

grins and smiles from those who knew him well. Mr. Kluge was not only an outstanding soldier and American, but most importantly an outstanding human being.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN RON SMITH

#### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Ron Smith, United States Navy, upon his retirement. His remarkable Navy medical career will end on October 8, 2010 but the fine innovations and the legacy of his work in the areas of psychiatry and addiction treatment will continue.

In short, his contributions to the field of political psychology, specifically Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism, are unmatched.

Upon graduation from Amarillo High School, Dr. Smith enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was soon after appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with the class of 1966. He attended the University of Texas Medical School and completed an Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine and Naval Hospital San Diego. Dr. Smith was the first physician trained in critical care medicine by the U.S. Navy, completing his fellowship at the University of Southern California Center for the Critically Ill in Los Angeles in 1976. He soon became one of the first physicians involved in Navy Alcohol treatment and with Captain Joe Pursch was instrumental in the founding of the Betty Ford Center.

He left the Navy in 1978 and as a civilian Dr. Smith founded the emergency medicine residency program at Loma Linda University Medical School. During this time, he and his brother Richard Smith worked together to start the Winners Foundation which offered free substance abuse treatment at Santa Anita and other race tracks in the Thoroughbred Racing industry throughout the world. His interest in addiction and recovery led to an interest in the psychological growth during the middle and mature years of life, which led him to complete his psychiatry training at Loma Linda, where he also taught emergency and critical care medicine.

He returned to active duty in 1992 as a psychoanalyst and contributed as medical consultant for the Honorable Jim Ramstad for the Ramstad-Wellstone bill which was eventually passed in 2008 as the Parity Act. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to accompany Dr. Smith in his capacity as an Emergency Physician on one of Senator ARLEN SPECTER's world-wide congressional delegations. Senator SPECTER enabled Dr. Smith to meet many world leaders and contribute significantly as a political psychologist.

Dr. Ronald Smith is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. He completed his psychoanalytic training at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in Beverly Hills, California and has a Doctorate in Philosophy of Psychoanalysis. Since 2002, he has been annually recognized by the Consumer's Research Council as one of America's Top Psychiatrists in Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism.

Ron is married to Dr. Anita Alexandra Gadhia Smith, an accomplished author and practicing psychologist in Washington, D.C. They have three children and six grandchildren.

I wish Dr. Smith all the best as he continues his work in private practice and in his lobbying efforts for the treatment of our homeless and mentally ill in hospitals instead of jails, and for the decriminalization of addiction. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to serve with him.

HONORING CHRISTINE M. WISEMAN AND HER APPOINTMENT AS THE 19TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Christine M. Wiseman, who began serving as the 19th president of Saint Xavier University in Chicago on June 1, 2010. Her commitment to Catholic education and her strong credentials ensure that she will lead Saint Xavier University to new heights during her tenure.

President Wiseman has a long record of excellence in academia. Prior to her appointment at Saint Xavier, she was Provost and Professor of Law at Loyola University of Chicago. She directed the academic division at Loyola, which is the largest Catholic research institution in the United States. Before leaving for Loyola University in 2007, she served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Creighton University, where she led strategic planning and reaccreditation efforts. She was also Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Marquette University Law School and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University, making her the first woman to reach senior administration at Marquette. Her experience as a high-level administrator at Creighton University, Loyola University in Chicago and Marquette University will certainly benefit her as the leader of Saint Xavier.

The basis for a good education is quality instruction, and President Wiseman has a strong record in teaching as well. In 1991, she received the Marquette University Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Her decades of teaching experience at Loyola, Marquette, and Creighton will help her make instruction a top priority at Saint Xavier University.

President Wiseman has also been honored multiple times for her public service. She was named the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Volunteer Attorney of the Year in 1989 and the Spirit of the Law School recipient in 2003 at Marquette for being a role model to the school's students. Her commitment to public service and the disadvantaged will have a strong impact on the students of Saint Xavier University.

Saint Xavier University is a Catholic university with over 5,000 students and was founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy. Its main campus is located in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood of Chicago. The school was rated as one of the top 40 comprehensive master's uni-

versities in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report in 2009 and will only improve its academic and service standards under the guidance of their new President Christine Wiseman.

I ask you to join me in honoring President Christine Wiseman on her appointment as president of Saint Xavier University, and may she and the university enjoy many continuing years of prosperity and academic excellence.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THEIR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Taiwan as they celebrate their 99th anniversary on October 10, 2010. We are happy to see such a vibrant democracy blossoming in East Asia.

Due to the ubiquitous tension between Taiwan and China (neighbors across the Taiwan Straits) Taiwan's President Ma is in a very difficult position. Every day he must walk the tightrope between improving the relationship with mainland China and making sure that Taiwan does not lose its unique identity that makes their country so special.

To this end, President Ma is handling the challenge masterfully. Many areas of the relationship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China (mainland China) have improved dramatically since President Ma took office.

Without question, the most significant evidence of the improved relations between China and Taiwan is The Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). This is a formal agreement between the two sides that aims to reduce commercial barriers and increase trade between the two countries. Three years ago this would not have been even thought of as possible, yet today this agreement is in effect as of September of this year.

Additionally, the following are further evidences the improving relationship between Taiwan and China:

Daily flights between the two countries are not only now occurring, but due to high demand, the number of flights and destinations have had to be increased.

China, who blocked Taiwan's access to participate in any part of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the last 38 years, has granted Taiwan the honor of observer status at the World Health Assembly (WHA) arm of the WHO.

Both China and Taiwan have agreed to share crime data and law enforcement services with one another to help reduce illegal activity in the area.

All of this has been done while still allowing Taiwan to operate as an independent nation with its own government, military and currency.

I ask my friends in Congress to congratulate Taiwan on their 99th anniversary as we hope to continue our friendship with them for their next 99 years.

# INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEAS OF THE DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of the Decade of Action for Road Safety. This is a critically important issue, as millions of people in every corner of the globe are affected by traffic accidents, inadequate public policies, and underdeveloped or neglected transportation infrastructure. The United States can take the lead in furthering the goals of the Decade of Action declared by the United Nations General Assembly, saving millions of lives and billions of dollars.

The leading cause of death for people ages 5 to 29 is not disease or war but road crashes. Nearly 1.3 million people are killed in road crashes every year and another twenty to fifty million are injured in traffic accidents. On average, over 1,000 people under the age of 25 die every single day on the world's roads. And these numbers are going up dramatically.

Madam Speaker, the world cannot afford such needless, heartbreaking losses. In addition to the catastrophic human costs—not only the lives lost but amongst their friends and families as well—road crashes cost the global community over \$518 billion a year, an enormous sum when you consider that many of the countries most plagued by road crashes are underdeveloped or developing nations.

The global community must build on the initial, important steps already taken to enhance international cooperation to improve road safety. In November 2009, the Moscow Declaration, signed by 150 countries, encouraged the establishment of a Decade of Action for Road Safety from 2011 to 2020, and laid the foundation for United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 adopted in March 2010. This U.N. resolution recognizes that the devastation caused by road crashes negatively impacts the social, economic, and health targets of the Millennium Development Goals, and reaffirms the importance of international collaboration during the Decade of Action.

It is critical that the nations of the world work together to stabilize and reduce traffic fatalities by taking advantage of opportunities at the global, national, regional, and local level. The United States can set an example for the rest of the world by improving transportation management, infrastructure, vehicle safety, education, and post-crash care and rehabilitation here at home. We must continue to support public policies designed to reduce key risk factors like speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and the failure of many Americans to use seat belts, child restraints, and other safety devices.

Madam Speaker, this Decade of Action for Road Safety has not been declared to merely raise awareness, but also to take action. We all use roads, cars, buses, and bicycles every day. It is easy to take our safety for granted. But too many tragedies remind us that road fatalities and injuries have an enormous impact on our lives. This resolution expresses the House of Representatives' support for the

Decade of Action and encourages the federal government to support efforts to reduce road fatalities, preventing needless deaths and injuries both here at home and around the world. I appreciate the support of my good friends Congressman CHRIS VAN HOLLEN and Congressman DAN BURTON on this matter, and urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

HONORING REV. ADOLPH NOBLE, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr., of Bainbridge, Georgia, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his family and his community.

Rev. Noble was born August 22, 1955, in Thomasville, Georgia, to Smiley Noble and Betty Jean Noble née Melvins. He grew up in Southwest Georgia, and graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1973. After completing his studies in Mortuary Science at the John A. Gupton College in Atlanta, Georgia, he then went on to study at the Meadows College of Business in Albany, Georgia.

Upon successfully completing these academic endeavors, Rev. Noble began his lifelong call of ministering to others. He went on to study at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Tallahassee, Florida. From there, he has served his community as a pastor, ministering for over forty years.

Thirty of these years have been spent at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, with several years spent preaching at Patterson Street Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. Rev. Noble continues to minister to both of these parishes today.

Rev. Noble is deeply involved in the many civic and religious affairs in his community. He served as the Past Moderator of the First Flint River Baptist Association, as the President of the Bainbridge/Decatur County Civic and Progressive League, and as a member of the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, the Fourth District Funeral Service Association, and the Georgia State Funeral Service Association.

In addition to his ministry and community outreach, Rev. Noble is also Owner and Funeral Director of Guyton Brothers Funeral Home in Bainbridge.

Rev. Noble has been, and continues to be, very blessed in his family life. He is married to Sonja Noble née Tyler, and he is the proud father of four children and the proud grandfather of five grandchildren. His kind demeanor and unyielding compassion has endeared him to many.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, is truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous counsel, and ministry of Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr. We greatly appreciate his guidance, leadership, compassion, and intense desire to help others and better his community.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAVY TRUCK TAX FAIRNESS ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Heavy Truck Tax Fairness Act. Nothing is more essential to restoring the economy, revitalizing our communities, and protecting our environment than the effort to rebuild and renew America. The U.S. faces steep infrastructure challenges. Our infrastructure inventory is in poor repair and much of it is outdated—not just decades, but often centuries old. Our effort to rebuild and renew that infrastructure is stalled because of a funding impasse. The Highway Trust Fund nearly exhausted its funding several times recently and it is clear that our existing funding mechanisms are insufficient to meet our current, much less future, needs. Congress must consider new revenue sources to meet our infrastructure challenges and must work with transportation users to find the most efficient means of raising this revenue.

The funding sources for the Highway Trust Fund can be volatile, depending on the health of the economy. Current law places a 12 percent tax on the sale of new heavy trucks, trailers, and certain tractors. This tax is an important source of Highway Trust Fund revenues. In times of economic stress, these sales fall dramatically, badly limiting Trust Fund resources. These lost sales have several important effects. By reducing revenue to the Trust Fund, the decline hinders economic productivity by imposing costs from poor infrastructure. It also reflects an increase in the average age of the trucking fleet. New trucks have significant environmental and safety advantages, and Congress should reduce the barriers to new truck acquisition. To meet the demand for new trucks, most truck manufacturers will add employees, as most have significant engine and final assembly operations in the U.S.

The Heavy Truck Tax Fairness Act would replace the 12 percent excise tax currently levied on new truck, trailer, and certain tractor sales with a revenue neutral increase in the diesel fuel excise tax of \$0.073 per gallon. This modest change will be revenue neutral over 10 years and will have the effect of smoothing resources available to the Highway Trust Fund and will ensure the U.S. can continue investing in our vital transportation infrastructure.

I also note that this legislation does not affect all transportation stakeholders equally. In particular, smaller companies and owner-operators could see fewer benefits. I pledge to work with affected groups as this legislation advances to ensure that the legislation, as enacted, is as carefully tailored and broadly beneficial as possible.

# TRIBUTE TO JOHN ED REGENOLD

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to John Ed Regenold, a