

and the United States of America. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking the men and women of the 137th Space Warning Squadron for their unparalleled service to our community and our Nation.

KENTUCKY VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE MEMORIAL

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, November 10, 2005 is going to be a very special, yet bittersweet day in Kentucky. After years of hard work and planning, the Kentucky Victims of Homicide Memorial is going to be brought to fruition. As former Attorney General I distinctly remember the beginnings of this project, and I regret that I must be voting in Washington during the memorial dedication.

I personally want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the KY Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Kentuckians' Voice for Crime Victims (KVCV), Resthaven Memorial Park, Muldoon Memorials, and Dignity Memorial for their enormous efforts in seeing that this memorial became a reality.

This memorial will serve as a remembrance of all victims, a place of comfort for those who have lost loved ones and an ongoing tribute to the fight against crime. We must maintain hope in our struggle against violence. We must continue to raise public awareness. And we must always honor the tragic deaths of innocent homicide victims.

The Kentucky Victims of Homicide Memorial will send a powerful message to the citizens of Kentucky. It is the largest memorial and only memorial of its kind in all of the United States. It will serve as a place of inspiration, a place of hope and a place of peace. I thank those who made this memorial a reality, and I hope it will provide a small sense of comfort to those who have been affected by violent crimes.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR. CALVIN E. OWENS, SR.

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and honor Reverend Dr. Calvin E. Owens, Sr. as he marks his 29th Pastoral Anniversary. But 29 years is only one milestone in a life dedicated to the community, to others, and to God.

After 38 years as a preacher and a lifetime as a teacher, Reverend Dr. Calvin Owens has inspired and lifted so many to recognize the potential that God has invested in each one of us.

Reverend Owens's career has seen him travel through so many institutions, and like the Good Samaritan, leave his mark every step of the way.

His pastoral journey began at Unity of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon and, in 1968 after being ordained as a minister of the Gospel, he went to First Corinthian Baptist

Church. It was there he served for six years as Director of Youth Development before moving on to the New Community Baptist Church of New York City as Pastor.

He served there honorably before being called to serve the Lord as Pastor of the Community Protestant Church in 1976, the place he still calls home.

But he has inspired and educated not only from the pulpit, but out in the community spreading the word of forgiveness, mercy, love and tolerance as part of the New York City Police Department's Police Clergy Liaison Committee; as the Second Vice President of the Riverbay Board of Directors of Co-op City; Treasurer of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York; and for eight years now as a member of Community Board #10. He is always serving his flock.

The good works of Reverend Dr. Owens have not gone unnoticed. A certificate of Award for Faithful Service from the New York Baptist Educational Center; the New York Baptist Educational Center Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Department of Pastoral Care; the Bronx Ministers Evening Conference Scholarship Award; the Harlem Hospital Center Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Department of Pastoral Care; as well as numerous other awards for Christian leadership and service.

But the awards most important to highlight are the one's provided by God—his three sons and three daughters. They are a living tribute to you, Reverend.

Therefore, on behalf of United States House of Representatives, I am honored to acknowledge and honor the life and contributions of Reverend Dr. Calvin E. Owens, Sr. as he celebrates his 29th Pastoral Anniversary.

H.R. 4179: JAPANESE BAN ON AMERICAN BEEF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 4179. This legislation would impose trade sanctions on Japan if the ban on American beef is not lifted by a reasonable date. For decades, Japan has been a friend and reliable trading partner with the United States, and I anticipate that relationship will prosper. However, in spite of our best efforts, our fine relationship has been strained by Japan's continued ban on imports of U.S. beef.

There is reason to be optimistic that this legislation will not be enacted if Japan takes reasonable action. Japan's Food Safety Commission gave a favorable report on Monday, October 31, 2005, and will continue to review the ban for a mandatory one-month comment period. After the one-month waiting period, the Japanese government may drop the ban and resume beef imports. However, should the Japanese not take favorable action, the trade sanctions would go into effect on December 15, 2005.

The December 15 date is not arbitrary. In fact, I believe it is a well-timed and necessary mechanism to encourage the ban to be lifted. The U.S. beef industry and the federal government have not only assured the Japanese

government of our stringent safety standards, but have also made every effort to exceed the requirements set forth by Japan's Food Safety Commission.

American beef continues to be the safest and the highest quality beef in the world. The American beef producers deserve the full benefit of our bilateral trade agreement. This legislation reserves our right to respond forcefully should Japan prolong this shortsighted ban. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

WELCOMING SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TAE-SIK LEE

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, as cochair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I would like to take the opportunity to formally welcome the Honorable Tae-Sik Lee as ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States and to congratulate him on his appointment.

Ambassador Lee's diplomatic credentials and legacy are entrenched in a life-long devotion to promoting, enlarging and broadening South Korea's stature and prominence at home and around the globe. He most recently served as vice foreign minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, MOFAT. His other notable diplomatic assignments include ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, ambassador to Israel and deputy executive director of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, KEDO.

It is clear that Ambassador Lee brings tremendous depth of experience and expertise to Washington. I was pleased to learn that, upon his arrival on Friday, October 14, he stated, according to the South Korean Embassy, that he "looks forward to working together to strengthen the U.S.-Korea alliance and improving Korean-American relations."

It is important to note that Ambassador Lee has the distinct honor of representing one of America's closest allies. For over 50 years, the United States and South Korea have enjoyed a broad and comprehensive alliance, a partnership dedicated to peace and stability, economic growth and prosperity through free enterprise, and democracy with respect for human rights and the rule of law.

South Korea has undergone a fundamental transformation within the past 50 years, having emerged from a worn-torn and impoverished nation into a full and mature democracy that has generated the world's 11th largest economy. South Korea now ranks as the seventh largest trading partner of the United States with over \$72 billion in trade volume annually and is also the fifth largest market for U.S. agricultural products. In this regard, South Korea would make an excellent candidate for a Free Trade Agreement, FTA with the United States.

South Korea remains an indispensable security partner to the United States, having stood alongside our troops in all four major conflicts that we have faced since the Korean War. Most recently, in the U.S.-led war on terror, South Korea has deployed more than

3,270 troops to Iraq—the third largest contingent after the United States and Great Britain—and supported continuing operations in Afghanistan.

South Korea has also remained a key partner in the six-party talks focusing on the question of preventing nuclear proliferation in northeast Asia, and its diplomatic efforts were indispensable in achieving the joint statement that resulted from the recent fourth round negotiations. I hope that for all the challenges that lie ahead in future negotiations of the talks, we will continue to work together to denuclearize the Korean peninsula and promote peace and stability in the region.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I wish to welcome Ambassador Tae-Sik Lee to the United States and express my personal appreciation to the government and people of South Korea. According to unofficial estimates by the South Korean Embassy, our country is now home to over 2 million Korean-Americans, with more than 444,000 who live in New York. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to South Korea by extending their hands in friendship to its ambassador, Tae-Sik Lee.

PRAISING THE UPCOMING ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION, APEC, SUMMIT, BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the administration's efforts to maintain a robust trade agenda that seeks to boost intellectual property protection at the upcoming meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, APEC, forum in Busan, South Korea. No regional institution is more important to promoting U.S. interests on anti-counterfeiting and piracy in Asia than APEC.

The 21 member states of APEC will consider a range of pressing issues that include supporting the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Round, trade facilitation, and preventing the spread of avian influenza.

APEC partners account for two-thirds of all U.S. trade and are playing an important role in the war on terror. In 2004, APEC helped put the Doha Round of the WTO's negotiations back on track, and it continues to help control the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and combat regional corruption.

The APEC region is of great importance to the United States—geopolitically, militarily, diplomatically, and economically. It accounts for some 40 percent of the world's population, over half of world trade, approximately 60 percent of world GDP, and a disproportionate share of global growth in recent years.

The United States, Japan, and South Korea are joining forces to promote the APEC Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Initiative to fight fraud and protect consumers. Under this initiative, APEC will develop guidelines for the inspection, seizure and destruction of goods used in trading counterfeit and pirated goods. The initiative also provides cross-border enforcement mechanisms for APEC members.

E-commerce is another area where the U.S. is demonstrating leadership in protecting intel-

lectual property and data privacy. The U.S. continues to support APEC efforts to put in place effective legal regimes to ensure appropriate enforcement of e-commerce while protecting data collected during online transactions. By working in APEC, the U.S. can maximize its ability to engage countries lacking proper intellectual property rights protection.

Recognizing the increasing importance of the Asiatic region to our national interests, I strongly support the effort to keep APEC energized and at the center of American diplomacy in East Asia.

CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on November 6th of this year. I wish to congratulate its Pastor, Reverend C.A. Feemster, its dedicated Deacons, and its faithful congregation on this joyous occasion.

Built in 1880, the first Mount Zion Baptist Church building was located on Piedmont Avenue and was led by their very first pastor Reverend R.L. Veal. The church was relocated to King Street in 1916, where it stood proudly until November 3, 1974, when then Pastor Norris moved his congregation into their current building.

Since that day, the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been blessed with such wonderful rewards as its first full time, and current, pastor Reverend C.A. Feemster, an informative church newsletter, and an active missionary program.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the 125 years of faithful service to God, the community, and its congregation members, I wish to congratulate the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on this truly blessed occasion, and I look forward to their continued service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO HARLEY KNOX

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man who will long be remembered for his innumerable contributions and the tremendous leadership he displayed in the Inland Empire region of Southern California. Harley Knox was an entrepreneur, farmer, developer, and all-around community leader. Personally, he was a loyal and dear friend. Last week, Harley lost a five-month battle with bone cancer and our region collectively mourns his passing, while remembering his lifelong contributions to the Inland Empire.

Harley discovered his entrepreneurial spirit at the early age of twelve, when after WWII, demand from farmers and gardeners prompt-

ed a need for fertilizer. For a fee, Harley would clean chicken coups and then sell the fertilizer to large farms and gardeners. His modest, yet successful business soon became more than he could handle alone, so he employed neighborhood kids to help him out.

Later on, Harley capitalized on the increased popularity of Dichondra lawns in front of ranch-style homes and soon began harvesting his family's front yard and selling flats of Dichondra. The popularity of the grass continued, so Harley persuaded neighbors to let him buy portions of their lawns for resale. By the age of 20, he was selling Dichondra across Southern California and the family was buying land for farming the grass. A second business was born when he then began developing farming equipment to collect and process Dichondra seed.

By the 1950s, Harley was president of Knox Seed Company, Inc. and moved operations to farmland adjacent to what is now March Air Reserve Base. The company expanded into producing seed for grain crops, turf grass and sod. After eventually selling the seed business, Harley focused on developing farming tools and was president of Knox Manufacturing Co. of Moreno Valley from 1977 to 1986. The firm developed high-speed produce harvesters and held patents that soon became the industry standard.

In 1983 he founded the land development and consulting firm Harley Knox & Associates, which still develops industrial projects, assists with land-use regulation and attaining government entitlements. More recently, Harley was a partner in March Global Port, an industrial development on 400 acres on the south side of March Air Reserve Base. The project lists Philips Electronics and DHL as tenants and provided the region with a significant economic contribution in the wake of the downsizing of the military base.

In addition to his entrepreneurial efforts, Harley served as an active member of numerous community organizations, such as the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, The Valley Group, the Riverside County Building Industry Association, the Western Riverside County Council of Governments, the Riverside Community College Foundation, and the Riverside Community Hospital Foundation. Following an appointment by former Gov. Pete Wilson, Harley served as commissioner of the California Boating and Waterways Commission.

The Inland Empire is a better place to live today because of Harley's extraordinary contributions and his selfless dedication to his community. On behalf of the Inland Empire I want to convey our appreciation for all of Harley's efforts and express our heartfelt condolences to the Knox family, including his wife Donna, daughter Victoria and sons Bryan and Aaron, as well as his four grandchildren.

THE ARRIVAL OF VIRGINIA PARKER ETHERIDGE

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a joyful heart to announce the birth of my second grandchild and very first granddaughter. On November 2, my wife Faye and