

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAI- WAN)

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, October 10th is the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Despite its small geographical size, Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and a free market economy that respects human rights and the rule of law.

The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a strong security and economic partnership for over half of a century. Our common interest in peace and security has guided U.S.-Taiwan relations and our commitment to Taiwan's security, as stated in the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, has enabled Taiwan to build a strong democratic government that, today, serves as a beacon for others in the region and beyond.

Similarly, Taiwan's economic partnership with us has benefited both countries. As a result, Taiwan is our ninth largest trading partner, with the United States importing nearly \$36 billion worth of Made in Taiwan goods and exporting \$26 billion in goods and services to Taiwan.

In recent years, the communications between Washington and Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou's administration has been smooth and effortless. However, there is still room for improvement. For instance, we still need to assist Taiwan's meaningful participation in world agencies, help Taiwan meet its military needs, negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan, and waive visa requirements for Taiwanese tourists coming to the U.S. With the support of the United States, I hope Taiwan's goals come true.

Congratulations to the people and leaders of Taiwan on their National Day.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVER- SARY OF MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT (MST)

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor and privilege of representing California's 17th congressional district and, on behalf of all the residents of the Central Coast, I would like to commend to my colleagues' attention the 40th Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit, (MST).

The Monterey Peninsula Public Transit System Joint Powers Agency was formed by the cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside and the county of Monterey on October 1, 1972. As the predecessor of Monterey-Salinas Transit, it served the

Monterey Peninsula area, and later expanded to provide service to the cities of Marina, Salinas, and Watsonville. With the formation of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District on July 1, 2010, MST today serves one-fifth of the coastline of California from San Jose in the north to Paso Robles in the south at 1,300 bus stops in 25 communities throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Through the foresight of the MST board members and the ongoing support of the Federal government, transit service in the Monterey region is consistently at the forefront of technology and innovation, with ridership of four and a half million passengers each year, on traditional fixed-route buses as well as paratransit minibus service for disabled customers, the popular MST Trolley system for visitors, "MST OnCall" demand response services in south Monterey County, and the award-winning Carmel Valley Grapevine Express.

New for 2012 is the MST JAZZ Bus Rapid Transit system, funded in part by a \$2.78 million Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Capital New Starts grant. MST JAZZ follows a 6.75 mile route on the Monterey Peninsula starting in Sand City, running along Fremont Boulevard in Seaside, through downtown Monterey and along the visitor-intensive Lighthouse Avenue corridor in New Monterey, ending at the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium at the edge of the city of Pacific Grove. MST has partnered with the legendary Monterey Jazz Festival, currently celebrating its 55th year, to create a distinct brand and marketing identity for the new "JAZZ" line. The Festival has opened its archives for the project and has worked with MST to develop a year-round linear jazz museum featuring dramatic jazz-themed displays on the buses and at each of the 30 custom designed shelters along the route. Passenger amenities include benches, bike racks and real-time electronic bus arrival and departure signage linked via Global Positioning Systems to the location of each JAZZ vehicle along the route. While waiting for the JAZZ buses, passengers will be able to listen and view on their smart phones actual recordings from the Monterey Jazz Festival throughout its 55-year history and learn more about the artists who performed for Festival audiences over the decades.

Not only does MST play a significant role in the transportation system of the Monterey Bay region, but it helps meet the basic transportation needs of thousands of constituents. More than one out of every three MST passengers live in a household without an automobile. A majority of MST passengers are either low-income and/or elderly. To further enhance senior mobility, MST is utilizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedoms funds to provide free travel training and volunteer assistance through the innovative "MST Navigators" program to Monterey County residents 65 years and older, as well as subsidized trips in local taxicabs at a cost of only \$3.00 for paratransit-eligible clients. Sev-

eral Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions and the city of Salinas have also become funding partners with MST to extend this taxi discount voucher program to all seniors in their communities.

In addition, MST is at the forefront of forging partnerships with local stakeholders to expand public transit options throughout the community. MST's award-winning partnership with the United States Army's Defense Languages Institute at the Presidio of Monterey transports nearly 50,000 military and civilian personnel each month from all corners of the MST service area to work, relieving local traffic congestion and enabling the redevelopment of parking lots into language classrooms and training facilities vital to the global mission of our military. At Naval Postgraduate School, MST has again partnered with the military to provide two additional transit lines connecting student, faculty and staff housing areas with the college. And, MST's latest military partnership provides employees at Fort Hunter Liggett in rural southern Monterey County with two more transit lines connecting the base with communities in the Salinas Valley and San Luis Obispo County. MST's partnerships also extend to local colleges, with a University Pass program with California State University-Monterey Bay and a free fare zone at Hartnell Community College in Salinas. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is also a local funding partner for transit, helping to support the MST Trolley visitor-oriented service in downtown Monterey and Cannery Row and leading a new initiative designed to increase accessibility to the Aquarium for low income and minority residents of the Salinas Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend Monterey-Salinas Transit for providing 40 years of exemplary public service to the Central Coast of California and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to wish them well on the next 40 years.

A TRIBUTE TO BRETT BUNNELL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brett Bunnell of Norwalk, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is a prestigious honor as fewer than 6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts attain the Gold Award in a given year.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Brett worked to update rooms in her church by installing blinds and redecorating. The work ethic Brett has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

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Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brett and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

IN SUPPORT OF USPTO'S
NATIONAL TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) National Trademark Expo. In a time of ongoing challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role that trademarks play in the economy.

The USPTO disseminates trademark information at the Expo to educate the public about the important role that trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace. This year's two-day event will be held on Friday, October 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

A broad cross-section of America's large corporations, small businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations will highlight a wealth of valuable information about trademarks: from the various types of trademarks available and their benefits. The Expo will also feature educational seminars, as well as children's workshops and activities. Exhibitors at the National Trademark Expo will include: 5-hour ENERGY; 1000 Cranes, LLC; ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law; AIPLA, Creativity in Bloom; American Girl; The American National Red Cross; Caterpillar Inc.; CMG; Cricket Wireless; Department of the Army; GEICO; Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; The Hershey Company; HiT Entertainment; Hooray for Books!; Idaho Potato Commission; Indian Arts and Crafts Board; International Trademark Association (Unreal Campaign); Mattel; NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; NASCAR, Inc.; NBC Learn; NumbersAlive!; The Pepsom Group; Rita's Ice, Custard, Happiness; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Travelers; Under Armour; United States Air Force; UPS; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Government IPR Agencies; Department of Commerce, National IPR Coordination Center, and Customs and Border Protection; Valvoline; Wormwatcher; and Zipcar.

On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses and jobs, and trademarks assist the public in discerning between authentic and counterfeit merchandise. Counterfeit goods cost the United States billions of dollars and countless jobs annually, as well as undermine consumer confidence in brand integrity when purchasers encounter knock-off goods of inferior quality.

I applaud the USPTO for its continued efforts to educate the public on the important role of trademarks and the benefits of federal registration through the National Trademark Expo. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO, at this time when trademark protection and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy. And, I encourage the public and my fellow Members of Congress and staff to bring their family and friends to this free, family-friendly event.

HONORING ROY DRIVER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Roy Driver who will be retiring after 32 years of outstanding work for the Vet Centers and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roy has dedicated more than 30 years to improving the lives of veterans and their families. Prior to his time with the Vet Centers, Roy served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1960–1970 as a Sonar/Oceanographic Technician. He has attended the Greater Hartford Community College, Central Connecticut State College and Southern Connecticut State College. From 1974 to 1978 he served as a Veterans Affairs Coordinator for two colleges in Connecticut.

In 1980, he was the Team Leader of the Hartford Connecticut Vet Center, one of the first in the nation. During his time in Hartford, two additional Vet Centers were opened as satellites. Maine veterans were fortunate that in 1991, Roy moved to the Portland, Maine Vet Center, where he remained until 2004, when he became Team Leader of the Lewiston Vet Center.

It is always with some lingering sadness that I pass along my best wishes for the retirement of people like Roy. Throughout his career, he has been an important part of the lives of many combat veterans and their families, helping them to work through the issues that resulted from their service to our nation. You can never truly quantify the work of such an individual. On behalf of the people of Maine, I congratulate Roy and wish him the best of luck on his retirement and in his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Roy Driver for his unwavering dedication to our veterans and their families.

IN HONOR OF ARCHCARE AT TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE HEALTH CARE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 4TH ANNUAL "STEPPING UP IN FAITH FOR HIV AND AIDS" COMMUNITY EVENTS WEEK

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to ArchCare at Terence Car-

dinal Cooke Health Care Center, a faith-based, multi-specialty nursing facility in East Harlem, which has been serving the community since 1978. During the 4th Annual "Stepping Up in Faith for HIV and AIDS" Community Events Week, the Health Care Center is sponsoring "A Sacred NYC HIV & AIDS Conversation" among faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, Faith in Action Advocates, and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The discussion will focus on the theme "Turning the Tide Together—as we move forward with HIV and AIDS Prevention and Care in our Faith and Secular Partnership."

In 1989, ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center created the first long term care facility in New York State to provide comprehensive residential health care services to people living with AIDS and HIV. In their 156-bed unit, residents have access to a continuum of medical services, including dentists, dietitians, occupational and physical therapists, and social workers. At all stages of care, residents and their families are encouraged to participate in case conferences to discuss treatment plans. The Discrete Unit provides treatment with the hope that residents will be able to return to the community and live independently.

According to United Nations estimates, there are more than 33 million people living with HIV in the world. In 2011 alone, some 2.7 million people became newly infected with the virus, and an estimated 2 million people died from AIDS. In the United States, New York remains an epicenter of the disease, with the five boroughs alone accounting for 15.5% of the entire AIDS caseload in the United States, meaning that our city has more persons living with AIDS than the entire state of California.

ArchCare and the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center have long fought on the front lines of the fight against AIDS and HIV, taking action to ensure that their patients are provided with access to vital healthcare services, and afforded protection of their basic human rights without fear of reprisal or discrimination. Not only does ArchCare provide quality, comprehensive care, but it also offers an environment of peace, tranquility and community.

The Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center is named in honor of New York's former Archbishop, and its mission is driven by Terence Cardinal Cooke's words: "The 'gift of life', God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to ArchCare and Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Center's years of commitment to the fight against HIV and AIDS through exceptional care for all patients and vital education events. In so doing, we honor the dedication to compassionate service of the staff at Terence Cardinal Cooke, and hope that they serve as an inspiration to health care providers across the country.