

to help the ocean carriers be more responsive to their customers. This bill is a pro-competitive bill that will help facilitate U.S. imports and exports. In 2007, the European Union eliminated the antitrust immunity that ocean carriers had from their laws. I am not aware of any ocean carriers being put out of business because of the loss of that exemption. Under the "Shipping Act of 2010", carriers will have to compete based on price and services in the same way as all other major industries in the United States.

IN HONOR OF GERALD A. DEPIERO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, mentor, retired firefighter, business owner and active citizen.

Mr. DePiero served the Parma community and our nation with honor and dedication. He served in the National Guard for 6 months and protected the people of Parma as a firefighter for 25 years. He combined his street smarts with business savvy and founded one of the largest real estate offices in Ohio; a branch of Century 21, DePiero and Associates, Inc.

Mr. DePiero was known for his kind, giving and generous nature. For 49 years, he was a devoted husband to Roberta. Together they raised four children: Lisa, Chris, Matt and Dean. His devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild was unwavering. He was the treasured grandfather of Nick, Jenni, Cory, Jake, Luke, Melissa, the late Erin, the late Andrew, Sean and Blake. He was the beloved great-grandfather of Isabela, and father-in-law of Laura, MJ and Kathleen. He was the beloved brother of Ray, brother-in-law of Dorothy, and caring uncle and cousin to many. Mr. DePiero was a devoted friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero. I offer my condolences to his family, friends and to everyone who knew him well. Mr. DePiero lived his life with a generous heart and an unwavering love for family, friends and community. His service and generosity will never be forgotten.

EXPULSION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS CALLS INTO QUESTION MOROCCO'S COMMITMENT TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the King of Morocco travelled to New York to address the UN General Assembly Summit on the Millennium Development Goals, which seek to improve the quality of life for people around the world. I urge Obama Administration officials to seize this opportunity to meet

with the King and raise the plight of the dozens of U.S. citizens that have been expelled from or denied reentry into Morocco without access to due process.

As a result of the deportations a number of humanitarian organizations which were run by U.S. citizens and provided vital community services have been shuttered: Individuals such as Eddie and Lynn Padilla of Colorado who worked in an orphanage caring for young Moroccan children who were abandoned at birth; and Michael Cloud of Texas, who ran therapy centers for children with disabilities across the country; and scores of American teachers and educators who sought to improve access to education for Moroccan children.

Many of these individuals resided legally in Morocco for decades and had a deep love for their adopted country. Their work supported Millennium Development Goals such as child health and universal education. In his address to the General Assembly on Monday, the King of Morocco expressed his support for and commitment to these lofty goals. Meanwhile, his government turned out dozens of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals whose work supported the same goals for which the King professed his support.

If the King of Morocco is truly serious about his commitment to achieving the Millennium Development goals, his government should immediately and unconditionally allow those expelled or denied reentry to return. The U.S. government should press for nothing less.

IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and member of the House Taiwan caucus to express my congratulations to the leaders and people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of National Day this October 10th.

It has been nearly a century since the October 10, 1911 start of the revolution that toppled the Qing dynasty and established the Republic of China, the first republic in Asia. Today the ROC on Taiwan has become a full-fledged democracy and a beacon of prosperity and freedom for all of Asia. Just twenty some years ago, Taiwan was a closed authoritarian society with no freedom of speech, no freedom of assembly, and no right to vote. It now has robust political parties, and virtually every office in Taiwan is contested through free and fair elections.

Two and a half years ago, Taiwan successfully concluded its fourth popular election for president since 1996 by electing Dr. Ma Ying-jeou. President Ma has worked tirelessly since his inauguration on May 20, 2008 to improve the relationship between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland and he has been a strong ally to the United States.

The Taiwanese and the Chinese mainland governments have worked together in productive talks on issues such as direct cross-strait flights and shipping, more tourist visits by mainlanders to Taiwan, and the recent signing for Economic Cooperation Framework Agree-

ment (ECFA) that serves as a platform for economic interaction between the two sides. This cooperation has served to reduce tensions in the Strait considerably.

Taiwan has long been a strategic partner of the United States. We have worked closely with the government of President Ma and our mutual relationship continues to be strong. It is my hope that the relations will continue to grow through enhanced cooperation in trade, science and technology, educational and cultural exchanges, security cooperation and Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

As Taiwan has demonstrated cooperation in good faith both with the mainland and with the United States, I hope that it will soon enjoy greater inclusion in the international community. It is exciting to learn that Taiwan was once again invited last May to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, Switzerland as an observer. This was a breakthrough for Taiwan's participation in a formal UN activity since in 1971, the world body switched recognition to mainland China.

However, this is not enough. I strongly urge my colleagues to recognize Taiwan's participation in the WHA and encourage them to put pressure on the international community to allow Taiwan's participation in the activities of other organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Madam Speaker, I would ask all of my colleagues to congratulate our Taiwanese friends on the 99th Anniversary of National Day and to join me now in thanking the people of Taiwan for their friendship.

HONORING LINDA PIERCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION NURSES

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CRRN, CNS, FAHA of the University of Toledo College of Nursing and president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), a constituent from my congressional district. Ms. Pierce will soon complete her year as the 2009-2010 national president of the ARN, a professional organization representing nurses who work to enhance the quality of life for those who are affected by physical disabilities or chronic illnesses. During her tenure as president at ARN, Ms. Pierce has been a strong leader and advocate for rehabilitation nurses, as well as the patients ARN serves everyday.

Since 1974, ARN has been the leading source for the latest rehabilitation information, resources, and professional development and career opportunities for rehabilitation nursing professionals. ARN members are nurses with a broad range of clinical experience dedicated to helping individuals affected by chronic illness or a physical disability adapt to their disabilities, achieve their greatest potential, and work toward productive, independent lives.

Presently, ARN is comprised of a nationwide network of more than 5,500 rehabilitation

nurses who practice in many settings including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, sub-acute and long-term care facilities, and private companies.

A resident of Elyria, Ohio, Ms. Pierce earned both her Bachelors of Science in Nursing and her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Akron. Ms. Pierce went on to earn her Doctorate in Philosophy of Nursing from Wayne State University.

In addition to Ms. Pierce's academic achievements, she is also a National Stroke Council Member of the American Stroke Association. She has presented numerous times on topics relating to rehabilitation nursing, and published several books and scholarly articles pertaining to caregivers of persons with stroke. Ms. Pierce is currently educating the next generation of nurses, as a tenured professor at the University of Toledo, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me today in recognizing the outgoing president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Linda Pierce, for her dedication and exemplary work in the field of rehabilitation nursing. We thank you Ms. Pierce for your ongoing service to the healthcare profession.

A STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION
OF THE LUMBERTON ALL-STAR
MAJORS TEAM BEING NAMED
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AT THE
2010 DIXIE YOUTH MAJORS
WORLD SERIES

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors team of Lumberton, North Carolina, on being named National Champions at the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series.

Each year, the Youth Baseball Association in my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, participates in Dixie Youth Baseball in the Coach Pitch (7–8 year olds), Minors (9 and 10 year olds), and Majors (11 and 12 year olds) classifications. Each baseball season concludes with the formation of an All-Star team chosen by coaches for each of those classifications. These All-Star teams participate in district and State tournaments.

This year, the Lumberton All-Star Majors team won both its district and State tournaments without losing a single game. The team went on to win the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series held in Gonzales, Louisiana, finally earning the title of National Champions on August 12, 2010. This is the third time that a North Carolina team has earned this title since 1956. It is remarkable that each of these three North Carolina championship teams has come from North Carolina's Seventh District.

Additionally, the team won the "Around-the-Horn Relay" during opening ceremonies and one of its members, Daniel Oxendine, hit sixteen home runs to win the "Home Run Derby." Most importantly, however, throughout their weeks of practice and competition, each player and coach conducted himself in a manner that reflected the values of the people of Lumberton, North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, the members of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association 2010 Majors All-Star team deserve acclaim for their skill as well as for being outstanding ambassadors of the City of Lumberton, the County of Robeson, and the State of North Carolina. Their names are: Alec Brewington, Raleigh Forrest, Jack Frederick, Gage Hardin, Austin Hayes, Hunter Jolicouer, Tyler Musselwhite, Evan Odum, Daniel Oxendine, Austin Swiderski, Travis Suggs, and Richard Thomas.

As founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and also as both a long-time Lumberton little league coach and one who grew up playing baseball in Lumberton, as well as a charter member of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association, Inc., I appreciate the dedication, determination, and teamwork that earned these players the esteemed title of National Champions. I am also impressed by the volunteer coaches that led this team to victory—Robert Brewington, Kevin Hayes, and Thomas Odum—as well as the parents of each player and the Lumberton community as a whole for supporting these young baseball players as they worked to achieve their dream.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors National Championship team, and wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SISTER CATHERINE
PINKERTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose unwavering advocacy on behalf of numerous social justice issues provides strength, hope and a powerful voice to the most vulnerable citizens of our society.

Sister Catherine's life and work continues to reflect a lifelong passion for raising the lives of others through teaching, lobbying and organizing. She began turning her faith into action early on, as a student at St. Joseph Academy high school in Cleveland, where she volunteered to assist the poor and disadvantaged at the Dorothy Day Catholic House of Hospitality. After graduating from St. Joseph, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph convent in Cleveland, where she began her journey as a Sister in the Roman Catholic faith. She taught at St. Joseph's, and eventually became an administrator within the Order. Sister Catherine was soon elected President of the St. Joseph community. Her focus on issues of poverty, racism, sexism and other social justice issues, combined with her strong intellect and excellent leadership skills, guided her through numerous trips to Washington DC, fervently lobbying for legislation to elevate and empower women, minorities and the poor.

On Capitol Hill, Sister Catherine's work focused on fair housing, health care reform, civil rights initiatives, and family and medical leave legislation. In meeting rooms and on the House floor, Sister Catherine promoted NETWORK—a women-led Catholic social justice lobby that collects and analyzes critical data

about how our Nation's laws affect the poor and disenfranchised. She also made numerous trips to Rome, as the official representative of sisters in the United States. Sister Catherine's work has been recognized with numerous local and national honors. She was awarded the Centennial Education Medal by John Carroll University; named as Cleveland's 100 Most Influential Women; and, she was honored by the National Institute of Women with the Today's Woman of the Year Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose faith in action continues to give a voice to the silent, strength to the weak, and power to the powerless—thereby making our Cleveland community, our Nation, and our world, a better place.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH
MCCLAIN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize and congratulate an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Joseph McClain, for the successful completion of 29 years of distinguished Naval service, culminating with his position as the Director of the U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office in the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. I am honored to commend Captain McClain's achievements and recognize his devotion to our great Nation.

A 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain McClain earned his wings in 1983 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer. He has sailed around the world flying the S-3 Viking and has served in four squadrons aboard four different aircraft carriers.

Captain McClain served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Blue Wolves of VS-35. During this tour, he adeptly led his squadron on two successful deployments aboard USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72). Under his leadership, the Blue Wolves were awarded the Battle "E" for operational excellence within the Air Wing, the Golden Wrench for maintenance superiority, and the Pacific Fleet Retention Award. He later returned to command Sea Control Wing Atlantic, again displaying inspirational leadership for thousands of sailors and skillfully leading the Viking community through a majority of its Sundown.

In his final assignment, Captain McClain stood honorably in the shoes of every sailor worldwide as he advocated on their behalf and ensured the continued success of the Navy.

Captain McClain retires after 29 years of honorable service to this Nation. His professional success would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Deanna; sons, Joshua and Jeremy; and daughter, Allison. Their shared sacrifice is a credit to their personal character.

Madam Speaker, I wish Captain McClain continued success and fulfillment as he transitions to civilian life after nearly three decades of service. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in saluting this outstanding Naval Officer.