

Gujarat as a leading investment destination while identifying areas of Gujarat-U.S. collaboration.

The delegation will also visit Capitol Hill where members will be hosted by the Congressional Taskforce on U.S.-India Trade and Investment Relations in cooperation with the Alliance for U.S.-India Business (AUSIB), a leading non-profit trade association that offers a pathway to help businesses succeed in the United States and India.

Members of the Gujarat delegation include: Nitin Shukla, CEO, Hazira LNG Pvt. Ltd.; Nitin Sandesara, Chairman, Sterling Biotech Ltd.; Rajiv Modi, Chairman, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; H K Chudgar, Chairman, Intas Pharma; Parimal Nathwani, Group President, Reliance Group; Ravi Sharma, CEO, Adani Group; Sudhir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent; Sunil Kakkad, Chairman, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Kriti Joshi, Sr. VP, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Sushil Handa, Chairman, Fifth Veda Entrepreneur/Abellon Energy; D Alok, Business Head, Suzlon Energy Ltd.; B K Goenka, Chairman, Welspun; R J Shah, CEO, Dahej SEZ Ltd.; Samir Patel, CMD, Amos Enterprises; Nirav Mahadevia, Managing Director, Technopolis; Bina Hermeith, Business Head, Abellon Energy.

I join with my colleagues in recognizing the importance of this delegation's visit to our Nation's capital, and I commend AUSIB's President, Mr. Sanjay Puri, for playing a pivotal role in advancing, promoting and strengthening the U.S.-India partnership.

IN HONOR OF THE TOMS RIVER NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Toms River National Little League team, who recently returned home from the 2010 Little League World Series. I join the constituents of New Jersey's 3rd District and the State of New Jersey in displaying an immense amount of pride for this inspiring and hard-working team.

Carrying on a tradition of great Jersey Shore baseball, this group of 13 young little league stars played their hearts out to win an impressive 10 straight elimination games. They went all the way to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, representing the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Division with spirit and determination. They returned home to the hero's welcome they deserve by the Toms River community.

The team was one of only eight out of some 16,000 Little League teams across the country to make it so far in the series. It was the fourth Toms River squad and the 10th in the state to ever reach to the World Series.

Regardless of what the scoreboard read, the athletes of the Toms River National team are winners. These young athletes learned valuable life lessons such as the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, while meeting and developing bonds with other players from countries all over the world.

It is with great honor that I place the names of this year's Toms River Nationals Little League team into the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD. Under the leadership of Manager Paul Decegle and coaches Karl Blum and John Lazzaro, assistants Russell Petranto Sr., Tom Tiplady, Ronnie Marinaccio, Larry Ciervo, Ronnie Marinaccio Jr., Nic Lebar, and Ryan Decegle, team members Anthony Decegle, Billy Lumi, Russell Petranto, Patrick Marinaccio, Joey Rose, Zack Burns, Joey Hertgen, Kevin Blum, Johnny Lazzaro, Jake Loffredo, Cody Lebar, Michael Tiplady, and Jeff Ciervo made their hometown, their State, and this Congressman very proud.

DREAM FOR A CURE EVENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincerity that I take this time to honor Mr. Fred Halpern, Mrs. Nancy Adams, and Dr. David Gross for their many years of service and dedication to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For their exceptional contributions to such a worthy cause, each of them were honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award at the Dream for a Cure event held at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso, Indiana, on Friday, August, 20, 2010.

Since 1960, Mr. Fred Halpern has been the owner of Albert's Jewelers, which originated in East Chicago and is now located in Schererville. It is due to Fred's warm and enthusiastic personality that Albert's Jewelers has become the success it is today. Family has always been the core of Fred's life and it is no surprise that he has shaped his business by turning customers into family friends. Multiple Sclerosis became a part of Fred's life when the love of his life, his wife Donna, was diagnosed soon after their two children, Holly and Joshua were born. Fred has an enormous sense of pride and respect for Donna's courageous struggle and has said, "Donna has been battling this disease for forty years and has never once complained. My wife has an amazing inner-strength, she loves to laugh and everyone who meets her loves her. She inspires me to do my best everyday." The Multiple Sclerosis Society has become a channel for Fred and Donna to give back to others who are struggling with this disease and they have been involved with the foundation for many years. Albert's Jewelers holds an auction each year in which the proceeds go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Fred's business also participates in the MS walk each year. In addition, Albert's continues to concentrate on MS events throughout the area that contribute to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For his continued passionate and enthusiastic devotion to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Fred is to be commended.

Mrs. Nancy Adams and her husband, Russ of Valparaiso, Indiana are the proud owners of Strongbow Inn. In 1999, Nancy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a prognosis that changed her life forever. After three years, Nancy was doing very well and decided that it was time to give back to the many people struggling with the disease. In 2003, Nancy rode in two bike-a-thons for Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) and raised \$20,000. She was also asked that year to host the first WAMS luncheon in Northwest Indiana.

Nancy continues to donate her time and energy to the cause and has since hosted three WAMS luncheons and rode in three bike-a-thons. For Nancy, having MS is a blessing and has made her realize the importance of life. She and her beloved husband have three amazing children, Ashley, Courtney, and Matthew, with whom she has shared her journey. Nancy's lifelong commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and its many members is an inspiring testament to her character.

Dr. David Gross of Schererville is an ophthalmologist and maintains three offices in Northwest Indiana. In 2002, Dr. Gross rode in his first MS bike tour at Eagle Creek and since has participated each year consecutively, making this year his 9th tour. With the help of many friends, colleagues, and family, David has been able to raise \$175,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Other than through his patients, Dr. Gross has no personal ties to MS, but he has discovered the outstanding benefits that the Multiple Sclerosis Society provides for its patients and selflessly continues to support the cause. His commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society can only be matched by the devotion he has to his family. David and his wife Nancy have been married for 19 years and have three beautiful daughters; Sami, Rachel, and Elly. Dr. Gross's compassion and generosity are to be admired and he is worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals as they are honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award. Through their selfless devotion and service to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, they have been able to touch the lives of countless individuals, and each recipient is truly an inspiration to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,443,442,988,893.40.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,805,017,242,599.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

U.S.-TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, since the Taiwanese election of President Ma Ying-jeou in March 2008, leaders in Beijing and Taipei have promoted cross-strait engagement. Yet it

is important to realize that "there have been no meaningful actions on the part of the mainland, however, to reduce [China's] military presence opposite the island." That is a finding of the Pentagon's annual report to Congress on Chinese military capabilities, released last month.

With its rapidly expanding arsenal of ships, missiles and aircraft, the cross-strait military balance continues to "shift in the mainland's favor," according to the report. Indeed, in 2001, China had 250 missiles aimed at Taiwan. Today that number is over 1,400.

This summer's Pentagon report comes months after the Defense Intelligence Agency concluded that Taiwan's air defenses are showing increasing vulnerability due to the aging of its fighter aircraft. While China rapidly builds its military forces, Taiwan is struggling.

To help close this gap, Taiwan has had a pending request to buy additional F-16 fighter jets. In May, over 130 members of Congress wrote to President Obama and asked that the Administration "move ahead immediately" with the sale of these airplanes. The Administration is still "studying" this proposal.

Taiwan faces one of the most complex and lethal military threats in the world. Across the region, in response to China's build-up and increasing assertiveness, China's neighbors are moving to strengthen their security relationships with the United States. This gravitation to the U.S. will only last as long as the U.S. is seen as a credible guarantor of stability. Moving forward with this F-16 sale would be an appropriate signal to Taiwan, and the region.

Madam Speaker, if we want cross strait détente to succeed—Taiwan will have to do so from a position of strength.

HONORING WESLEY HEINRICH'S

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Wesley Dean Heinrichs, a United States Marine Corps Veteran of World War II.

Mr. Heinrichs was born on November 28, 1923 in a farming community in Kirk, Colorado. He worked on his family's farm before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. After hearing the news on the radio about the attack on Pearl Harbor and the outbreak of the War, Mr. Heinrichs came under deep conviction to join the Marines after seeing a billboard with a Marine's picture that stated: "we need one more good man." It was Mr. Heinrichs' passion and love for his country that spurred him to join the Armed Forces to defend and protect our country. In December of 1942, at the age of 19, he traveled to the recruiting office in Denver, Colorado and enlisted in the Marine Corps.

After completion of basic training in San Diego, Mr. Heinrichs served in the commissary of Camp Pendleton distributing packed foods and serving on guard duty. In the same year, he was transferred to a motor transport unit where he worked with the 1st Amphibian Truck Company. His company worked on the Dukw, an experimental amphibious truck for traveling over water and landing on coral

reefs. On December 22, 1943, Mr. Heinrich and his company were deployed to the Pacific Arena to provide support to the Marine Corps operations in the Mariana Islands.

Mr. Heinrichs and his company used the Dukws to carry 105 Howitzers and place them in strategic locations in the Mariana Islands. Additionally, Mr. Heinrichs assisted with the transportation of wounded Marines and Soldiers to medical ships and with the hauling of ammunition and supplies to Marine Bases. Mr. Heinrich and his company served in combat in the battles of Saipan and Tinnian in the Mariana Islands. After the islands were secured, Mr. Heinrichs and his company were transferred to Guam where they protected the island and began training for the invasion of Japan. In 1945, Mr. Heinrich was transferred back to San Diego and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on January 13, 1943.

Mr. Heinrichs now resides in Coarsegold, California and is an active member of the American Legion Post 110, the Griswold USMC League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Heinrichs and his wife of 64 years, Anna Queen Spencer Heinrichs, have four daughters, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Wesley Heinrichs for his service and dedication to our country. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Wesley Dean Heinrichs.

THE AUBURN LITTLE LEAGUERS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an inspiring group of 11- and 12-year-olds in my District who grabbed the attention of an entire region and were welcomed home as heroes because of their performance in this year's Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The Auburn little leaguers and their coaches, Kai Nahaku and Dale Wilson, won the Northwest Regional Little League Championship en route to their trip to Williamsport. Once there, the team lost their opening game to the Little Leaguers from Fairfield, Connecticut. Madam Speaker, people started talking about Auburn's dream season coming to an end, but the team had other ideas.

The boys won their next three games, staving off elimination each time. Playing in front of as many as 30,000 people, the team stared down fear and played an exhilarating brand of baseball, beating Minnesota and Texas before dispatching Connecticut in a rematch. Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, the team's magical ride ended on August 26, in a loss to Texas.

The community of Auburn supported the team the entire season and some even traveled to Williamsport. The supporters who stayed home cheered wildly at viewing parties around the Auburn area. When the team returned home to Auburn, they were welcomed with a truly special celebration in front of City Hall. It was an honor to participate in the revelry and meet the coaches, players, and their supporters. Not only did the team play well on the diamond, Madam Speaker, but the boys

also represented Auburn and Washington State with class at every turn.

Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Hudson, Dylan, Isaiah, Ryan, Casey, Chandler, Ikaika, Dillon, Tyler, Robbie, Dillon, Coach Kai and Coach Dale for their inspiring play and for creating such fantastic memories. I want to thank Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, and the community of Auburn for providing unique and overwhelming support for the team throughout the season and upon their return. I'm excited to see what this special group of boys will accomplish in the future. Thank you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY RANGER SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER S. WRIGHT

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, August 19, 2010, our nation lost another brave hero. Army Ranger Specialist Christopher Shane Wright was killed in Pech, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained from enemy small arms fire. He was 23 years old. A Kentucky resident, Specialist Wright's mother currently lives in Jeffersonville, IN.

Specialist Wright was known as a man of courage beyond his years. He was deeply loyal and good-hearted. He had an intense love of his family and of his fellow soldiers. When told that his grandparents would pray for him, he asked that they also pray for the soldiers in his unit as well.

Wright joined the Army in 2005. Prior to his 18th birthday, Wright expressed a desire to enlist, and within days of turning 18, he did so. Wright was a veteran of two prior deployments—once to Iraq, and once to Afghanistan.

The loss of Specialist Wright is tragic. He deserves our most heartfelt gratitude and respect. Though I did not know him, I mourn his death and the loss to his family. He and his loved ones are in my prayers.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2010 theme—Celebrating History, Heritage, and the American Dream. From September 15, 2010 through October 15, 2010, the people of the United States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, and became known as National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only honor the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the countless contributions they have made that have led to improvements in their communities, and in turn, a better America.

As we reflect on the importance of the contributions that have been made by Hispanic