

COMMEMORATING THE 99TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of the Republic of China also known as Taiwan's National Day. October 10, 2010 marks the 99th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of China and commemorates the 1911 Wuch'ang uprising ultimately leading to the collapse of the Qing dynasty. This day is also known as the "Double Ten" Day where 23 million people in the Republic of China along with Taiwanese from across the world celebrate their new-found democracy.

In recent months Taiwan has experienced a number of achievements, including the signing of an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement with mainland China and participating as an observer in the World Health Organization's annual meetings in Geneva. Currently, Taiwan is requesting that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) consider accepting Taiwan as an observer in the organization as Taiwan is a major international hub connecting Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and North America. Each year, over 1.54 million flights pass through the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR) and it would be beneficial for ICAO. The safety and security of each passenger is of paramount importance to everyone concerned. Yet Taiwan is excluded from the activities of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to consider opportunities where Taiwan can participate in the Multilateral "public key directory" (PKD) consultations.

As a fellow democratic ally of the United States, we must further support and encourage Taiwan's growing global participation. Again, I wish the people of Taiwan everywhere a blessed day of celebration and reflection.

HONORING THE GREATER HAZLETON AREA POLONAISE SOCIETY'S CELEBRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND THE REVEREND LOUIS S. GARBACIK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its annual celebration of Polish American Heritage Month.

The Society will mark this year's Polish American Heritage Month with its 33rd annual Polish American Heritage Ball on October 17, 2010 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society's mission is to preserve the culture and customs brought to Northeastern Pennsylvania by their ancestors over a century ago.

Over the past 33 years, each October the Society has celebrated the history of their ancestors who traveled to the United States, and the lasting impacts they made throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania and its mining industry during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This year's event will also honor the late Reverend Louis S. Garbacik, who served as Chaplain of the Greater Hazleton Polonaise Society for over 23 years. He passed away on January 1, 2010.

Reverend Garbacik was born in West Hazleton in 1928.

He graduated from Hazle Township High School in 1946 before attending St. Mary's College in Michigan.

Following graduation from St. Mary's College in 1950, Reverend Garbacik enrolled at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Michigan. He was officially ordained to the priesthood at St. Gabriel's Church in Hazleton in 1954.

Over the past 50 years, Reverend Garbacik led congregations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He first was assigned to Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas before being assigned to Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1977, Reverend Garbacik was named pastor of Holy Child Parish in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and in 1983 he also became administrator of Ascension Church in Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania.

From 1986 through his retirement in 2006, Reverend Garbacik was pastor of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Hazleton. In 2006 he was appointed pastor emeritus.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. For over 30 years, the Society has worked to preserve and promote the rich Polish American history in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and this year they will pay special tribute to one of the Society's most dedicated leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WAYNE A. FAUSZ

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz, of Florence, Kentucky, who lost his life on August 10, 2010, in an automobile accident in North Carolina.

He was the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz is survived by his mother, Darlene Hinkle of Union, Kentucky and his father, David Fausz, Sr., of Independence, Kentucky.

In addition to being an outstanding father to his two children, Nathaniel and Autumn, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Natasha.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz was deployed twice to Iraq and once to Saudi Arabia.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz for his service and his sacrifice.

HONORING DR. DENNIS E. MURRAY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Dennis E. Murray and the positive impact he's had on education as Superintendent of the Altoona Area School District in Altoona, Pennsylvania for the last 25 years.

At a time in our country when many public school systems have been under attack for not making the grade, Altoona has experienced steady growth and achieved tremendous accomplishments under Dr. Murray's effective leadership.

Recently, U.S. News and World Report named Altoona Area High School as one of America's best high schools.

Dr. Murray is an innovator who has challenged his district to be on the cutting edge of technology and educational programs. He is also a pragmatist who's helped modernize its buildings and facilities efficiently for the district's taxpayers.

Most important, Dr. Murray has never forgotten his roots in education that began 47 years ago as a classroom teacher. His emphasis on hiring excellent teachers and providing students with the necessary tools for a solid education means that Altoona's graduates are among the best prepared for the future in our great Nation.

Dr. Murray will be honored on October 6, 2010 by the Altoona Kiwanis Club as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year. I congratulate him on this recognition and I ask to place his long list of accomplishments into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would like to thank him for his continued stellar service to the local Altoona area community.

DR. MURRAY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE RECORD:

Dr. Murray received a B.S. in education from Slippery Rock University in 1963 and an M. Ed. in educational administration from Duquesne University in 1965. He earned his Doctor of Education degree in elementary education and educational psychology from Penn State in 1973.

He has been honored with many prestigious awards including the Educational Leadership Award from Phi Delta Kappa; the Distinguished Educator Award from the Tri-State Study Council of the University of Pittsburgh; the Excellence in Education Award from the Penn State University College of Education; the Exemplary and Innovative Educational Leadership and Management Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education; the Excellence in Administration Award from the Pennsylvania School Study Council; the Blair Bedford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO Person of the Year Award; and an honorary doctorate from St. Francis University in 2008.

In addition to his service to the Altoona Area School District, Dr. Murray is a member of the Board of Trustees at Slippery Rock University. He has served on numerous community boards and committees and teaches graduate level courses for St. Francis University and Penn State.

Management of the budget for the past 25 years with only four minimal tax increases over that time period. The 2010–2011 AASD budget is \$89.3 million.

Completion of numerous capital projects including new school construction/renovation at Baker, Ebner, Juniata Gap, Penn-Lincoln, Irving, Pleasant Valley and Logan elementary schools as well as the \$48.5 million Altoona Area Junior High School which opened in 2008.

Creation of the Bertram Leopold Recreation Center (five tennis courts, two volleyball courts and two basketball courts) on the campus of Altoona Area High School in 1988.

Successful negotiation of numerous contracts with teachers in the Pennsylvania State Education Association, non-instructional employees in the AFSCME Union, and teacher assistants who belong to the Educational Support Personnel organization. These agreements included health/hospitalization agreements.

Negotiation of payments to the school district in lieu of taxes from area hospitals.

Outsourced management of the school district's food service program as well as student bus and van transportation.

Improved computerization of the school district Tax Office.

Established countless school/community partnerships which have stimulated economic development in Blair County.

Implemented a school-based management/total quality education program known as Q-SITE (Quality Schools Involving Teams for Excellence). As part of this initiative, the school received ISO-9001 certification in January, 2002.

Creation of the Altoona Area School District Foundation—a non-profit organization that has attracted \$2.9 million in private contributions since 1989. More than \$725,000 has been allocated for a very successful Teacher Grants program.

A \$507,000 donor-designated gift to the AASD Foundation by the Sheetz family led to the creation of the new Sheetz Athletic Training Center at Mansion Park. Last year, Bob Sill, an AHS graduate, donated \$125,000 for team rooms and coaches' offices at Mansion Park.

Creation of the national 4,200-member Altoona Area High School Alumni Association.

Establishment of partnerships with colleges and universities that have helped to make Altoona a teaching/research-based school district.

Creation of the Center for Advanced Technologies in 1994, believed to be the first of its kind in a public school district in the United States thanks to a partnership with the Cornell University Synthesis Coalition.

Creation of the Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation, a cyber charter school begun during the 2002–2003 school year in cooperation with 32 Central Pennsylvania school districts.

Creation of an After-School Arts Program and an Elementary Stage Band.

Establishment of a rigorous secondary curriculum which features 18 Advanced Place-

ment courses. The College Board has recognized this AP program.

Creation of a digital multi-media lab at AAHS to enhance foreign language instruction. A digital Mt. Lion Television studio enables students to learn broadcasting skills. Another new digital lab is used to teach multi-media skills and music theory and harmony.

Installation of an artificial surface and an all-weather track at Mansion Park Stadium and an artificial turf on the Altoona Area High School intramural field. In 2008, a new Trophy Turf surface was installed at Mansion Park. Construction of a third turf field, Roosevelt Field, at the site of the former Roosevelt Junior High School, also has a Trophy Turf playing surface.

Offering elementary students a school of choice at the McAuliffe Heights Program at Irving School, which was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2007 as well as an Apple Computer Distinguished School in 2010.

U.S. News and World Report named Altoona Area High School as one of America's best high schools in 2010.

Becoming the first Pennsylvania school district to put strobe lights on school buses.

Establishment of the William P. Kimmel Alternative School for at-risk secondary students.

Creation of a partnership with Atlantic Broadband which has enabled the school district to deliver public access/educational access television to Blair County residents.

Helped create the Central Blair Recreation Commission of which the school district is a member.

Establishment of a School Police Department will full police powers. This department oversees an extensive network of security cameras throughout the school district. Security greeters are also assigned at all three secondary schools.

Established a technology coordinator position along with a Technology Department.

Instituted drug testing for all new AASD employees and for secondary interscholastic athletes.

Created an employee wellness center.

Helped AASD become one of Pennsylvania's first school districts to implement full-day kindergartens at all schools. This year, Altoona has 31 full-day kindergartens.

HONORING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (ASTD)

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) as one of the largest associations dedicated to the training and development of professionals, recognizing them for their annual Employee Learning Week, held December 6 through the 10, 2010.

Established in 1943, ASTD has been a leader in the training and development field. In recent years, ASTD has widened the profession's focus, aligning learning with an individual's performance and their organizations' results. In 1945, ASTD held their first annual

conference and continues to be a leading voice in the field of workplace development 65 years later.

Members of ASTD come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 130 U.S. chapters with 30 international partners. They work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and as suppliers.

ASTD continues to help its members and the learning profession build a highly skilled workforce that is critical for organizations to grow and sustain a competitive advantage. To further these goals, ASTD has declared December 6 through December 10, 2010 as "Employee Learning Week" and designated time for organizations to recognize the strategic value of employee learning.

I applaud ASTD and its members for their dedication to developing the knowledge and skills of employees during Employee Learning Week. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting policies that commit to maintaining a highly skilled workforce.

THE LEAVING ETHANOL AT EXISTING LEVELS (LEVEL) ACT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to place a pause on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) irresponsible actions in moving forward toward approving a waiver for an increase in ethanol in fuel.

Currently, gasoline contains a 10 percent blend wall of ethanol, known as E-10. The EPA is considering increasing the allowable amount of ethanol in gasoline to 15 percent, or E-15. This, despite the EPA not performing any of its own studies on the matter, and relying entirely on outside studies. I questioned Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the EPA's decision to move forward with a waiver for E-15, and was wholly dissatisfied with her responses as to the research EPA has done itself on the safety of increasing to this level of ethanol. She deferred entirely to outside groups and to the Department of Energy's research. Does EPA not employ its own scientists and experts? Is EPA's position that it is incapable of doing its own research? We saw that EPA was inept at performing its own "climate science" research, I suppose we could expect no different with the safety of ethanol levels.

But this is serious business. If EPA approves this waiver, car engines, lawn mowers, tractors—any engine that uses gasoline, could be potentially at risk for catching fire or having mechanical failure. Moreover, businesses tasked with selling this new gasoline with increased ethanol could face potential lawsuits from consumers who fail to follow posted signs warning them that E-15 should only be used in newer engines. Does anyone truly believe that mis-fillings and misunderstandings of the sign won't lead to disastrous results? The fact that EPA is even considering this change proves they simply don't care.

I'm not necessarily opposed to increasing the level of ethanol in fuel—if it's done responsibly, and with sound science to back it up. I