

While this provision may be well intentioned, I am concerned about the adverse effects it could have on the fundamental balance of relations between Taipei and Beijing. Many Taiwanese citizens perceive this law as China using its iron fist to promote its "one country, two systems" vision. Additionally, they have voiced their concern over the unknown particulars in the measure. For instance, how will the anti-secession law define secession? Will it simply be against a formal declaration of independence? These concerns, along with gauging the necessity of such a law, have formed a deep sense of suspicion and reluctance within the Taiwanese.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to accentuate my concern over the ball of yarn this "anti-secession" law could end up unraveling. It is important for the United States to help maintain the balance in cross-strait relations and to discourage against actions that may muddy the proverbial waters. I urge my colleagues to closely examine Beijing's initiative along with the unintended implications it could pose in severely dampening the region's stability.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF BOBBY LYNN CAINE—FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GRADUATE FROM AN INTEGRATED HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, as Black History Month comes to a close, it gives me great pleasure to honor one of America's heroes, Mr. Bobby Lynn Caine. An unassuming resident of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Caine was the first African American to graduate from a publicly funded, integrated high school in the South. His story is one of bravery amidst intimidation and hatred, as he persevered to get the education that he and other African Americans so rightfully deserved.

In 1956, the Supreme Court issued its final decree on the historic *Brown v. Board of Education*, which ended racial segregation in the South. Among those directly affected was a 16-year-old African-American student—Bobby Lynn Caine.

On August 27, 1956, Bobby and eleven other black students made history by desegregating Clinton High School in Tennessee—the first public high school in the South to desegregate. Being the only black student eligible that year to graduate, Bobby knew that segregationists aimed to stop him from completing his education. Faced with an angry mob of protesters and fearing for his life, Bobby and the other black students known as the "Clinton Twelve"—walked through picket lines that grew larger each day. A newspaper account said that "a milling mob of approximately 1,000 gathered at the school." Bobby and the others suffered verbal and physical abuse from the angry mobs gathered at Clinton High School. Nevertheless, with the protection of the State troopers and the National Guard, Bobby and the other black students continued their daily walk through the picket lines and protesters with renewed determination.

Bobby eventually graduated from Clinton High School on May 17, 1957, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social work from the Tennessee State University. He also completed course work toward a master's degree. Bobby served his country in the U.S. Army and later enlisted in the Army reserve, from which he retired as Captain after 21 years of service. He now resides in Nashville with his family.

Because of his courage, Bobby helped make it possible for children today of all races and ethnic backgrounds to attend school together and to learn in a safe and peaceful environment. In honor of Black History Month and on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee, I ask you to join me in honoring Bobby Lynn Caine of Nashville, who was a pioneer in the fight to desegregate the South.

TRIBUTE TO SMSGT ROBERT F. YOUNG, JR.

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of SMSgt Robert F. Young. Originally from Rochester, New York, Sergeant Young enlisted in the U.S. Navy through the delayed enlistment program on December 1, 1966, and was called to active duty in February 1967.

After completing basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois in May, 1967, Sergeant Young was assigned to the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California, where he was assigned to Antisubmarine Squadron, VAW 110. In May 1968, Sergeant Young began technical school training as an Aviation Electronics Technician at the Naval Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tennessee. After graduation from the Naval Technical Training Center in November 1968, he was reassigned to the Naval Parachute Testing and Training Facility, Aircraft Maintenance Group, El Centro, California.

On December 30, 1969, Sergeant Young was reassigned to Early Warning Squadron, VAW 111, North Island, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. While home on leave and prior to reporting to his new duty station, his orders were changed directing him to report to Travis Air Force Base, San Francisco no later than mid-night on January 1, 1970 for reassignment to VAW 111, Early Warning Squadron on board the aircraft carrier CVA 43, the USS *Coral Sea* in the South China Sea in support of combat operations in the Republic of Viet Nam.

On February 27, 1971, Sergeant Young was released from active duty with the U.S. Navy, and had attained the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. After finishing his college education in 1975, he took a managerial position with a large drugstore chain.

On March 29, 1978, Sergeant Young joined the 174th Fighter Wing's Communication's Flight as a traditional guardsman, and in 1979 he accepted a full time position, as an aircraft electronic technician with the 174th Fighter Wing, a position he held until 1985, when he accepted a position with the Defense Contract Management Agency, working as Quality As-

urance Representative, from which he will retire in June of 2005.

The 174th Fighter Wing was called to active duty on December 29, 1990, and deployed to Al Kharj Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation DESERT STORM on January 2, 1991. During that time Sergeant Young supported the unit from home station in Syracuse, New York during the unit's deployment. Sergeant Young has deployed with 174th Fighter Wing numerous times, to Germany in support of Cold War operational training exercises. He also deployed with the 174th Fighter Wing in support of Operation Southern Watch in March 2000 and again in August 2001, in support of United Nations contingency operations against Iraq. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, he performed active duty supporting Combat Air Patrol sorties over New York City in support of Operation Noble Eagle. On October 16, 2003, Sergeant Young volunteered for his third Air Expeditionary Force deployment this time in support of the Global War on Terrorism. While deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Emirate of Qatar, he was attached to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron, from October 17, 2003 to December 5, 2003, in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Young has 31 years of combined military service, 4 years of active duty with the U.S. Navy and the remainder with the New York Air National Guard. He holds an Associate of Science Degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He holds the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" device and five oak leaf clusters; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; Navy Good Conduct Medal; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, with eight oak leaf clusters. His military campaign and service awards include the National Defense Service Medal with two bronze service stars; Vietnam Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold combat frame; and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, with six oak leaf clusters; He also holds the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass device, mobilization "M" device, and numeral 4; and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

His New York State awards and decorations include the New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, with gold shield device; New York State Defense of Liberty Medal; New York State Exercise Support Ribbon, with two "E" devices.

Without question Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Young is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and the Air National Guard, Sergeant Young can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years, as he will now be able to spend more free time with his wife Kristina, and two sons, Sean and Jason. Thank you Sergeant Young for all your years of hard work and dedication.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE BONNER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Bonner for his commitment to serving his community and his country. Mr. Bonner was honored at the annual brunch for the Bayonne St. Patrick's Parade Committee, which was held on February 20, 2005.

In 1999, Mr. Bonner began his service with the United States Army Reserve. As a Sergeant, he bravely served for a year in Iraq and Kuwait. For his efforts, Mr. Bonner was honored with two Army Commendation Medals. He was awarded one medal for his training efforts while under attack and the other for his humanitarian aid.

Mr. Bonner graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in history and social studies. A member of the Bayonne County Donegal Association, he will be working at the parade as an assistant to the Grand Marshall.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Bonner for his community involvement and his brave service to our country.

IN HONOR OF HAROLD McCOY RETIRING MARCH, 2005 46 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JOPLIN

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold McCoy on the day of his retirement from 46 years of dedicated service to the City of Joplin. Harold McCoy distinguished himself in Southwest Missouri by his commitment to improving the lives of the citizens in the City of Joplin.

Harold McCoy began his career almost five decades ago as a draftsman in the Engineering Department. He quickly moved on to become the Assistant Director of Public Works and then Director, and Deputy City Manager. During this time of public service Harold McCoy was responsible for the completion of countless projects, which have greatly impacted the prosperity of the region. He expanded, maintained and developed over 430 miles of city streets. Along with other community leaders, he had the vision 36 years ago to maintain the traffic flow through the center of Joplin with the 1-49 Rangeline Bypass. As Director of Public Works, Harold built and expanded three waste water treatment facilities. He was also instrumental in the construction and development of the Joplin Airport, which is vital to the economy of Joplin and Southwest Missouri. Harold has significantly influenced the economic development of this growing district. He was instrumental in bringing businesses and financial opportunities to the City of Joplin, and in supporting the infrastructures of these companies once they arrived.

Harold McCoy's contributions throughout his tenure in public service will not be forgotten. The impact he made on the City of Joplin will continue to serve as a monument to all his hard work and sacrifices.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SPECIALIST BRIAN ROBINSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a great American, Specialist Brian Robinson. I honor him today for his heroism in the fight against our global enemies and in fighting for equitable treatment for all Army National Guardsmen.

As a former member of the Nevada Army National Guard, Spc. Robinson has shown valor and honor in combat in Iraq against the aggression of our enemies in the Global War on Terror. Since his return to the United States, overcoming near-fatal injuries and other odds, Spc. Robinson has taken an active stand to ensure that our returning Guardsmen and Reserves get their guaranteed pay and benefits.

The inspirational story of this brave man is one that deserves notice not just for his bravery in combat, but for his determination to reform inequities in services for his fellow guardsmen and soldiers. I encourage each of my colleagues to diligently work to provide, in an accurate and timely manner, pay and benefits to reserve soldiers who have been injured or have become ill fighting in the line of duty. Our troops deserve that much for the sacrifices they have made volunteering to fight to maintain the freedoms we all take for granted.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I salute Spc. Robinson for his bravery and sacrifice. I also honor him for his continued determination to find solutions to inequities in our military.

HONORING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRIO COUNTY JUDGE CARLOS GARCIA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished public service of Frio County Judge Carlos Garcia.

Judge Garcia was born in Pearsall, Texas, and attended Pearsall High School. He is a graduate of Durham Business College, and was self-employed until 1986.

He began his career in public service as Frio County Justice of the Peace in 1987. He has been consistently re-elected by the people of Frio County, and currently serves as the presiding officer of the Frio County Commissioners Court.

Outside of his work as a Frio County Judge, Carlos Garcia has played an important role in a wide variety of non-profit organizations. He is a member of the Brush Country Mental Health Retardation Committee, a member of the board of directors of the Community Council of South Central Texas, and Vice-Chair of the South Texas Detention Complex Development Corporation. He was one of the founding members of the IH 35 Economic and Development Coalition, and serves on the Frio-Atascosa Juvenile Board.

Judge Carlos Garcia has consistently worked to make his community stronger, both from the bench and in private life. His tireless, committed service is an example to the rest of us, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly give him my thanks.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL DONOVAN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Donovan for his extensive participation in community endeavors and demonstrated leadership. Mr. Donovan was honored at the annual brunch for the Bayonne St. Patrick's Parade Committee, which was held on February 20, 2005.

Mr. Donovan has devoted decades to community service. He is credited with helping establish the Irish-American League and served as the League's treasurer for three years. He is a member of multiple organizations, including the Knights of Columbus of Hillside, the John F. Cryan Association of South Orange, and the Morley McGovern Association of Roselle Park. In the past, he has served as Chairman of the New Jersey Irish Festival and Grand Marshall of the Bayonne St. Patrick's Parade. This year, he will be working as an assistant to the Grand Marshall.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Mr. Donovan valiantly served his country in the Navy. He was stationed on the destroyer tender USS Everglades and the destroyer USS Eugene A. Green. Now retired, Mr. Donovan used to work as an industrial photographer and an audio visual technician for the Exxon Company in Linden, New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michael Donovan for his strong commitment to service and his outstanding work in the community of Bayonne.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay honor to an institution that celebrates its 100th birthday this month—Southwest Missouri State University at Springfield, Missouri with campuses in West Plains and Mountain Grove. During that century, Southwest Missouri State University, or SMSU as its students and alumni know it, has left its lasting mark of service and academic achievement on the region, the state, the nation and parts of the world.

Southwest Missouri State University was founded March 17, 1905, in Springfield as Missouri State Normal School, Fourth District. With a faculty of 8, and 173 students in a single building on 38 acres of farmland, the school has evolved into the state's second largest institution of higher learning with 61 buildings and a student population of more than 20,800. The faculty has changed too. The 700-member faculty represents a diverse