

most recent Department of Defense report on Taiwan's military power, China currently enjoys air superiority over Taiwan.

In recent decades, we witnessed how Taiwan evolved from authoritarian rule to a vibrant democracy. Taiwan also has been a reliable political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

It is also my view that we must continue to support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by supporting Taiwan and its 23,000,000 people in becoming a member of the United Nations. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Today, Taiwan remains a major trading partner and friend. Our strong economic and cultural ties go back nearly a hundred years. We hope that this strong bond will continue for another 100 years and more. Congratulations to the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their Centennial National Day.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2011, The Republic of China (Taiwan) celebrates their 100th anniversary and I want to congratulate our friends in Southeast Asia on this most important of milestones.

One hundred years ago a Chinese doctor, Sun Yat-sen, rose up against the Qing rulers of China to free his people from their tight grip. The end result of this uprising led to the formation of what is now known as The Republic of China (Taiwan).

Over these last 100 years, Taiwan has become a beacon of democracy in the Pacific and a champion for peace and human rights in that part of the world. Taiwan is a strong proponent of the same freedoms we enjoy here in the United States such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion.

Taiwan's President, Ma Ying-jeou is also to be congratulated for his work in maintaining peace in the Pacific by reducing tension with China, their neighbors along the Taiwan Strait.

Again, congratulations to Taiwan. We look forward to our continued friendship over the next 100 years and beyond.

KEEP AMERICA'S WATERFRONTS
WORKING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, coastal communities across this Nation are in trouble. Economically important working waterfront jobs are disappearing. Businesses that require access to the water are closing their doors, fishing wharves are being turned into condos. And, the cultural identity of our waterfront communities is dissolving.

I live in a community built around a working waterfront. My friends and neighbors on North

Haven need access to the coastline to land their lobsters, store their bait, load and unload their lobster traps. They need a place to keep their skiffs and park their trucks. Elsewhere on the coast, working waterfronts are critical connections between the ocean and land for boat builders, marina operators, aquaculturists, seafood processors, charter boat captains and crew, recreational fishing businesses, and many others who require access to the water. These businesses need to be located on the water and require access to the water for their business models to work. Water dependent, coastal-related businesses are the cultural and economic heart of many of our coastal communities and working waterfronts are quickly disappearing under tremendous pressures from incompatible use and development trends.

Of Maine's 3,300 miles of coastline, less than 20 miles support commercial fishing and other traditional marine-based activities. This small portion of the coastline contributes \$800 million to Maine's economy and provides direct or indirect employment for about 30,000 people. As the coastline became more developed, traditional uses disappeared, giving way to condos, summer houses, and other non-compatible uses. These changes in how coastal communities use their land present one of the primary challenges facing Maine's working waterfronts.

This problem is not unique to Maine, it occurs on all of our coasts and in the Great Lakes region. Across the country, working waterfront jobs are quickly disappearing under the tremendous pressure communities face from conversion to incompatible uses. Once these businesses close, once the waterfronts and waterways stop supporting water dependent businesses, the businesses do not come back. And, many states and local communities have recognized this dangerous trend and are taking action to preserve waterfront dependent businesses. In recognition of the national importance of working waterfronts, local community and state representatives have come together to form a national working waterfronts and waterways council that has helped put on symposiums that bring people to the table with the tools and knowledge needed to develop sustainable working waterfronts around the Nation. But, local communities and states need help at the federal level.

It is time to help maintain working waterfronts through a federally authorized program that will serve to support, implement, and further develop working waterfront preservation efforts across the nation. That is why I am introducing legislation with Representatives ROBERT E. ANDREWS, EARL BLUMENAUER, MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO, LOIS CAPPAS, DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN, GERALD E. CONNOLLY, SAM FARR, BOB FILNER, WILLIAM R. KEATING, BARBARA LEE, MIKE MCINTYRE, JAMES P. MORAN, PEDRO R. PIERLUISI, MICHAEL QUIGLEY, LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER, PAUL TONKO, and LYNN C. WOOLSEY that encourages states to seriously think about these areas and how to best protect them. While recognizing the common problem of disappearing waterfront access for businesses, this program will also provide the flexibility that different states and local governments need to address working waterfronts around the Nation.

Our legislation amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to establish a Working Waterfronts program. This legislation embodies

the spirit of the CZMA in that it allows each coastal state to determine what working waterfronts are important to the people of that state, which working waterfronts are most threatened, and who should be protecting them—the state, local or regional government, or a collaborative public-private partnership.

The CZMA was developed as a tool to allow states the flexibility to manage their coasts in a manner that fits that particular coast. The CZMA recognizes separate needs of various coastal states and provides the flexibility to states to manage their coastal resources. The working waterfront program creates a grant program that states can apply for. In order for states to be eligible for a working waterfront grant, the state must have a working waterfront plan that requires a thoughtful, collaborative, public process to identify the value and importance of working waterfronts. This bill is not designed to require states to undergo a completely new or comprehensive planning process but rather to utilize existing information, planning, and programs at state and local levels to the greatest extent possible. Finally, the bill provides technical assistance to the states to develop these plans as well as other tools to protect working waterfronts.

Maintaining working waterfronts preserves and creates coastal jobs, but also jobs beyond the water's edge. Waterfront and waterway businesses support entire economies that depend on the American tradition of marine-based trades. The Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2011 will serve to maintain jobs in our communities and maintain the American tradition of coastal and waterways industry.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALLY
COLEMAN FROMME

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cally Coleman Fromme, Executive Vice President of Zarsky Lumber Company in Victoria, Texas. Founded in 1928, Zarsky Lumber has ten locations throughout Texas, including Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Harlingen and Los Fresnos, serving builders, contractors and consumers.

On October 26, 2011, Cally Fromme will become the first woman to lead the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) as chair of the board. NLBMDA represents the interests of over 6,000 lumber and building material dealers across the country.

Prior to becoming NLBMDA chair, Cally served as chair-elect and vice chair of NLBMDA. She also served as chair of the Association's Regulatory, Codes and Standards Committee and as president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and Louisiana, becoming the first woman to hold that position as well.

A native of Victoria, Texas, Cally graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She has been honored as one of the Magazine of the Golden Crescent's 2010 Top 5 Businesswomen, as a two time Paul Harris Fellowship winner, and as a North American

Retail Hardware Association (NRHA) 2011 Top Gun.

Cally has a long history providing service to others, especially in her hometown, as the first woman president of the 92-year-old Victoria Rotary Club and a Red Coat Ambassador for the Greater Victoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Cally has also worked on the boards of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, the Victoria Regional Museum Association, the Trinity Episcopal School and the Planning Commission for the City of Victoria. She has been politically active since she was a congressional intern in Washington, DC.

Cally is married to Travis Fromme, and they have two children, Karoline, age 10 and Coleman, age 7.

Congratulations to Cally Fromme for her many achievements throughout her career, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIEUTENANT ASA
STEVENS CHAPTER

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 90th anniversary of the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and four of its most distinguished members: Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett, Ms. Susan Kerrick Achromatic, Ms. Esther Jean House Mills, and Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir. These four women embody the spirit of the DAR and have devoted countless years to this organization which stands for the promotion of American patriotism, preservation, and prosperity.

Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett of Towanda, Pennsylvania has been a member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter since October 16, 1971 and has held the offices of Librarian and Registrar. She has devoted herself through service on several DAR committees, including; Genealogy Records, National Defense, Membership, and DAR Library.

Ms. Susan Lerrick Achromatic has also been a long-time member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter, having served since October 13, 1979.

Ms. Ester Jean House Mills of Towanda, Pennsylvania joined the DAR under her ancestor, Private Jonathan Stevens, son of Lieutenant Asa Stevens. Ms. Mills has served as the Chapter's treasurer for all 22 years that she has been a member and has sat on several committees including; Programs, Indians, and DAR Schools.

Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir of Ulster, Pennsylvania joined her mother, Ms. Ester Jean House Mills, to serve in the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter on October 12, 1996. In her time with the Chapter, Ms. Keir has served as both Regent and Vice Regent, as well as devoting her time to committees such as Conservation and Genealogy Records.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising the commitment of this organization to the continued memory and spirit of those who defended our nation's independence.

TRADE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT
OF 2011

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, trade agreements have the potential to increase export opportunities for U.S. businesses by removing market access barriers. However, U.S. companies' ability to take advantage of opportunities created by these, and existing, U.S. trade pacts depends on their government's willingness to enforce its trade agreements. Currently, U.S. companies face many non-tariff barriers (NTBs) that violate existing trade agreements. This bill offers an additional way for U.S. companies to get the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to act on market access barriers that are unlawful under any U.S. trade agreement.

NTBs are devices other than tariffs that are used to restrict the flow of imports into an economy. Under current law, the USTR has the ability to retaliate against a wide variety of unfair trade practices, including market access problems caused by NTBs. Sections 301 through 310 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (Section 301), give USTR a mandate to take retaliatory action when the rights of the United States under any trade agreement are being denied. USTR starts this process by initiating an investigation that includes formal negotiations with the country suspected of being in breach of an agreement. Should the issue not be resolved through negotiation, at the end of the investigation, USTR issues a determination as to whether the trade practice at issue is denying U.S. rights under an agreement. If the determination is affirmative, the USTR enters the formal dispute settlement process.

While U.S. producers can petition the USTR to take action under Section 301, they seldom do. During 2010 USTR initiated only one Section 301 investigation in response to a petition. To put together a petition that has even a chance of passing USTR's scrutiny, companies have to hire an expensive Washington law firm to compile a copious amount of information and advocate for them before the USTR. Tens of thousands of dollars later, there is no guarantee that their petition will be accepted, or that the trade practices in question will be addressed in a timely fashion. This is not a realistic option for a small or medium-sized company, especially one that is losing business due to unfair trade practices.

My bill will use a market access complaint process that the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) already has in place a starting point for possible action under Section 301. ITA will have 180 days to resolve interested party complaints that a foreign country is engaging in an act, policy or practice that acts as a non-tariff barrier; if ITA is unable to resolve the issue, the bill mandates that the Secretary of Commerce issue an opinion as to whether the reported NTB meets the criteria for mandatory USTR action under Section 301. If Commerce issues an affirmative opinion, the bill mandates that USTR initiate a Section 301 investigation. Further, the bill clarifies that subsections of the law giving USTR discretion not to start an investigation do not apply and gives interested parties the opportunity to request a hearing.

Only the U.S. government can ensure that U.S. trade agreements are enforced. U.S. companies should have every opportunity to have their complaints investigated and acted on. Even if only one small company makes a complaint about a specific NTB, it is highly probable that the NTB affects multiple companies in multiple sectors. Without strong enforcement of its agreements, the United States cannot get the full benefits from free trade. Given the opportunity, U.S. companies can compete with the best in the world and can grow and create good private sector jobs. This bill is one step towards ensuring that U.S. companies have the opportunity to achieve their full potential competing in the global marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this important bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. MARY'S
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the celebration of St. Mary's Benevolent Society's 100th Anniversary. The Society is an organization that provides social and community enrichment for Italian-Americans in Kingston, New York and the greater community. St. Mary's Benevolent Society is a beloved meeting hall and a cornerstone of the local community. I am proud that the constituents of New York's 22nd Congressional District continue to support the traditions and values of this esteemed fraternity.

From its creation in 1911, St. Mary's Benevolent Society has been committed to providing social club members with an environment that fosters camaraderie through hosting large gatherings, dinners, and church services. The Society's original mission was to help each other in times of illness or distress; a mission still carried on today. In addition to these traditions that continue a century later, the Society also maintains three church services a year: Christmas Day, Easter Sunday and the Feast Day of St. Mary. These highly esteemed gatherings have contributed to the success and respect of St. Mary's Benevolent Society.

Kingston has changed greatly since 1911, yet St. Mary's Benevolent Society continues to thrive in our community and hold true to its core values of providing Italian-Americans with support and services that are essential to the community. Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great pleasure to recognize St. Mary's Benevolent Society as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary during its Annual Feast of Saint Mary. I am confident that St. Mary's Benevolent Society will continue to thrive and be an asset to the City of Kingston for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF CARLOS
APARICIO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a fallen soldier and