

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

101 YEARS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA (ROC)

**HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks 101 years of the Republic of China, ROC, that now exists on Taiwan.

Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou was inaugurated for a second and last time on Sunday, May 20. Taiwan limits its presidents to two terms, as do we. But in his already more than four years since first taking office, President Ma has fundamentally altered the dynamic of Taiwan's economic relations with mainland China and by extension, relations with the United States and the rest of the world.

Fresh off his first inauguration in 2008, President Ma launched the first regular non-stop flights across the Taiwan Strait since China's Civil War ended in 1949. These flights, now as many as 558 a week, have made life much easier for Taiwanese working and doing business on the mainland. It's in turn also made life much easier for Americans crossing the Taiwan Strait—be it for work or for pleasure.

But most significantly, in 2010, Taiwan entered into its Economic and Cooperation Framework Agreement, ECFA, with mainland China that eliminated tariffs on 16 percent of Taiwan exports to the mainland. Now that President Ma was reelected with a fresh mandate this past January, more tariff eliminations under ECFA will follow. There will also be further service sector openings in both directions. Most importantly, ECFA, as does President Ma's other cross-Strait trade and investment relaxations, reintegrates Taiwan into Asia's economic supply chain, allowing Taiwan producers to supply global customers in mainland China directly.

The spending power of the millions of mainland Chinese tourists who have visited Taiwan since 2008 has also boosted the island's economy, as well as exposed those same tourists to Taiwan's pluralistic, democratic system. Having now experienced Taiwan's elections firsthand, some mainlanders will demand accountability of their leaders back home as Taiwanese do theirs. Taiwan's elections can serve as an example and milestone for ethnic Chinese worldwide that these universal political freedoms are not somehow incongruous with culture as some mainland autocrats have alleged.

I thus urge my colleagues, on this 101st anniversary of the ROC, to congratulate Taiwan on this century-plus milestone and to applaud its recent trade, investment, and travel openings to neighboring mainland China. It suits Taiwan's economic interests as well as our own.

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit this poem in honor of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, on September 19, 2012.

This is a poem written by Albert Carey Caswell.

## THE DAW OF FREEDOM

The. . .  
The Daw of Freedom. . .  
On this day. . .  
As from across the oceans,  
your courage so reaches out to all of us in so many ways!  
As a Freedom Fighter,  
whose fine heart so all ignites us in so many ways!  
All in your struggle for democracy and human rights this,  
all in what your peaceful fight has so conveyed!  
As over the years,  
as we have all so watched you all so here,  
and for you Daw Suu have all so prayed!  
As all in such awe,  
at what we so saw. . .  
all in what your courage against such oppression so had to say!  
Just like all of those great Freedom Fighters  
who have so come before,  
names like Gandhi and King who through non violence had so implored!  
Happiness, Democracy and Freedom for all the more!  
As now your gifts this,  
now stands etched in Woman and Mankind forevermore!  
and with that presentation of your Noble Peace Prize,  
you but brought such tears to our eyes!  
For Burma has but a bright future so ahead,  
as long as she so listens to what Champions of Freedom,  
like you Daw Suu have so said!  
So on this day,  
we kneel and pray. . . all in respect for that great battle you so wage!  
As upon you this Gold Medal we now so place. . .  
As your fine life has but brought such light to even the darkest of all days. . .  
As now we so march with you all in our hearts and souls,  
all in this your great battle and crusade that we behold!  
Of your life and your times,  
and your great quest for freedom and her rhymes,  
of this all of our children must be told!

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
SERGEANT BRADLEY W. ATWELL

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Mr. DONNOLLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedication to service of Sergeant Bradley W. Atwell, a native of Kokomo, Indiana, and a proud member of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Aircraft Group 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Sergeant Atwell died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on September 15th, 2012, in Kabul, Afghanistan, as a result of a sustained insurgent attack on Coalition Forces at Camp Bastion. This attack also claimed the life of Lieutenant Colonel Christopher K. Raible of Huntington, Pennsylvania.

Bradley graduated from Taylor High School in 2003 where he played on the baseball team. Described as "a piece of American apple pie," he had an undeniable desire to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on October 17, 2005. A third generation Marine, Bradley deployed with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 in February 2012 and served as an aeronautic electrical systems technician. According to Bradley's mother, he was proud to wear his uniform.

Bradley's awards include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (second award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Service Medal—International Security Assistance Force and the Purple Heart.

Bradley will be remembered by family, friends, and fellow soldiers as a dedicated, courageous, and talented young man and the consummate Marine. He is survived by his wife of only 10 months, Danielle Cross, mother, Cheryl Atwell and her fiancé Jimmy Coates, father, Victor Atwell and his wife Kimberlee, grandmother, Shirley Oody, brother, Dustin, sister, Erin and other loving extended family. Just days prior to his last deployment, Bradley was able to hold his newborn niece Aubrey who, according to family members, strongly resembles him.

It is my solemn duty and humble privilege to honor the life, service and memory of Sergeant Bradley W. Atwell. He is a testament to the great honor possessed and sacrifices made by our brave men and women in the Armed Forces. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

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HONORING POLICE CHIEF DAN  
MCCOLLUM

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**  
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Dan McCollum, who will celebrate his 40th year in law enforcement on September 25, 2012. To show their appreciation for his service, the Village of La Grange Park will host a reception in his honor.

Throughout his 40 years in law enforcement, including 16 years as Police Chief in La Grange Park, Chief McCollum has served residents around Illinois and in Corvallis, Oregon. In his work to protect his community he has gained a reputation as a professional and honest public servant, consistently demonstrating his strong character. For example, in 1979 when he was a young police chief, his squad car broke down on a rural road in central Illinois during a blizzard. Surrounded by the severe, rapidly approaching storm, he chose not to wait for a passing car, but sought shelter at the nearest house. Although he had made previous arrests at this residence prior to the storm, Chief McCollum took his chances. The storm was so severe, that he would end up staying with the residents for two days until the storm had finally passed. It is this ability to develop relationships even in the face of adversity that sets him apart, and allowed him to earn his position as the youngest police chief in the state at age 24 in Villa Grove, Illinois, and eventually his current post as chief in La Grange Park.

Chief McCollum now serves the 13,000 residents of the Village of La Grange Park, just as he has since 1996. He and the rest of the Police Department are committed to maintaining peace in La Grange Park by safeguarding the community and forming bonds of trust with those they protect. Chief McCollum believes that to be an officer in LaGrange Park, one must be oriented toward public service and should be a problem-solver in the community. His leadership drives this police force and is an important reason why the residents of La Grange Park have so much respect for their police.

As the La Grange Park Police Chief, Dan McCollum has been recognized on several occasions for his dedication to past and present police officers and public safety. Chief McCollum was appointed President for the Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives and has since served in this position for the past three years. Working within this non-profit organization, he has helped to provide more opportunities for professional training and advancement of current and retired law enforcement members. He has also received the 2008 Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in Springfield.

Away from the stress of the police station, Chief McCollum has also led a fulfilling personal life. He is a former rock and roll musician, an avid fisherman, and an exceptional cook. Dan's wife, Nancy, and his three children, Sarah, Matthew, and Patrick, will be very proud to see him honored for his longtime service.

Please join me in honoring Police Chief Dan McCollum for his dedicated service to the La

Grange Park community on the occasion of his 40th year of service. May he continue to be a stalwart public servant in La Grange Park for years to come.

## STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act.

Our Nation should be first in the world in science, technology, engineering and math. I'm pleased that we are in agreement on the urgency of this goal. However, this legislation has two big problems which are highly detrimental to our mutual goal.

The first problem is that this legislation takes unnecessary, unfair steps to reduce legal immigration, such as cutting the Diversity Program. The Diversity Program is one of the few existing pathways for African applicants to enter our Nation legally. Cutting this program will not enhance our Nation's STEM competitiveness.

The second problem is that this legislation allows American employers to pay inferior wages to foreign STEM graduates—forcing American workers to compete on an unlevel playing field.

We can do better than the STEM Jobs Act. Representative LOFGREN's legislation, the Attracting the Best and Brightest Act, ensures that students who earn advanced STEM degrees in America stay in America and contribute to our Nation's prosperity. It creates a new visa category for applicants with advanced STEM degrees, and importantly, takes steps to protect the wages of Americans—a consideration which absolutely must be taken into account.

The Attracting the Best and Brightest Act does not contain the harmful immigration provisions of the STEM Jobs Act. Rather, it represents a commonsense solution to a very real problem.

I am pleased that Republicans, Democrats, and the Administration all agree we should do more to ensure that our Nation benefits from the talents, skills, and ideas of our advanced STEM graduates. However, the STEM Jobs Act legislation takes the wrong approach, and I regrettably urge my colleagues to oppose it.

## NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the month of October 2012 as National Work and Family Month. At this time each year, National Work and Family Month reminds us of the many ways that strong work-family policies continue to create and maintain healthier and more flexible work environments.

These programs and practices—from workplace flexibility such as flextime and telecom-

muting, to sick and family leave, dependent and day care resources, and even stress management and community involvement initiatives—are highly effective in attracting a loyal and talented workforce. Yet there is always room for improvement. As more of America's organizations incorporate work-family policies such as those mentioned above, the greater the competitive edge we will have in the recruitment and retention of our loyal and talented workforce.

Since a bipartisan resolution established National Work and Family Month in October 2003, Congress has consistently acknowledged the importance of good family-work policies and celebrated the progress made in expanding the availability and use of workplace flexibility. This October, I seek again to raise awareness of National Work and Family Month and encourage my colleagues to also acknowledge the overwhelmingly positive effect of a healthy balance between work and family life on workforce engagement, motivation and satisfaction.

## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, CITY OF MULLENS, WEST VIRGINIA

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 25, 2012*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with our colleagues a very significant anniversary being celebrated this year by the good people of Mullens, West Virginia. It was 100 years ago that the City of Mullens was incorporated. Throughout the year, families and local businesses have been celebrating this centennial milestone achievement.

Known as the Dogwood City, the city's Annual Dogwood Festival draws families and friends from all over to share in nature's beauty with the blooming of so many dogwood trees throughout the area. The refreshing little spring blooms bring forth new hope and the promise of a new season. This is a message well received in this town that has truly known boom times as well as some bad times.

Like the strong dense wood of the little dogwood tree, the people of this American small town are resilient and find strength in tradition and the deep roots their families have established in this home among Appalachia's majestic mountains. And like the finely grained wood of the dogwood, when it is finished and polished, the beauty ingrained in these good neighbors shines through to all who are touched by their many kindnesses. For anyone who happens by their fair city will find hospitality, friendliness and lending a helping hand are the rule not the exception.

The roots of Mullens' contributions though extend well beyond its city limits. The citizens of Mullens are rightfully proud of their heritage as a rail and coal center to help fuel this Nation's energy needs. Hard work, determination and a boundless optimism that one's children will have a brighter future are the core values of the families that daily recognize the many blessings flowing from the benevolent hand of the Almighty.

As Mullens continues its centennial celebration this year, I am honored to be invited to participate in Mullens Centennial Parade this Saturday. It is a fine example of how successful this community is in bringing townspeople