

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAN  
McPARTLAND

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Dan McPartland by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I honor Dan McPartland, who is retiring after 27 years of service to the Clark County School District Department of Food Services.

Mr. McPartland has been a resident of southern Nevada since 1968. Throughout his service, Dan has provided leadership and stability to a vital department of southern Nevada's education system. During his time as director of food services, Dan led numerous projects to effectively feed and nourish Clark County students. Such projects included technology upgrades in every school cafeteria networked to the main food service office as well as the implementation of a strict nutrition policy that regulated all foods sold in schools during business hours. Mr. McPartland expanded the department to keep up with rapid growth and maintained a financially sound budget while doing so. Dan was recognized with the Golden Carrot in 2004 for his exceptional innovation and leadership in promoting child health and nutrition through school food service.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dan McPartland. His dedication and commitment to the students of Clark County is commendable and his efforts have enriched countless lives. I congratulate Mr. McPartland on his much deserved retirement and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on April 14, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from the House due to a family illness.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 183, a motion by Mr. ELLSWORTH of Indiana to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H. Res. 886, a resolution expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado.

I would have also voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 184, a motion by Mr. DAVIS of Illinois to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H. Res. 994, a resolution expressing support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day.

I would have also voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 185, a motion by Mr. BRALEY of Iowa to suspend the rules and agree to the passage of H.R. 3548, the Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007.

I ask unanimous consent that this statement be inserted in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

CONGRATULATING TAIWANESE  
PRESIDENT-ELECT MR. MA YING-JEOU

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ma Ying-jeou on his success in the March 22 presidential election in Taiwan, as well as applaud the democratic process that led to his election. The success of the fair and peaceful Taiwanese presidential election and the transfer of power from one party to another demonstrate that Taiwan is a genuine democracy and a shining example of freedom for the rest of the region.

As Mr. Ma is inaugurated on May 20th, I look forward to continuing the exceptional relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Taiwan is one of America's strongest partners in the region and a true friend of the United States. Similarly, I am pleased to know of Mr. Ma's pledged support for strengthening ties with the U.S. and I am confident that our relationship will grow stronger.

I also applaud the president-elect's initiatives to improve relations between Taiwan and China through increased dialogues on proposals that would greatly benefit the people of Taiwan and China. Increased communication and commerce between the people of China and Taiwan will greatly assist in reducing tensions in the region while allowing the Chinese to see firsthand the success of democracy in Taiwan.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to commend the democratic process that led to the free and fair election of Mr. Ma Ying-jeou, whom I heartily congratulate on his attainment of this high office.

I sincerely hope that the rest of the world has taken note of the historic events that have transpired in these free and transparent elections. May this democratic spirit reach far and wide and inspire a desire to foster democracy all around the world. Again, I congratulate Mr. Ma in his election and wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 184, H. Res. 994, Expressing support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day, I would have voted in favor of the resolution. I was held up in Pennsylvania due to a car accident that shut down the PA Turnpike. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF BRENNY TRANSPORTATION'S COMMITMENT TO OUR  
HOMELAND SECURITY

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Todd and Joyce Brenny,

owners of Brenny's Transportation and Brenny Specialized in St. Cloud, Minnesota, for their participation in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Highway Watch program. By dedicating the time and effort of their drivers, Todd and Joyce Brenny are helping to keep our Nation safe.

Highway Watch is a program through which truck drivers are trained to spot suspicious activity while on the roads and to report it to a national call center so that public safety officials can both address a particular issue and detect early if a pattern is arising. Minnesota was one of the first three states to join this program when it was first started by the American Trucking Association, ATA, in 1998. Then it was a safety awareness program, teaching drivers to report road hazards and accidents.

Following 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security worked with ATA to add an anti-terrorism component to the program's curriculum. Since 2004, about 800,000 drivers, State transportation workers, and toll booth operators, including 9,921 drivers in Minnesota alone, have been trained. That turns out to be a cost of about \$31 per driver. In 2007, more than 3,000 calls were logged as part of the program nationwide, including 1,700 security-related calls.

All 60 of Brenny's drivers and office employees participate in Highway Watch. They have taken a real interest in supporting our efforts to keep our Nation safe and I commend them and all their fellow trucking companies who take part in this program for their efforts.

LOPEZ SIBLINGS TO ALL  
COMPETE IN OLYMPIC GAMES

**HON. NICK LAMPSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, this summer, the United States will be sending three siblings to compete in the Olympic Games. This outstanding feat has not occurred since 1904, and I am honored to recognize these individuals from the Houston area: Steven Lopez, Mark Anthony Lopez, and Diana Lopez.

Each of the three is an exceptional athlete and will be representing the United States in the sport of taekwondo this summer. Steven Lopez spent the majority of his life in his hometown of Sugar Land, Texas, and is a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and four-time world champion. Mark Lopez was born in Houston, Texas, and is a recipient of three World Championship Medals including a Gold Medal in 2005. Diana Lopez is the youngest of the three and was also born in Houston, Texas, and received a Gold Medal in 2005.

These extraordinary individuals deserve America's utmost appreciation and support. I am proud to have such remarkable citizens in my district, and I wish them the best in the 2008 Summer Olympics and in the years ahead.