

Commemorative Works Act. The Commission secured full approval for the selected site following extensive review by the National Park Service, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts.

Since its inception, the Commission has also taken great care to study and analyze the Eisenhower legacy. It produced a report by leading scholars and experts on Eisenhower that provides a definitive statement on the transcending elements of Eisenhower's enduring legacy. He ranks as one of the preeminent figures in the global history of the 20th century. Dwight Eisenhower spent his entire life in public service. His most well-known contributions include serving as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in World War II and as 34th President of the United States, but Eisenhower also served as the first commander of NATO and as President of Columbia University. Dramatic changes occurred in America during his lifetime, many of which he participated in and influenced through his extraordinary leadership as President. Although Ike grew up before automobiles existed, he created the Interstate Highway System and took America into space. He created NASA, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Federal Aviation Administration. He added Hawaii and Alaska to the United States and ended the Korean War. President Eisenhower desegregated the District of Columbia and sent federal troops into Little Rock, AR to enforce school integration. He diffused international crises and inaugurated the national security policies that guided the nation for the next three decades, leading to the peaceful end of the Cold War. A career soldier, Eisenhower championed peace, freedom, justice and security, and as President he stressed the interdependence of those goals. He spent a lifetime fulfilling his duty to his country, always remembering to ask what's best for America.

Eisenhower's legacy provides hope to all of us—like him, through education and public service, we as a Nation and individually can rise to meet any challenge. The Eisenhower Memorial Commission now needs to move into the design phase. As design begins, the Commission's organization, specifically with regard to contracting and staffing, needs to be updated and revised to enable efficient management and responsible stewardship. This legislation provides for the necessary reorganization. The legislation enables the Commission to retain the services of full, part-time, and volunteer staff as government employees, without the restrictions of the competitive service requirements. It also provides the authority for the Commission's Executive Architect to manage technical and administrative aspects of design and construction. It provides for staff to be released on the completion of the memorial and enables the Commission to work in collaboration with federal agencies. In addition, the legislation will allow the Commission to receive direct appropriations, easing the burden on both the Commission and federal agencies that previously served as conduits for Commission funding. I have also enclosed a detailed justification of the proposed legislation for your review.

Very similar legislation, S. 890, has been introduced by Senator DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii, who serves with me and Senator TED STE-

VENS on the Executive Committee of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission. I am joined today in introducing this measure by Representatives JERRY MORAN, THORNBERRY and BOSWELL, who serve as members of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and by our fellow Kansans serving in the U.S. House, Representatives TIAHRT and BOYDA.

A TRIBUTE TO TAIWANESE
PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, Taiwan President Chen Shui-Bian recently announced that his country plans to pursue full membership in the World Health Organization. I wish President Chen and the 23 million people of Taiwan the best of luck in this endeavor, and I hope that all Americans will support their effort.

Taiwan has a modern, world-class health care system and has lent its talents and resources in the field to people around the world. Taiwan's expertise and contributions to world health are particularly important at this time when people, products, and threats to health and safety can travel great distances in relatively short periods of time.

The WHO's mission is “. . . the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health.” Providing accurate information about the spread of health threats is a critical part of that mission.

Last year, however, the WHO disseminated an inaccurate map which classified Taiwan as an area affected with human cases of the bird flu—even though no cases had been documented on the island. Unfortunately, because the WHO—like many organizations pretends that Taiwan is a part of China, the WHO depicted Taiwan as an “infected area” because there had been an avian flu outbreak on the Chinese mainland. This is not only unfair, it is dangerous.

Madam Speaker, I am sure that the intent of the WHO is not to knowingly disseminate false information about such a dangerous health threat—yet because of Chinese pressure to exclude Taiwan from this body, that is exactly what happened. And unfortunately, unless the problem of Taiwan's exclusion from this body is remedied, this could easily happen again.

When China and the WHO play politics with people's health, it isn't just dangerous for Taiwan, it is “bad medicine” for the whole world. I hope that the Administration recognizes this fact, and I hope they will actively support Taiwan's bid for full membership in this world body.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICK NEMETH

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Nick Nemeth of Chapparral High School in Parker, Colorado. As a sophomore, Mr. Nemeth received an invi-

tation to attend a 10-day National Young Leaders Conference this summer in Washington, DC.

Mr. Nemeth has demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership qualities as a young man, and is an archetype of his school and community. Completing the academic school year first in his class, he was chosen as a National Scholar, an honor presented to less than one percent of all qualified high-school students.

Students chosen to attend the National Young Leaders Conference are hand selected based on both their academic achievement and recommendations by educators, mentors, and community leaders.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a forum for promising youth designed to inspire and foster their full leadership potential. Supported by over 400 members from the U.S. Congress, this program provides young men and women a rare opportunity to gain an insider's perspective into the legislative and political process of Washington D.C. This unique interaction and exposure enables them to formulate valuable perspectives which will help them guide their communities into the future.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own as one of America's young leaders. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Nemeth and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MRS. VAUGHAN INGE MORRISSETTE FOR HER SIGNIFICANT PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF MOBILE AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, in life, there are givers and there are takers, and it is with personal pride and pleasure that I recognize someone who is always giving and always doing for others, Mobile's own, Vaughan Inge Morrisette. In this vein, I rise today to salute Vaughan and offer her our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the people of south Alabama for a lifetime of exemplary philanthropic service to both the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama.

For some 40 years, Vaughan has dedicated a considerable amount of her time toward the advancement of education, the arts, and history by serving as trustee, board member, and even as chairman of numerous organizations in the state and throughout the nation.

Shortly after graduating from Sweet Briar College in Virginia in 1954, Vaughan began to make a name for herself in the all-important area of volunteerism. Ironically, it was some forty years later than Vaughan would be named to the board of directors of her alma mater. She served Sweet Briar in this capacity from 1996–2002.

In 1973, Vaughan became a member of the Colonial Dames, serving on the Conde Charlotte Museum House Committee, trustee for the friends of Sulgrave Manor, center head, state president, and national board member. She currently serves on the Dumbarton House

Fund for the Future and is actively involved in the Colonial Dames' Vision Committee, a national committee designed to help state societies emulate the success of Alabama's. From 1987 until 1996, she served as trustee for Washington and Lee University in Virginia, and has also served on the board of directors for Spring Hill College in Mobile.

With an obvious desire to help others, Vaughan has served in similar capacities as chairman of Mobile Infirmary Medical Center, president of the Junior League of Mobile, and as a vestry member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

While her family obviously comes first, Vaughan has a genuine love for Mobile where she currently serves as board chairman of both the Mobile Museum of Art and the Alabama School of Math and Science Foundation. She also serves on the board of directors for the Alabama Archives and History Foundation, American Village and Citizenship Trust, Alabama Department of Archives and History, and as trustee of the Carnival Museum in Mobile. She is also trustee for the Alabama Institute of the Deaf and Blind Foundation and director of the Alabama Arts Council.

Madam Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, Vaughan's involvement is not just at the local and state level, but at the national level as well.

For years she has represented the state of Alabama on the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union, a prestigious group which bears the responsibility for maintaining and preserving President George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. Through their network of contacts throughout the country, as well as their considerable efforts, funds are raised privately so that Mount Vernon continues to be completely maintained without the help of taxpayer dollars. Vaughan served as regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union from 1994–1997.

She has also included a stint on the board of directors for AmSouth Bank.

Madam Speaker, Vaughan Morrisette has dedicated practically her entire life to the service of others in south Alabama, all-the-while being a devoted wife, mother to four children, and grandmother to 11 wonderful grandchildren.

When her husband, the late H. Taylor Morrisette, passed away in 1990, Vaughan picked up the mantle and has, more times than one can count, made her beautiful home available to entertain visiting dignitaries and others who were looking to make Mobile and south Alabama home. In many ways, she has been a one-person chamber of commerce, always promoting Mobile, always speaking positively about where our community is going. It is very safe to say that Vaughan is always looking forward with confidence that Mobile's best days are ahead.

Madam Speaker, as I said at the beginning of this tribute, some people in life are givers; others are takers. Make no mistake, Vaughan Inge Morrisette has spent practically her entire life giving, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking Vaughan for her commitment to so many wonderful philanthropic missions.

I know her family and her many friends join with me in praising her many accomplishments. On behalf of all who have benefited from her good heart and generous spirit, permit me to extend thanks for her many efforts

over the past four decades in making Mobile and south Alabama a better place to live and work.

HONORING CHERYL A. WUENSCH

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Cheryl A. Wuensch, in celebration of her ordination as a Methodist Minister in the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church on May 26, 2007.

Nearly 20 years ago, she wrote on a scholarship application: "the first time my heart heard the Gospel was in her classroom." To some degree, that statement was true. While she was very active in high school youth group, she did not begin the process of owning a mature faith in Christ until she attended an undergraduate university. Cheryl double majored in political science and religion, with a vague interest in attending law school and a burning desire to immerse herself in the life, teachings, and world of Jesus. Ultimately, she felt the Spirit's call to pursue a vocation of teaching, seeking advanced degrees in the New Testament at Yale and Princeton. Cheryl taught various courses in the New Testament and related areas at Princeton Theological Seminary and at Lancaster Theological Seminary for several years.

Cheryl has spent the past 9 years at Timonium United Methodist Church, 2 years as program director and 7 years as Associate Pastor. Her primary areas of spiritual giftedness are in teaching and preaching, leading worship, shepherding, and outreach/evangelism. One of her fundamental philosophies is to equip others for ministry based upon their own giftedness.

Cheryl fervently believes that the Gospel can be embodied in new and lifechanging ways through outreach oriented mission activities. She led several trips to Appalachia with approximately 40 youth and adult volunteers. She participated in a trip to Costa Rica with a group from the Baltimore North District. Timonium United Methodist Church continues to be active in two soup kitchens in Baltimore City and sponsored a Habitat House for 11 consecutive years. Over the years, Cheryl focused a great deal on pastoral care and visitation, including ministering to the sick and dying, working with young couples, performing many weddings and baptisms. She has the ability to adapt to a variety of worship settings, enjoying both a traditional liturgy as well as preaching and leading worship in a contemporary setting.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Cheryl A. Wuensch. She is an outstanding and dedicated member of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Through her tireless efforts in over 9 years of service to the community of the Timonium Methodist Church, she has shown a unique and committed work ethic that few can emulate. It is with great pride that I congratulate her on her ordination as a Minister in the Methodist Church.

. . . AND HOW ARE THE CHILDREN?

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record an article titled ". . . And How Are The Children?" published in *Witness for Justice* on April 9, 2007.

The article highlights a monumental gathering of over 50 organizations that came together to sponsor the annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference was ". . . And How Are The Children?" The answer, offered by executive minister M. Linda Jaramillo is "the children are not doing so well."

Included in the article are abominable facts that speak to the crisis facing our nation's children. For example, 9 million children are without health care. That is more than the total population of large states like Georgia, Minnesota, and Virginia. Almost 90 percent of these children live in working households, most in two-parent families; a fact which destroys the myth that only those from broken homes are without access to essential resources like health care.

We owe it to our children, to ourselves, and to our country to stop the senseless neglect experienced by far too many of our most precious resource—the future of our nation. The article endorses the call to conscience and action sponsored by the children's defense fund. I too am in support of their efforts and will do all I can to advance this critical issue.

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". . . AND HOW ARE THE CHILDREN?"

(By M. Linda Jaramillo)

How are the children? This is an African proverb, but it is not an uncommon question for us in our culture. We often greet one another with hello, followed by asking the question, "How are you and how are the kids?" This question can be directed to a parent, a teacher, a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, or anyone who spends time around children. It doesn't matter if we are actual birth parents because "the children" are really part of all our lives, so it seems that we should be asking that question to everyone we greet. However, I wonder if we listen long enough to find out how the children really are?

A few weeks ago, over 50 organizations jointly sponsored the annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference in Washington, DC. This year's theme was ". . . And How Are the Children?" Over 800 persons attended, sharing information and stories about critical justice issues that have serious impact on children all around the world. As I went through the days of workshops and discussions asking the question, I have to answer that ". . . the children are not doing so well."

Distinguished theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer said it best when he wrote, "the test of the morality of a society is how it treats its children." I would have to confess that our nation, the richest nation in the world, has failed this moral test. We have failed by directing billions of dollars to engage in war rather than investing in the future of all children. We can make excuse after excuse about how we spend our public dollars, but we cannot excuse our disregard for children. We cannot respond and say that the children are doing fine.