

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON ITS CENTENNIAL

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its Centennial National Day on October 10, 2011, I wish to extend to the Republic of China (Taiwan) my sincerest congratulations and best wishes.

Taiwan has been a staunch ally of the United States and demonstrates that friendship in myriad ways, ranging from the healthy trade relationship we share to education and even popular culture. For example, Taiwan regularly sends its agricultural procurement mission to purchase U.S. products. Taiwan's mission, currently visiting the United States, plans to purchase more than \$5.6 billion in wheat, corn, soybean and other agricultural products. For its defense needs, Taiwan seeks to purchase advanced weapons from us, including F-16s fighters and possibly submarines in the future. Further, our Taiwanese friends have long appreciated many facets of U.S. culture, to include our system of education, our democratic values and even our regional culinary traditions. We return that admiration in kind and are proud to share so many cultural and political values with the people of Taiwan.

The Republic of China is a shining example of a democratic, open society in the region. The advancements and development achieved over the last century are laudable and, for these reasons, I offer heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion.

### WEST CHESTER B. REED HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966—VETERANS OF U.S. ARMED FORCES

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor graduates of West Chester B. Reed Henderson High School Class of 1966 whom served in our Armed Forces. These individuals served the United States honorably and proudly and I commend their service. The following are the names of those individuals:

Charles B. Spadoni. 1st Lieutenant. Army  
Jon H. Barber. Lieutenant Colonel. Army  
Raymond C. Carr. E-4 PFC. National Guard  
Stephen C. Cottrell. E-4 Sgt. Air Force  
Maria Cottrell. Sergeant. Air Force  
Brad Johnson. 2nd Class Quartermaster. Navy  
David E. Haring. E-5 Sergeant. Army

S. Kurt Hettel. E-7 Specialist. USA Reserve  
Ronald F. Hoopes. E-4 Specialist. Army  
Gary V. Jamison. E-4 3rd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Harry C. Jamison III. E-5 Specialist. Army  
Ernst W. Jordan, Jr. E-4 Petty Officer 3rd Class. Navy

Walter S. Mitchell. E-4 Specialist. Army  
W. Eric Pederson. Lieutenant Colonel. Army  
Arnold S. Hughes. Army

Thomas D. Rodgers. E-4 Petty Officer. Navy

David A. Salvesson. Lieutenant Commander. Navy

George M. Smith. E-4 Specialist. Army  
Frederick W. Waldbuesser. E-4 Specialist  
Harry J. Cabot. E-4. Air Force  
Joseph R. Skovrinski. E-5 2nd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Nicholas Ranalli. E-5 Sergeant. Army  
Robert J. Dehaven. E-5 2nd Class Petty Officer. Navy

Ernst Tallington. Sergeant. Air Force  
John J. Higham. E-5 Specialist. Army  
Clifford R. Angry. E-5 Sergeant. Air Force  
Terry Neilon. Colonel. Army

### IN HONOR OF MR. JACOB NASH

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Jacob Nash who is being awarded the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Freedom Award at the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' Freedom Fund Reception on September 26, 2011.

The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats is one of more than ninety chapters of the National Stonewall Democrats throughout the country. They are a grassroots movement devoted to securing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mr. Nash earned a Masters in Psychology, specializing in diversity management, from Cleveland State University. For the past decade, he has worked as an independent trainer and consultant specialist in transgender and diversity issues. He has trained politicians, social workers and medical professionals on caring for and respecting transgender people. Mr. Nash is currently working for the Ohio Department of Children and Family Services and previously worked as the Executive Director for Transfamily of Cleveland.

Mr. Nash became an active activist in 2002, after fighting for and winning the right to marry Erin. Over the past several years, Mr. Nash has traveled across the Midwest speaking with legislators regarding civil rights legislation. He has worked closely with the cities of Cleveland and Akron as they developed their 2009 non-discrimination policies. Mr. Nash is also active

with Equality Ohio, TransOhio, the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Transgender Equality and the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Jacob Nash on the occasion of being honored with the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' Stephanie Tubbs Jones Freedom Award.

### TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS OF THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, I'm deeply disappointed that once again we're voting on a bill designed to cripple the Environmental Protection Agency—the agency tasked with protecting our environment and our health.

This bill, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation, TRAIN, Act blocks and indefinitely delays two of the most important clean air regulations of the last few decades—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.

These rules require decades-old coal-fired power plants with no modern pollution controls to install readily available technology, reducing cancer-causing dioxins, acid gases and mercury.

Mercury pollution from power plants is particularly harmful for children and can adversely affect developing brains and bodies. Nevertheless, the bill before us expands and deregulates mercury pollution.

The American Lung Association has highlighted the importance of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards Rule:

The rule closes a toxic loophole that has existed for 20 years by updating standards to protect Americans all across the country from hazardous air pollution. Without these standards, toxic pollution will continue filling our lungs and more people will suffer—and even die—unnecessarily.

TRAIN Act will create a Train Wreck that will pollute our air and put lives at risk. Ironically, the bill also creates exactly what the majority says they want to get rid of—a new bureaucratic layer to analyze only the cost of EPA regulations while ignoring critical, life-saving benefits.

This legislation is a waste of taxpayer money and I urge my colleagues to vote against it.

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HONORING THE JOHN BASILONE  
MEMORIAL PARADE

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the organizers of the John Basilone Memorial Parade which takes place in Somerset County, New Jersey. This year they celebrate 30 years of remembrance for an American hero.

Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his valiant efforts at the Battle of Guadalcanal on October 24, 1942. After his 15-man unit was reduced to himself and two others by Japanese forces, Gunnery Sgt. Basilone took command of two sections of machine guns and bravely fought for 48 hours with his two fellow Marines. When ammunition became scarce, he battled through enemy grounds to gather more. And, by the end of the fight, the Japanese troops were nearly destroyed.

Upon his return to his hometown in the Borough of Raritan, New Jersey, Gunnery Sgt. Basilone was welcomed home with a parade held in his honor on September 21, 1943. The first parade was covered by both Life magazine and the Fox Movietone News. The Newsreel was then shown in movie theatres throughout the country.

Tragically, after requesting to return to the fleet, Gunnery Sgt. Basilone lost his life during the invasion of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. For his duty in Iwo Jima, Sgt. Basilone posthumously received the Navy Cross, becoming the only Marine enlisted in World War II to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross.

Sgt. Basilone's memory was not forgotten in his hometown, and in 1981, the John Basilone Memorial Parade began and is now in its 30th year. Every September, the Borough of Raritan and neighboring communities come together to not only remember our fallen war hero, but to honor our military and unite as a community. The John Basilone Parade is more than just a parade, it is an opportunity for Americans to come together and celebrate the freedoms we share and those who fight to protect them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the organizers of the John Basilone Memorial Parade for honoring not only one American hero, but all those who fight for our country.

IN HONOR OF MR. TIMOTHY  
DOWNING

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Timothy Downing who is being awarded the 2011 Cleveland Stonewall Democrats Leadership Award at the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats' Freedom Fund Reception on September 26, 2011.

The Cleveland Stonewall Democrats is one of more than ninety chapters of the National Stonewall Democrats throughout the country.

They are a grassroots movement devoted to securing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mr. Downing graduated with his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College in 1985 and earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1988 from Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University. He began his career in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the law firm of Rose, Schmidt, Hasley and Disalle. For the past 23 years Mr. Downing has been co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Cleveland law firm Ulmer & Berne LLP, where he is also a partner. Mr. Downing is an active member of the American, Ohio State, and Cleveland Bar Associations' Labor & Employment Sections/Committees. He has also served as the chair of the Financial Committee for Ohio's Local Government Reform and Collaboration Commission for 18 months under former Governor Strickland. Mr. Downing has been recognized throughout his career; he was named a "Super Lawyer" by Cincinnati Law & Politics magazine and a "Leading Lawyer" by Inside Business magazine for the past 10 consecutive years.

In addition to his career, Mr. Downing is also an outspoken activist and advocate for the LGBT community. He founded Equality Ohio, an organization dedicated to "an Ohio where everyone feels home; living in families and communities where equality, diversity and inclusiveness are universally valued; and where government protects all people and responds to their needs, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression." Mr. Downing is currently the co-chair of the Board of Directors for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest LGBT civil rights and education organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Timothy Downing on the occasion of being honored with the 2011 Cleveland Stonewall Democrats Leadership Award.

HONORING THE LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the League of Women Voters of Oakland, who are celebrating 100 years of women voting in California, starting with the historic and narrowly won California state referendum and the first California Civic League, Berkeley Forum led by Miss Blanche Morse in 1911. It is an immense honor to represent Bay Area communities who have truly been at the forefront of a century's worth of major achievements in social justice.

Over the years, the League of Women Voters of Oakland, as well as its sister leagues in Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville, Piedmont and the surrounding Bay Area, have worked tirelessly to advocate, educate and champion citizens' informed and active participation in government and civic affairs.

An expansive and well-organized network of committed chapters, over 4,000 members in 21 local Leagues comprise the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area (LWVBA), which took shape in 1959. On a national

scale, the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) was founded during the 1920 convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, held just 6 months before the 19th amendment was ratified. Thus, after a 72-year struggle, the U.S. Constitution finally reflected what women in the Bay Area and California had fought to achieve a decade earlier.

As members of the League of Women Voters, you are part of a magnificent legacy. Additionally, you have pledged to continue to be the kind of bold pioneers and astute advocates who led us to this point. Therefore, I would like to thank you for your dedicated service in guiding and encouraging our community toward civic engagement.

Moreover, the League has flexed its power in shaping public policy through the strength of its grassroots organization and by maintaining its important stance of non-partisanship. For example, the Oakland chapter has been a major advocate for ranked choice voting, quality education and accessible housing. Likewise, the Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville chapter has worked extensively on advocating for fair housing and the promotion of social resources, including mental health, education, juvenile justice and senior services. And, the Piedmont chapter holds positions in the areas of social policy, diversity and natural resources, to name a few.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate you on this milestone and thank you for the invaluable service you provide to our community. I wish the League of Women Voters' local, state and national members all the best as you forge ahead toward another 100 years of protecting the rights of voters, promoting sound policy and creating a more just and peaceful world.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBANY  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the administration, faculty, students, alumni and supporters of Albany Technical College, as this institution celebrates 50 years of providing vocational and technical training to thousands of Georgia residents. This learning center commemorates its 50th anniversary on Friday, September 30, 2011, with a gala at the Phoebe Towers North in Albany, Georgia. This widely attended gala will enable local dignitaries, prospective students, past graduates and other individuals from southwest Georgia to pay tribute to an institution that has positively contributed to Albany, Georgia's economic development and mercantile maturation over the last half century.

Founded in 1961, Albany Tech was originally established as the Monroe Area Vocational-Technical School. Shortly thereafter, the Albany Area Vocational-Technical School was built, and in 1972 the two schools merged to form a comprehensive and thriving educational cooperative. In 1988, the school continued its ongoing transformational advancement