

HONORING GUS MACHADO FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. DAVID RIVERA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Gus Machado, who exemplifies the virtues of hard work, dedication, and contribution to the community.

Mr. Machado was born in Cuba, and came to the United States when he was only fifteen years old where he studied at the Edwards Military Institute in North Carolina and Greenville College before working for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Illinois.

In 1956, he moved to Miami with no more than a few thousand dollars. He used the money to get started in the automotive business by investing in a gas station and sending used cars to Cuba until Castro established himself as the nation's dictator and targeted free enterprise. Nevertheless, Mr. Machado persevered by refocusing his business operations to the Cuban exile community in South Florida. He began concentrating on the retail aspect of car sales and utilized his keen insight to business to identify and cater to the emerging demands of the market. For example, in 1973, he began a business that exported vehicles to Puerto Rico to fulfill the high demand in the area. Soon after, the only other General Motors distributor in Puerto Rico closed down, leaving Mr. Machado as the main dealer in the market.

Throughout the following years, his business endeavors multiplied and he established himself as one of the most successful automotive dealers in the country. In 1984, he purchased a Ford dealership in Hialeah and quickly became the #1 Ford dealer in Miami-Dade County.

Today, Mr. Gus Machado is one of the most respected and successful car dealers in the country. When the recession hit, the future of the auto industry looked very grim. Like many other Americans, Mr. Machado's business faced unprecedented hardship. Nevertheless, he took a bold risk by expanding his domain and buying another Ford dealership in Kendall. Like many of his other ventures, this too proved fruitful. He continues to provide his services to the community, and has been honored with countless awards for his work, including the Ford Motor company's highest honor, the President's Award.

Furthermore, Mr. Machado has established himself as one of the most generous philanthropists in South Florida. His endeavors include the establishment of the Gus Machado Family Foundation, which provides hundreds of children with backpacks and school supplies every year, and the founding of the Gus Machado Classic Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society, among many, many others.

Mr. Machado has also worked hard to promote the transition to democracy in his native Cuba, the most oppressive nation in the Western Hemisphere. His dedication to the cause of liberty and freedom is truly remarkable.

Due to his hard work, his ambition, and his generosity, Mr. Machado embodies the American Dream. He is a model citizen for aspiring

businessmen and civic leaders because he reminds us of what it truly means to be an American.

However, I doubt that he could have made it this far without the support of his wonderful family and particularly his loving wife Lillian who has organized many charitable events in our community.

On June 29th, the community will show its appreciation by dedicating "Gus Machado Way" in his honor. On behalf of the South Florida community, I thank Mr. Machado for everything he has done for this community, and I take great pride in being a part of this celebration.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,782,570,144,097.96. We've added \$5,155,693,095,184.88 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

Forty-nine years ago today, John F. Kennedy delivered his *Ich bin ein Berliner* speech in West Berlin. At that time, America had the economic security to challenge her communist foe. We must rid ourselves of this crippling debt.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Austin N. Krohne for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Austin coordinated an oyster reef restoration project to benefit marine flora and fauna, and to improve water quality within the Indian River Lagoon. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Austin has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOT LEDGER'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 175th birthday of The Patriot

Ledger, the long-standing newspaper of record for Massachusetts' South Shore communities.

Headquartered and published in Quincy since its inception, The Patriot Ledger is one of Massachusetts' oldest local daily newspapers and serves twenty-six communities on the South Shore with approximately 55,000 residents in its circulation. Founded on January 7, 1837, the paper was originally known as the Quincy Patriot and was once the hometown newspaper of President John Quincy Adams. When Adams was serving in the House of Representatives following his presidency, he frequently wrote letters to the editor regarding the many issues that the House was facing at the time, such as the abolishment of slavery, the admission of Texas as a state, and the heated debates that Members of Congress often had with one another. The Patriot Ledger has served as a trusted chronicler of local and national news ever since, and it continues to be one of the region's most popular daily papers.

In addition to providing important and reliable news to the South Shore every day, The Patriot Ledger has frequently been at the forefront of many aspects of newspaper production and technology. In the 1950's, experimentation by the paper's printing staff led to the development of the first practical photo-typesetting machine, an innovation that attracted the attention of newspaper executives around the world. The paper was also among the first in the nation to establish zoned editions for local news and advertising, and it paved the way in establishing many other modern features of the print news industry. Such features pioneered by The Patriot Ledger include the use of 35-millimeter photography, the transmission of daily editions to the printer via facsimile, the use of a computer editing system, and the installation of a two-way radio system for spot news coverage. While many newspapers struggle with the technological advancements of the twenty-first century, The Patriot Ledger continues to grow and move forward.

As a result of its excellence in reporting and its frequent innovation, The Patriot Ledger has been the recipient of many awards throughout its 175-year tenure. It was named as the New England Press Association's Newspaper of the Year in 2005 and 2006, and won the title of the New England Newspaper Association's Newspaper of the Year in 2007. Among the awards The Patriot Ledger received in 2011 were seven national journalism awards from Suburban Newspapers of America and six additional awards from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. Already this year, the paper has been awarded two national prizes from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers, including the General Excellence award for the paper's business section. Notably, The Patriot Ledger was the only daily paper with a circulation of less than 100,000 to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor The Patriot Ledger as the newspaper celebrates 175 years of publication. I fondly remember reading it when I was young and look forward to reading it for many more years to come. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great paper that has long been woven into the fabric of our country's history.

COMMENDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE POLIO

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Rotary International and others for their efforts in vaccinating children around the world against polio. I also rise to encourage continued commitment and funding by the U.S. Government to the global effort to eradicate polio. In this regard, I want to thank Senator DICK DURBIN for his leadership in bringing this timely resolution to the Senate.

Polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children and for which there is no known cure. It can leave survivors permanently disabled or paralyzed. Eradication of polio is a high priority for Rotary International, whose membership extends across the country and in more than 170 countries. I am proud to represent the Rotarians of the 7th congressional district of Washington, who have generously given their time and financial support to the global fight against polio.

The U.S. Government is the leading public sector donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Centers for Disease Control and the United States Agency for International Development have been at the forefront in the U.S. Government's work to eradicate polio both nationally and internationally. Polio is now endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Over the past week, it has become more difficult for international organizations to distribute polio vaccines to children in Pakistan. There is a critical lesson for the U.S. Government to learn. When humanitarian workers are used for intelligence collecting purposes, as we saw in Dr. Shakil Afridi's case, it erodes trust and undermines legitimate humanitarian work.

The immediate and long-term consequences of the CIA's ill-conceived project with Dr. Afridi are grave. The immediate consequence of Dr. Afridi's bogus vaccination program run by the CIA was that the Pakistani Taliban in northern Waziristan have since used it as an excuse to ban polio vaccinations to 161,000 children. The long-term impact is that it will be fodder for conspiracy theorists that American espionage is everywhere and that medical programs could have sinister motives.

The tragic impact of CIA's operation is that thousands of Pakistan's children who could have been vaccinated will suffer or die from polio.

As we recognize our achievements in eradicating polio, I urge my colleagues to look at countries where polio is still endemic and work to ensure that intelligence agencies are not using medical workers as tools to collect information.

CONGRATULATING GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Galveston Bay Foundation for their 25 years of dedication and continual service to preserving, protecting, and enhancing Galveston Bay and its surrounding communities.

Since 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation has demonstrated a lasting commitment to the conservation of our environment and community through the institution of essential and effective environmental programs. These programs continue to collectively improve the environment and well-being throughout our community. In doing so, the foundation has established a reputation of unyielding excellence and as a result earned accolades such as the Texas Environmental Excellence Award, a 5-Star Award from the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more.

Through conscious action the Galveston Bay Foundation continues to promote environmental responsibility and provide a safe coastal environment that enhances the welfare of the community, economy, and environment. The continuous service of the Galveston Bay Foundation has made an enduring impact on our community and for their continued efforts I am proud to support the Galveston Bay Foundation.

I congratulate the board of trustees, staff, and volunteers at the Galveston Bay Foundation for all of their hard work and dedication to the conservation of the Galveston Bay and surrounding communities.

COMMENDING THE TRANSLATIONAL GENOMICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Arizona to commend the Translational Genomics Research Institute for a decade of biomedical research success.

TGen was founded in Arizona in 2002 to leverage new scientific discoveries from the mapping of the human genome, and its establishment promptly accelerated the state into the era of genomics and personalized medicine.

Significant to TGen's establishment was the confluence of support from all sectors of the state to attract this new institute to base its operations in Arizona as well as recruit the renowned geneticist, Dr. Jeffrey Trent to lead it, and position the state as a worldwide leader in bioscience and medical discovery. Academic, business, philanthropic and government leaders all joined forces in a statewide campaign within a matter of months to strategically assemble the necessary support. The members of Arizona's delegation also rallied behind this collective vision.

What most excited Arizona leaders was the vision put forth by Dr. Jeff Trent, to accelerate

and translate scientific discovery into more immediate and effective benefits for patients, all made possible with the new information from the human genome and rapidly developing technology.

It was on this day ten years ago, June 26, 2002, with high expectations and hopes, that Governor Hull and state leaders announced the successful launch of TGen and the genomics era in Arizona. A decade of exciting growth and new research discoveries has since transpired, with TGen's rising tide lifting all boats.

Investment into TGen and the biosciences spurred growth across the state, catalyzing the launch of the Critical Path Institute and Bio5 in southern Arizona, to ASU's Biodesign Institute and a northern Phoenix bio campus, and TGen North and expansion of W.L. Gore in northern Arizona. The bioindustry has flourished over the past ten years, even during economic downturns, becoming a significant high-performing sector of the Arizona economy.

For patients, TGen is offering hope where there had been none with novel treatments offered only in Arizona. By partnering with clinical entities like the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen is focusing on utilizing genomic analyses to improve and customize patient treatments. Patients with pancreatic cancer and rare diseases like basal cell carcinoma are finding answers to their treatment struggles, improving quality of patient lives and allowing more years to spend with loved ones. Whether it's sequencing anthrax or the plague, investigating H1N1 or Valley Fever; finding new clues to triple-negative breast cancer or Alzheimer's disease; or, leading new collaborative research partnerships addressing pediatric and canine cancers, TGen's research has made substantial inroads over the past ten years.

More than a decade ago, the mapping of human genome represented a challenge to the world to make use of this new knowledge for the benefit of humankind. Arizona answered this challenge and now TGen is leading the model to fuse modern medicine with the power of translational research to fuel the next wave of treatments for all manner of human diseases.

As the tenth-year anniversary of TGen's launch is celebrated today, I applaud Dr. Trent and the scientists at TGen for their unwavering commitment to make a difference for patients and lead innovative research for Arizona into the next decade.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROLLING THUNDER DEMONSTRATION RUN

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run, held annually over Memorial Day weekend in Washington, DC.

Rolling Thunder was founded in 1987 by Vietnam veterans Ray Manzo, Walt Sides, John Holland and Ted Sampley to bring attention and awareness to unaccounted for servicemen and women at the conclusion of the Vietnam War.