. Ambassador Lee struck me as highly intelligent, poised and well-mannered. My colleagues and I look forward to working with him and his deputies.

Finally Mr. Speaker, my best wishes to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian for his well-received Inaugural speech on May 20. His conciliatory attitude toward mainland China is most laudatory. President Chen should be recognized for his work towards permanent peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PEGGY LUE REECE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Peggy Lue Reece, a truly amazing woman from Gunnison, Colorado. Peggy Lue spent nearly half a century working to better the Stockgrowers industry. She amassed an impressive record of accomplishments during her tenure, and I am honored to recognize her service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Peggy Lou Reece began her service in the agriculture industry as Secretary for the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association in 1963. For the last 41 years, she has held the post under the leadership of 21 presidents. In addition to secretarial duties, Peggy Lue also served as the organization's treasurer. She came from an agricultural family, and brought with her a great passion for the industry. Even in her retirement, Peggy Lue plans to help whenever she is needed.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Peggy Lue for her dedication to the Stockgrowers of Gunnison County and Colorado's Agriculture industry. She has served her community and state well for over 40 years and deserves our gratitude. It is with great pleasure that I recognize her today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks Peggy Lue, and I wish you well with all of your future endeavors.

HONORING THE GREEN VALLEYS
ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Green Valleys Association on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary. For forty years, the Green Valleys Association has been working diligently to protect the watersheds and ecosystems in northern Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The Green Valleys Association was founded in 1964 by landowners who were threatened by the proposed damming of the French Creek in Chester County. The proposed damming would have transformed the area into a reservoir, so the landowners took a stand and created a formidable defense against the dam—a group called the French Creek Watershed Association. This spirit and drive has been, and still is, a part of all who work within the Association, now known as Green Valleys Association. Six years later, in 1972, the Association expanded to oversee all five of the northern and eastern Chester County's Schuylkill River watersheds. This area includes Pigeon Creek, Stony Run, Pickering Creek, French Creek, and Valley Creek. The region covered by the Association is largely rural and more than 70 percent of the population who live there depend on the activism of the Green Valleys Association to help protect their water resources. Today, the Association's activity spreads throughout 21 municipalities and over 155 square miles. The Green Valleys Association is unique in its work and purpose as it is the only watershed association in northern Chester County.

Throughout the past forty years, the Association has worked to protect the natural resources in northern Chester County by helping to limit the Warner Quarry expansion, protecting Valley Creek and by achieving "Exceptional Value" status for the upper French Creek. In fact, all of the watersheds under Green Valleys Association's oversight have been designated either "High Quality" or "Exceptional Value." Exceptional Value is the highest protective designation offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Green Valleys Association has also taken on the task of educating the public on resources and the environment. They provide the community with information on environmental laws; organize meetings on water resources, effective land-use planning and wildlife resources; and bring the community together for local participation in stream watches. They also provide summer camps and school programs for students introducing them to important environmental concerns. The Green Valleys Association has also developed

the Sustainable Watershed Management program to be utilized as a tool for local municipalities to incorporate in regulations of water use.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Green Valleys Association's role as an educator and a protector of the watersheds of northern Chester County, Pennsylvania. They have done tremendous work, and for that, they should be commended.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S
NATIONAL DAY—OCTOBER 10

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as the Republic of China (Taiwan) gets ready to celebrate its National Day this October 10, I join my colleagues in sending my best wishes and congratulations to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and the Taiwanese people on this happy occasion.

In recent years Taiwan has continued to press forward with democratic reforms and economic development. We wish Taiwan continued success as a democracy and economic power and an early return to the World Health Organization.

The United States maintains a strong relationship with Taiwan. We appreciate Taiwan's continuing commitment to combating global terrorism and we are committed to help Taiwan find peaceful solutions to any and all external challenges it may face. I am sure that this strong relationship with Taiwan will grow and flourish in the years to come.

I commend President Chen Shui-bian for his commitment to a policy of mutual respect and dialog with China. I share his view that such a stance is the only reliable foundation for long-term peace and stability for the people and later generations on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. We all hope that peace and stability will forever prevail in the Taiwan Strait.

Greetings and congratulations, President Chen, to the people of Taiwan on your National Day.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES
CALVIN MOORE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to recognize the passing of Charles Calvin Moore, a great man from Silverton, Colorado. Charles was a community leader, public servant, and a great friend to many. He made a tremendous impact on Silverton, and I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Charles Moore arrived in Silverton in 1969 with his wife Penny with the intention of only staying two years. Thirty-four years later, he had made a profound impact on the city's institutions and its people. Charles began his life in Silverton as a science teacher, a position

he held for eleven years. He also served his community as a leader in both the police department, and as the San Juan county Under Sheriff from 1987 to 2003. Charles also contributed as a member of the San Juan Regional Planning Commission, the Silverton Board of Trustees, the Silverton Ambulance Association, and the Treasurer of the Silverton Congregational Church.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Calvin Moore was a dedicated man that selflessly served his community and country, and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body today. His lifetime of service is an incredible model for all Americans. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of bereavement.

HONORING STANLEY BALZEKAS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable gentleman, and friend, Mr. Stanley Balzekas in the celebration of his 80th birthday on October 8, 1924. It is with great honor that I recognize the contributions of a man who continues to serve the community of the Third Congressional District of Illinois.

The Balzekas family's years of service have been an invaluable contribution to the City of Chicago and beyond, as the Balzekas family members have been prominent leaders in the business and cultural life of our community. Stanley Balzekas's personal sacrifices of time and energy to family, friends and country stand as a testament of a truly fine individual. For his service to our Nation in the United States Army during World War II, we owe Mr. Balzekas a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Balzekas's interest and dedication to Chicago's great Lithuanian population has made him one of the foremost leaders amongst Chicago's diverse, ethnic communities; his great desire to bring peace to all people for the betterment of mankind is just one of his many noble qualities. He has worked with leading institutions, such as the Library of Congress, the National Endowment of the Arts and Humanities, Baltic freedom organizations, and the Chicago Public Library to enhance the world's understanding of Lithuania's deep history.

Mr. Balzekas has enriched the diverse fabric of our entire Chicago community by founding the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, one of the largest ethnic museums and libraries in the United States. Through such measures, Mr. Balzekas has been a dedicated guardian of the heritage, history and culture of this nation's Lithuanian ancestry.

Currently, Mr. Balzekas proudly serves as the Honorary Consul General of the Consulate for the Republic of Lithuania in Palm Beach, Florida. He also presides over the Ethnic Cultural Preservation Council, Chicago Sister Cities International Committee, the Baltic Foundation, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art and as vice-chairman for the Lithuanian-American Council.