

Commander Ferguson is a decorated military officer, and a distinguished son of Pennsylvania. The 8th District of Pennsylvania and I are proud to honor him this week.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church as its congregation joins together in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. The congregation, along with Parish Pastor, Father Peter Bodnar, and Parish Council President, Nick Rozdelsky, celebrated this momentous milestone with a celebratory reception on Sunday, October 2, 2011, at the Saint Elijah Serbian American Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Protection of the Virgin Mary Church was originally established in Gary, Indiana, on September 28, 1911, when a group of Slavic, Christian immigrants joined together with the goal of preserving Christian Orthodox religious traditions. At that time, many immigrants moved to Gary in search of employment opportunities created by the growing steel industry. The church services were first held at a rental location in Gary, but a lack of funds led church elder Kondrat Krenitsky to provide a room in his home for services to be held. After some time, members were able to secure a location for the church, and on September 8, 1912, a new church was dedicated and consecrated in Gary, Indiana. The church became widely known as Saint Mary's. The first permanent pastor was Reverend Benjamin Kedrovsky, who held his position until 1957. Saint Mary's continued to grow, and in January 1962, a new church, also located in Gary, was consecrated by His Eminence Archbishop John Garklavs. Nearly four decades later, the church leaders and parishioners built a new church and relocated to its current location in Merrillville, Indiana, where services began in the year 2000.

Other pastors of the parish throughout the years include: Father Sergei Garklavs, Father Peter Rozdelsky, Father John Zabinko, Father Thomas Brown, Father Blagoy Topuzliev, Father William Bass, and current pastor, Father Peter Bodnar.

The parishioners of Saint Mary's Church have always been active and generous in their support of numerous civic endeavors, contributing to projects such as the construction of a Permanent Shrine in San Francisco for the Miraculous Ikon, the Holy Virgin Mary of Kazan, and the Midwest Diocesan Expansion Program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church of Merrillville, Indiana, on its 100th Anniversary. Through many hardships, the members of Saint Mary's have dedicated themselves to preserving Christian Orthodox traditions and spiritual beliefs. For their commitment to service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, they are worthy of the highest praise.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, One of our closest allies and best friends in the world of nations is the Republic of China (Taiwan).

October 10th will be a very special day for the people of Taiwan as that country will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Taiwan and the United States have been very special and close friends since shortly after World War II, and this relationship was formalized in law by the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979.

Taiwan has seen multitudes of economic miracles take place in the second half of the twentieth century and the early years of this century, because that nation has followed a free market, free enterprise system closer than almost any other country.

I had the privilege of spending a week in Taiwan along with Congressman PETE SESSIONS and former Congressman Sonny Calahan around ten years ago. The Taiwanese people could not have been kinder or more impressive to us than during that visit.

The University of Tennessee started having a large number of students coming from Taiwan in the early 1960s because a man from that nation, Nelson Nee, was head of the U.T. International Students Program. Many of these students became, and many still are, leaders in the Republic of China.

As I was leaving Taiwan during my visit years ago, I asked one of the officials how you said, "Thank you for your friendship" in Chinese. She wrote out the words, "Shieh Shieh Ni De Yo Yi."

Whether this is exactly correct or not, and I hope it is, I will take this time to say I am thankful for the friendship of the people from Taiwan.

I congratulate them on this 100th anniversary, and I believe that as long as they allow their people the utmost freedom, Taiwan will remain a prosperous and dynamic nation into the future.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: William Raupp, U.S. Air Force; Russell Blower, U.S. Army; William Brown, U.S. Army; Glenn Butler, U.S. Army; Earl Davis, U.S. Army; Howard Heinz, U.S. Army; LeRoy Hopkins, U.S. Army; David Kyle, U.S. Army; Harold "Bud" Loucks, U.S. Army; Robert Rampy, U.S. Army; Harrison "Robbie" Robbins, U.S.

Army; Anthony DelCollo, U.S. Army Air Corps; Leo Kraft, U.S. Marine Corps; Joseph Lavallee, U.S. Marine Corps; Charlotte "Sharkey" Meyer, U.S. Marine Corps; Michael Pershem, U.S. Marine Corps; Francis Welsh, U.S. Marine Corps; Donald Ayriess, U.S. Navy; John Brazie, U.S. Navy; Jack Buckley, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Deacon, U.S. Navy; Keith Frey, U.S. Navy; Melvin Leroy Kerber, U.S. Navy; Margaret Lutz, U.S. Navy; James Petralba, U.S. Navy; Allan Westphal, U.S. Navy; Frank Smith, U.S. Navy.

These 27 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.

DOE CREEK SCHOOL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, over 140 years ago, recognizing the need for a gathering place of worship and of academics, members of the Doe Creek community built a one-room school house. Fashioned from hewn logs and built on a stone pier foundation during the Civil War era, the school saw its last student in 1948 and fell out of use. Accurately reconstructed and refurbished in 2007, the Doe Creek School is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the remaining one-room school houses in existence, the Doe Creek School continues to be a place of learning and gathering. With funds raised by the Doe Creek community, and built with hands laboring by another's cause, the restoration brought friend and neighbor together in a way that only shared history is able. Just as in generations past, the Doe Creek School will be a place for generations to come to share stories and learn from each other.

I rise today in support of the Doe Creek Restoration Committee as they celebrate being named to the National Register of Historic Places. I appreciate the dedication of all who worked to see this day, and thank the Committee and surrounding community for recognizing the great value in holding firm to one's roots. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in thanking those who offered their time, talents, and treasure to see their history regained.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, a very significant milestone is upon us. The Republic of China (Taiwan), our close friends in Asia, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on October 10th, 2011.

Many congratulations are in order for Taiwan and their President Ma Ying-jeou on this special occasion. With all the turmoil in the middle-east, Taiwan should be an inspiration to those countries that are looking to have a government of the people and for the people.

Taiwan is a very young democracy, only having their first Presidential elections in 1996. During this time, though, they have had three peaceful transfers from one party to another. Long gone is authoritarian rule; it has been replaced with a true democracy.

As a proud American and a believer in the democratic process, it is refreshing to see Taiwan following in our footsteps when it comes to governing their people.

My hope is that countries throughout the world that are in crisis can look at Taiwan as another example of how to structure a government that enables both its country and people to thrive.

Again, congratulations to The Republic of China (Taiwan) on your 100th anniversary.

2011 APPRENTICE GRADUATES OF THE ROOFERS LOCAL UNION 26

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Saturday, October 15, 2011, the Roofers Local Union 26 will honor the graduating class of 2011 at the Annual Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at The Patio Restaurant in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Roofers Local Union 26 will recognize and honor the 2011 Apprentice Graduates. The individuals who have completed their apprentice training in 2011 are: Nathan Chandler, Robert Crachy, Justin Greenleaf, Stephen Hahn, Jason Hilgeman, Donald Holsclaw, Kevin Hudson, James Johnson, Ryan Kalwa, Christopher Magley, Henry Patterson III, Danny Powell, Antonio Sanyet, Nicholas Sallay, Alfonso Uribe, and Brian Whitaker.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking indi-

viduals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DR. BARBARA-ANN WEINSTEIN ED.D

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Barbara-Ann Weinstein, recipient of the Leadership Broward Foundation's Outstanding Broward Leader Award. Each year the Leadership Broward Foundation honors a select group of individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service and a commitment to our community. As President of Family Central of Broward County, Dr. Weinstein is the embodiment of these values. I can think of no one more deserving of this award than someone who has devoted her career to promoting the welfare of children and their families in South Florida.

Dr. Weinstein has been a strong advocate for children through Family Central since 1985. Over the years, her guidance, support, and dedication led Family Central to provide a variety of educational services and family support in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties. For nearly 40 years, this organization has played a pivotal role in the lives of South Florida families by strengthening the social, emotional and economic ties that family members have to one another, as well as to their community. Last year alone, Family Central's vital services reached more than 130,000 South Florida clients.

I am so pleased that Ms. Weinstein has been selected as an honoree. Her commitment to children and families has been essential to providing a strong foundation for South Florida's children.

TAIWAN'S CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Taiwan's fast approaching Centennial National Day this October 10, I salute the people in Taiwan for their many accomplishments, including the completion of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with the People's Republic last year. The recent rapprochement between Taiwan and mainland China have also reduced tensions across the Taiwan Strait. The people of Taiwan no longer fear imminent hostile actions from the mainland and will be able to live peacefully and even meet and interact with tourists from the mainland.

However, the current amity between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to provide weapons

for Taiwan's defense under the Taiwan Relations Act. We need to expedite the sale of F-16 C/D fighters to Taiwan to replace Taiwan's aging air force and maintain air power balance power across the Taiwan Strait. Arms sales to Taiwan can maintain stability in East Asia by making it more difficult for the PRC to bully Taiwan now and in the future. Besides, the PRC still has more than one thousand missiles aimed at Taiwan. It is necessary for Taiwan to maintain strong military self-defense capabilities.

It is also my view that we should support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by helping Taiwan become an observer of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other United Nations' specialized agencies. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Taiwan is our major trading partner and collaborating with us in many other areas. Our strong economic and cultural ties to the Republic of China (Taiwan) go back a hundred years. I am certain that this strong bond will continue for another one hundred years and more.

NICK GIANIKOS, AHEPAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Nick Gianikos as he is recognized by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) as Chapter, District, and National Ahepan of the Year. AHEPA will be honoring Nick at the AHEPA, Chapter 78 meeting on October 5, 2011, at the Hobart Lodge in Hobart, Indiana.

The Order of AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, joining the NAACP and B'nai B'rith in the effort to end racism, bigotry, and discrimination against all immigrants. AHEPA was founded on the principles of ancient Greece promoting civic responsibility, education, philanthropy, family, and individual excellence through volunteerism and community service.

Nick Gianikos, Chapter 78 President of Philanthropy, has been a tremendous leader and a true inspiration. He has been able to touch the lives of many individuals through his position and has done so passionately and persistently. Through these trying economic times, the number of people in need is great. Due to Nick's direction and unwavering dedication, he has been able to plan and execute several projects with the help of other devoted Ahepan brothers and the chapter's Philanthropy Committee. For his outstanding commitment to serving those in need, Nick is to be commended.

Under Brother Gianikos's leadership, Chapter 78's Philanthropy Committee has initiated projects, team visits, and social events with many organizations, including: the Ross Township Food Pantry and Senior and Disabled Bus Service Support, Christian Haven House, Meals on Wheels, Veterans for Life Changing Services, Saint Jude House, Saints Monica and Luke Soup Kitchen, Saint Iakovos Church, Saints Constantine and Helen Church, Sojourner Truth House, Rebuilding South Lake