HONORING THE SELFRELIANCE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON ITS 60TH AN-NIVERSARY

# HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union (SUAFCU) which will celebrate 60 years of service on September 21, 2011. This organization has helped countless Ukrainian families and businesses in my district and across Illinois live the American dream.

SUAFCU was founded in 1951 as a financial cooperative whose mission was to benefit local members of the Ukrainian American community. Open to anyone of Ukrainian descent or members of other Ukrainian organizations, SUAFCU stays very focused on its original mission. The democratic tenets to which the Union strictly adheres make it a unique institution that provides an example of what hard working communities can achieve.

During its first 15 years, SUAFCU was incredibly active, providing its members with over \$4,156,000 in loans. Thanks to the responsible lending practices of this community, many Ukrainian doctors, dentists, and veterinarians were able to found successful practices. Dozens of other businesses opened thanks to SUAFCU, but just as important, 1200 families were able to purchase homes in the Chicago area. This community came together to exemplify the American dream through smart practices and a closely-knit community.

Around these businesses, the "Ukrainian Village" prospered into a network of interconnected community organizations including cultural and social clubs, and churches. SUAFCU works closely with churches and others to ensure the assimilation process is less difficult for Ukrainian immigrants—a population that brings diversity and new ideas to the area. SUAFCU continues to prosper and help families and businesses under current President and CEO Bohdan Watral and Chairman of the Board of Directors Michael Kos, two strong advocates for Ukrainian Americans.

Please join me in honoring the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union, a group that has brought immeasurable benefit to Illinois by helping Ukrainians thrive and contribute to the community. I know SUAFCU will continue to help individuals realize their dreams and I wish them prosperity over their next 60 years.

HONORING JULIO ALVARADO

## HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Julio Alvarado, who passed away on September 13, 2011, just four days short of his 85th birthday.

Born in Puerto Rico in 1926, Julio Alvarado arrived in San Pedro in 1949 where he made his home and became a beloved member of

the community. While in San Pedro, Julio worked on the docks at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as member of ILWU Local 13.

Julio Alvarado was an immensely caring person with a large, generous heart and was always ready to help anyone in need. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. His children and grandchildren will especially miss his baking and his homemade bread.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Julio's daughter, Daisy Ybarra, for almost 20 years. For nearly two years while I served on the Los Angeles City Council, Daisy was my Community Advocate in Watts, but Daisy had been following in her father's footsteps and serving her community long before then by teaching kids to say no to gangs through GAP, the Gang Alternatives Program. Lives were saved because of the work that she did and I know that her father was very proud of her.

Julio Alvarado was preceded in death by his loving wife Ana.

I extend my deepest condolences to his sons, Julio, Jr., and Robert; daughters Angela, Daisy, Miriam, and Maria Luisa; his brother and sister Victor Gotay and Carmen Martinez, both of Puerto Rico; and to his three grand-children, three great-granddaughters as well as several nieces and nephews. Though Julio is no longer with us, his legacy lives on in the lives of the loved ones he has left behind and in the community he made his home.

CONGRATULATING OUR FRIEND AND ALLY, TAIWAN

### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2011 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the emergence of the Chinese people from the dynastic rule that has permeated their history.

Rising against the Qing rulers, Chinese Doctor Sun Yat-sen rose to free his people from totalitarian rule which in turn provided them the opportunity to produce the model Democracy that is Taiwan.

Taiwan today is one of the leading democracies of the world, an economic power and a leading force for peace in the Pacific.

Taiwan's present leader, Ma Ying-jeou is to be congratulated for his efforts and success in providing a climate for Peace and continuing the best traditions of the Chinese people.

Congratuations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DUWAMISH TRIBAL RECOGNITION ACT

## HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act, legislation to grant federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe of the Seattle, Washington area.

The Duwamish people were the first indigenous people of the Greater Seattle area and

lived in the area for more than a thousand years before the first European-Americans arrived in 1851. In 1855, the Duwamish Tribe, represented by Chief Si'ahl (Seattle), signed the Treaty of Point Elliott, which guaranteed fishing rights and federal recognition to all Tribes represented by the Native signers. However, despite ratification by the U.S. Congress in 1859, the promises made by the United States in the treaty were never fulfilled.

Since then, it has been a struggle spanning more than 150 years for the Duwamish people to attain the recognition that was promised to them in the Treaty of Point Elliott. Most recently, in the waning hours of the Clinton Administration, the Tribe was granted federal recognition by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, the Bush Administration reversed this decision, questioning the administrative procedures utilized by the Clinton Administration.

Mr. Speaker, for far too long the Duwamish people have waited for federal recognition, which will provide those enrolled in the Tribe access to federal finances for tribal government, as well as cultural, education, health care, and housing programs. Now is the time to recognize the Duwamish people. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

# HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week. I want to commend America's 3.2 million professional truck drivers who serve our nation by expediting commerce and goods essential to our homes and businesses.

One out of every fifteen people across the country are employed in the trucking industry, making it one of the nation's largest employers. The trucking industry is responsible for nearly 68 percent of the total U.S. freight tonage and over 80 percent of communities relysolely on it for their goods and commodities. This industry is fundamental to our economy.

America's truck drivers are dedicated to keeping our highways safe. They follow stringent safety regulations, attend frequent training programs and educate the motoring public to help keep our highways and interstates safe.

While regulation of transportation commerce and safety is necessary, we need to be careful we do not over-regulate and harm such a vital industry. We need to allow these dedicated and hard working professionals to perform their jobs with the support of our government and without unnecessary government interference.

This week I join my colleagues in extending a warm thank you to them and to their families for the sacrifices they make each and every day for this country.

Today, I honor these wonderful Americans for their dedication and service rendered to our nation's economy and for delivering everyday life's essentials safely and securely.

PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS—STAND-ING FOR THOSE WHO STOOD FOR US

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, to be a member of the United States military is a gift, a sacrifice and it is an honor. Theodore Roosevelt said: "No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause." Every day our warriors risk their lives, and today I would like to pay tribute to a special group of at home warriors who stand for those fallen heroes who stood for us. They are known as the Patriot Guard Riders.

The Patriot Guard Riders are a group of motorcyclists who pay tribute to those who have died serving our country. Their mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen soldiers; upholding President Roosevelt's belief that brave soldiers who gave the utmost sacrifice for their country deserve respect and reverence during their final tribute.

Each of the riders missions have two objectives, to show sincere respect for America's fallen heroes, their families, and their communities; and to shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions caused by protesters. They have the patriotic understanding that each of America's fallen heroes deserves respect.

Decked out in leather, wearing shades and bandanas, waving Old Glory and riding 500 plus pounds of steel, the Patriot Guard Riders are a terrifying but inspiring looking bunch. They have nicknames like Bronco, Dark Horse, Puddles and Wild Bill. They are right thinking Americans with big hearts.

The Guard is activated each time the military reports the death of a soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan. This nationwide organization of volunteers is very efficient. State Captains send out e-mails to members in the city where the soldier will be buried, and everyone jumps into action. They ensure that streets along the funeral procession are lined with American flags. Each mission is accomplished through legal and non-violent means. If protestors are present and become loud, the Patriot Guard Riders form a flag line, turn their backs on protesters, and will even drown the sound of the protestors by singing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

One involved Patriot biker, Rich "Boomer" Ford, a former Navy SEAL who served in Vietnam, is a retired Deputy State Captain and Road Guard Captain for the Texas Patriot Guard Riders. He is the man in charge of the "missions." If you ask Boomer why he rides, he will tell you that he remembers the lack of respect received when returning home from Vietnam. He wants to make sure that doesn't happen to these brave men and women. Boomer feels that each "mission" recognizes and honors the hard work our soldiers are doing for us overseas. These men and women like Boomer, who volunteer their time to help guard our Nation's heroes should be forever remembered for their honor and dignity.

I commend the Patriot Guard Riders for riding for our soldiers whose lives were given in pursuit of a great cause, American freedom. I am proud to recognize these angels on bikes

with hearts bigger than Texas. They show their respect for our troops, their families, and our community in an honorable way, one funeral at a time. They make a difference and represent all that is right and good in America. And that's just the way it is.

REMEMBERING COLONEL DAVID A.
McCRACKEN OF NEW CASTLE,
PENNSYLVANIA

#### HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the achievements of Colonel David A. McCracken, a graduate of the Army ROTC program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania, who passed away on September 2, 2011 after a battle with brain cancer.

I, along with all Americans, am extremely grateful for his brave and honorable service in the United States Army during such an important period in our Nation's history.

Colonel McCracken's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Bosnia), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with an "M" device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal and Army Engineer Associations and the Bronze DeFleury Medal.

His career was celebrated and his bravery unflagging, even as he received treatment for cancer. His service is an example of courage, dedication, and the values that make western Pennsylvania and our country great.

Our prayers, gratitude, and condolences go to his family in New Castle: his parents Theo and Laura McCracken, as well as his wife of 15 years, Tammy, sons, PFC Tyler Hindley and Connor, and daughter Maitlin.

9/11 IMPACTS ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRENDS

#### HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to present to my colleagues a succinct academic analysis written by Dr. Michael Czinkota of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, and his fellow professors, Gary Knight and Gabriele Suder, regarding their analysis of the impact of 9/11 on the international business climate and the trends in globalizations. In light of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, I commend to you their observations.

TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS— LOOKING BACK AND STRIVING FORWARD (By Michael R. Czinkota, Gary Knight, and Gabriele Suder)

The airplanes of 9/11 forced countless multinational corporations (MNCs) to update their strategic planning. Our work with executives at more than 150 MNCs shows that ten years later, companies are still grappling with how best to manage the terrorist threat.

In the two decades before 2001, the rate at which firms launched international ventures was growing rapidly. After 9/11, foreign direct investment fell dramatically as firms withdrew to their home markets. The popularity of international-sounding company and brand names decreased appreciably as managers now emphasize domestic and local affiliations.

The tendency to reverse course on globalization has been accompanied by declining international education in the United States, as revealed by falling enrollments in foreign language and international business courses. In the past decade, managers shifted much of their focus from proactive exploration of international opportunities to a defensive posture emphasizing threats and vulnerable foreign operations.

In Europe, the radicalization of individuals and groups, motivated by ideology, religion or economic concerns, threatens local cooperation and social harmony. European business schools have benefited from tighter restrictions on international student enrollments in the U.S., but the focus of teaching has shifted from global to regional trade.

Another outcome of the terrorism threat has been a rise of public-private partnerships, in which governments and firms collaborate to counter them. For example, global police agencies now partner regularly with private firms to combat cyber crime and attacks on critical computer infrastructure. Governments and activist groups now use social media to organize campaigns fighting against threats ranging from dictators to disease. But nations also have begun to curtail social media when they are contrary to government interests.

The cost of protecting against terrorism is many billions, while terrorist spend millions or less on their actions. There are abundant opportunities for small groups to employ nonweapon technologies, such as aircraft, to cause massive harm. Though our capacity to protect key facilities has improved over time, the security focus on high-value assets encourages terrorists to redirect their violence at "soft targets" such as transportation systems and business facilities. Greater security at home means attacks will increasingly take aim on firms' foreign operations.

Companies have placed more emphasis on terrorism risk considerations when choosing how to enter foreign markets. In the last century, foreign direct investment (FDI) was the preferred approach. But terrorism has shifted the balance. Now many more firms favor entry through exporting, which permits broad and rapid coverage of world markets, reduces dependence on highly visible physical facilities, and offers much flexibility for making rapid adjustments. In terms of economies of scale and transaction costs, FDI is generally superior, but the risks of exporting are judged to be lower. Markets tend to punish failure more harshly than they reward success, which makes riskminimizing strategies more effective.

Skillful management of global logistics and supply chains cuts the risk and cost of downtime. Firms seek closer relations with suppliers and clients in order to develop more trust and commitment. Some have increased "on-shoring" by bringing suppliers