

Korea remain partners dedicated to peace, freedom, democracy, and global stability.

The relationship between the United States and Korea is a comprehensive and dynamic one. We are major trading partners, with investment ties deep among our countries.

However, we have not even come close to realizing the full potential of this relationship. In 2007 our two countries signed a Free Trade Agreement that, by every estimate, will improve the lives of people in both Korea and the United States by creating jobs, reducing prices of products and services, and expanding consumer choices. This agreement when implemented will remove 95 percent of the bilateral tariffs between our countries that are currently holding back what could be tremendous growth for both sides.

Unfortunately, the agreement has not yet been brought to Congress for a vote. I hope that, in the coming months, my colleagues will recognize the economic boost that ratifying this agreement will generate.

As a co-chair of the bipartisan U.S.-Korea Free Trade Working Group, I will be working to ensure that we can meet President Obama's stated goal of being able to resolve outstanding issues by November so that we can once and for all remove this impediment to an increasingly productive economic relationship.

I look forward to a vigorous discussion of the merits of the agreement as ratification would further consolidate the longstanding friendship between the United States and Korea, an alliance forged in battle and sharpened through six decades of business, cultural, and political exchanges.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering the success of the Incheon Landing on its 60th anniversary, saluting the veterans of the Korean War, and recognizing the bright future ahead for our two countries when we can finally realize the mutual benefits of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

FINDINGS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO H. RES. 1493

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1493, I am submitting changes in law that will help achieve deficit reduction by reducing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement; promoting efficiency and government reform; and controlling spending in the programs within each Committee's jurisdiction.

This year saw significant deficit reduction resulting from crop insurance changes enacted by Congress in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, FCEA, of 2008. In that legislation, the Committee included a provision directing the Administration to renegotiate the federal crop insurance program's Standard Reinsurance Agreement, which sets the financial terms and conditions for companies which participate in the program. The fruits of our effort were borne when USDA completed its renegotiation this past June, resulting in a more efficient crop insurance program and net savings, according to the Congressional Budget Office, of almost six billion dollars for deficit reduction.

This six billion dollars represents a seven percent reduction in the crop insurance program's baseline from FY 2011–20, making the Committee on Agriculture the only Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives that has accomplished deficit reduction this year through decreasing mandatory spending for programs under its jurisdiction. If other federal government spending was trimmed by a similar percent reduction and the savings dedicated to deficit reduction, we would reduce the budget deficit by almost three trillion dollars during FY 2011–20.

Federal spending to support production agriculture, according to CBO, represents less than one-half of one percent of all Federal Government spending. With these reductions, I believe agriculture has gone above and beyond any expectation with regard to finding cuts to reduce the deficit. However, this does not mean our programs are completely free of waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement or inefficiency. As Chairman, I can assure you that I will continue to lead the Committee's efforts through investigations, hearings, and general oversight to find other ways to improve further the operation of the government programs under our jurisdiction.

CELEBRATING THE FITZGERALD THEATER'S CENTENNIAL SEASON AND ITS PLACEMENT IN THE NA- TIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the centennial season of the Fitzgerald Theater, located in downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota. On September 18th, 2010, Minnesota Public Radio, which owns the theater, will celebrate the 100th season of "the Fitz," as it is affectionately known, and commemorate its placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally called the Sam S. Schubert Theater when it opened in August 1910, this theater has long served as a cultural center for the many visitors and residents of Saint Paul. In 1910, a young Saint Paul resident named F. Scott Fitzgerald was only 14 years old and yet to author the great American novel, "The Great Gatsby."

Eighty-four years later, another great artist and resident of Saint Paul, Garrison Keillor, led the charge to rename the theater in honor of F. Scott Fitzgerald and his role in American letters. And thus, in 1994, what began as the Schubert was reborn as the Fitzgerald Theater. Now, at 100 years old, the building is the oldest surviving theater space in Saint Paul and is a cultural landmark for the state of Minnesota.

The 1,000-seat theater continues to serve and strengthen regional and national communities as Minnesota Public Radio's largest broadcast studio. The Fitzgerald Theater is also home to the nationally-broadcast radio show, A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor. More than 100 years after its opening night, the Fitzgerald Theater continues to evolve, while maintaining its commitment to compelling performances, live radio

shows, and a legacy of significant literary programming.

Without any doubt, the Fitzgerald Theater has contributed a century's worth of memories, ideas, and insights to Saint Paul and the national cultural and literary community. The Fitzgerald will thrive into the 21st century, playing a critical role for future generations in bringing ideas and information in the areas of news, culture, literature, and music to a broad audience, both in Saint Paul, Minnesota and nationwide.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the centennial season of the Fitzgerald Theater and its contributions to the rich history and culture of the city of Saint Paul and the state of Minnesota.

IN MEMORY OF FRED SHAW

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness I rise today to mourn the passing of my friend Fred Shaw. A stand-out student in China, Fred first came to the United States seeking an advanced degree in Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He moved to the Twin Cities in 1947 to complete a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

Fred made his first mark on the Minnesota business community in 1974 when he co-founded the Shaw-Lundquist Contracting firm, which stands presently as one of the most prominent general contractors in Minnesota and is the largest Asian-American-owned contractor in the nation. The motto of his company, "Be honest, fair, and reliable and treat people right," is a lesson in which everyone can find truth. In addition to his business endeavors, Fred played a pivotal role in the advancement of minorities in business having been a founding member of the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) of Minnesota and the Chinese American Business Association. Fred's dedication and tireless work will continue to inspire minority groups in the business community for years to come.

Furthermore, Fred will be remembered as a great supporter of international education. He and his wife Jennie established a scholarship with the University of Minnesota China Center which helps send students to China for academic study.

Madam Speaker, Minnesota has lost a true trailblazer in the promotion of minority businesses with the passing of Fred Shaw.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN THOMAS SABOL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of John Thomas Sabol, devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and United States veteran. Mr. Sabol lived life with great joy and an unwavering dedication to his family, community and country.

Mr. Sabol was born in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, the son of Slovak immigrants. Growing up he was instilled with the values of family, hard work, the Catholic faith, and pride in his heritage. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served our nation from 1952 to 1955. During the Korean War, Mr. Sabol was stationed in Japan and served as a damage control man on the Coast Guard Carrier *Winnebago*. He was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

Mr. Sabol came to Cleveland, Ohio, for a wedding and there he met the woman who would become his wife, Agnes Fertal. John and Agnes had an instant connection as both their families hailed from the same region in Slovakia. He soon moved to Cleveland and began work at the General Motors Chevy Plant in Parma, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He married Agnes at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Cleveland, on September 29, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Sabol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends, in 2006. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Sabol raised three children: Jeanne, Jack (wife Tracy) and Judy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of John Thomas Sabol. I extend my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Sabol; through them his memories and spirit will live on.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Collinsville, Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 666. A celebration of this occasion will be held on September 26, 2010, at the Masonic Temple in Collinsville.

The organization was chartered on October 6, 1910, by Worthy Matron Lucy M. Holding and Worthy Patron R. Guy Kneeder. The organization still meets today in the Masonic Temple in Collinsville. The current Worthy Matron is Betty Ruhmann and the Worthy Patron is Jack Kime.

I congratulate the Collinsville Order of the Eastern Star on this special occasion and extend my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 1600 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11,

2001. I congratulate Majority Leader HOYER and Minority Leader BOEHNER for their efforts on this important resolution.

The events of September 11, 2001 were a national tragedy. Over 3,000 innocent Americans died that day at the hands of international terrorists. In New York City, Washington, DC, and a field in Pennsylvania, Americans were directly confronted with acts of aggression on a scale and scope that our nation had never before seen. Our national consciousness was forever changed on that day as we all remember the losses we suffered and the horrific images of that day.

On the ninth anniversary of those events we must reflect and remember the victims and heroes of that tragic morning. I hope everyone takes some time to remember the nearly 3,000 American lives that were cut short that day and salute the firefighters, first responders and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives saving others.

For the victims, heroes and their families, let us never forget this fateful day, and let us refocus ourselves on what makes America unique and special in the world of nations—liberty and diversity, equality and the rule of law.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

HONORING JERRY VENTURI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of Jerry Venturi, who is receiving the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry lived a long and distinguished life, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Jerry Venturi passed away in 2008 at age 67 after a struggle with cancer. However, his legacy lives on in his Madera community. Jerry was a remarkable musician from his youth, a performer, a band leader, a music business owner, and a mentor for countless Madera musicians.

Jerry was well connected within his community. He was a faithful participant in St. Joachim Catholic Church and a first degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal Catholic service organization. In addition, Jerry and his band performed every year in the Madera County Arts Council "Concert in the Park," where he assisted other performers set up their sound systems.

Jerry's musical legacy extended to all of the students that entered his mentorship through his store, performance and service. It is clear that Jerry's memory will continue to inspire music and community service for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Jerry Venturi for a life well-lived.

HONORING MR. RAWLEIGH "MIKE" THOMPSON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today

to commemorate Mr. Rawleigh "Mike" Thompson on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

On September 12, 1920, Mr. Thompson was born in Hineston, Louisiana. He is the only son of four siblings.

Oakhill High School recognizes Mr. Thompson as the first person to receive a diploma from their school and he proudly cites his position as Valedictorian. To attain this achievement, he overcame many obstacles, one of which was to walk and ride two different buses totaling 46 miles round trip each school day.

Mr. Thompson married Bessie Lee Jones and they were blessed with seven children. Further blessings now include nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1942 serving in World War II. Upon his departure from the military he worked at a sawmill and then began his career at the VA Medical Center in Pineville, Louisiana. Mr. Thompson was employed at the VA for 29 years and remarkably never missed a day of work.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Thompson, he continues to exemplify a strong character of dedication, compassion and devotion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thompson on this truly significant birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MILES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John Miles, a Korean War Army Veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. John Miles was recognized on Tuesday, June 15. Below is the article in its entirety:

[From The Boone News Republican, June 15, 2010]

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN MILES
(By Alexander Hutchins)

"That was a cold place over there. Cold, cold, cold," John Miles, 82, said of his time in the Korean War.

Miles has lived in Boone his entire life and worked for 36 years as a railroad dispatcher. He graduated from Boone High School and the local junior college, and a history of participating in warfare was in his family. Miles had four older brothers, each of whom served in World War II and returned home safely. Miles joined the Army in 1950, and returned from the Korean War with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star to eventually married and have two sons.

"The Miles" lucked out," he joked.

When Miles enlisted in 1950, he was trained at Fort Leonardwood, in Missouri, and was assigned to the 40th division of the 160th infantry. He became a combat medic, and routinely entered the field to tend to wounded soldiers while under fire.

"The Chinese could put artillery shells in your back pocket," Miles said. No matter the enemy resistance Miles tended to the wounded, and resistance varied greatly from day to day. "When you're a medic, you go no