and it became an annually observed event in 1992 under the 102nd Congress. Legislators chose the month of May in honor of some noteworthy historical events that happened during this time. May 7, 1843 was the date on which the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States. May 10, 1869 marks the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, an incredible undertaking that was made possible due to the hard work and sacrifices of thousands of Chinese immigrants.

By celebrating APA Heritage Month, we recognize the Asian Pacific American community for all that they have accomplished and endured. This great Nation draws its strength from the diversity of cultures and ideas that it was built upon, and it could not be what it is today without their contributions.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

May 13, 2008: Rollcall vote 306, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1181, Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of Burma for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by Cyclone Nargis—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 307, on motion to suspend the rules and pass—H.R. 6022, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 308, on motion to suspend the rules and pass—H.R. 4008, Credit and Debit Card Receipt Clarification Act of 2007—I would have voted ''aye.''

May 14, 2008: Rollcall vote 309, question of consideration on the role—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 310, on ordering the previous question on the rule—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 311, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1189, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 312, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1134, Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 313, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1176, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 314, on motion to recommit conference report with instructions—H.R. 2410, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 315, on agreeing to the conference report—H.R. 2410, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 316, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended—H. Res. 1133, Congratulating Winona State University on winning the 2008 Division II men's basketball championships—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 317, on ordering the previous question—H. Res. 1190, Providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 318, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1190, Providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 319, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to—H. Res. 1173, Recognizing AmeriCorps Week—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 320, on motion to instruct the conferees on—H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 321, on motion to instruct the conferees on—S. Con. Res. 70, the Congressional Budget Resolution—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 322, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to, as amended—H. Res. 789, Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children—I would have voted ''aye.''

May 15, 2008: Rollcall vote 323, on ordering the previous question—H. Res. 1197, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 324, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1197, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 325, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 5614, Original Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle Ultra-High Relief Palladium Bullion Coin Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 326, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 406, Alice Paul Women's Suffrage Congressional Gold Medal Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 327, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 5872, Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act—I would have voted ''aye.''

Rollcall vote 328, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 1—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted ''present.''

Rollcall vote 329, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 2—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

Rollcall vote 330, on agreeing to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 3—H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—I would have voted ''nay.''

## PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1132, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day and to honor more than 900,000 Federal, State and local law enforcement officials who serve this Nation. This year, 358 new names were added to the National Law Enforcement Offices Memorial, representing names of officers who lost their lives over the course of many years. In 2007 alone, 187 officers from across the United States were killed in the line of duty. These heroes were sons and daughters, husbands and wives, sisters, brothers, and true role models for each of us.

Congress passed legislation (PL 87–726) that requested the President to issue proclamations designating May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Officers Week. National Police Week provides us with an opportunity to honor and thank those who keep us safe, protect our streets each day, and allow us to take advantage of the many freedoms we enjoy today. It also provides us with an opportunity to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Our local police officers, like those throughout Staten Island and Brooklyn, commit their lives to serving and protecting our communities, keeping our neighborhoods safe for our families and loved ones. America's finest police officers across the country remain dedicated to their mission despite the tremendous risks involved with their service. Unfortunately, many of these brave members of our community pay the ultimate sacrifice and leave many families mourning the loss of loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this resolution.

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING RANKIN & RANKIN INSURANCE AGENCY FOR ITS 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency has served the Zanesville, Ohio community for 80 years; and

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency has grown through hard work and determination since April 9, 1928; and

Whereas, Rankin & Rankin continue to provide professional advice and direction for all of their customers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Rankin & Rankin Insurance Agency for its contributions to its community and country.