

Taiwan for inclusion in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, VWP.

The people of Taiwan have also shown strong support for President Ma and his policies. As a result of President Ma's policy to reduce tensions in cross-strait relations, there are now 558 direct flights from cities in Taiwan to cities in China every week. China-bound investments have been relaxed, and business is good for both the Taiwanese and Chinese people.

President Ma's policy of rapprochement, which upholds our shared values of democracy, freedom and the rule of law, has advanced regional peace and stability, and the U.S. is appreciative and supportive of President Ma's initiatives because improved cross-strait relations are in the best interest of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

President Ma Ying-jeou graduated from National Taiwan University. After earning a Master of Laws degree from New York University, he received a Doctor of Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School, specializing in the law of the sea and international economic law.

President Ma's father, Ma Ho-ling, and his mother, Chin Hou-hsiu, dedicated themselves to government and country. Following in his parents' footsteps, President Ma devoted his life to creating a government that upholds those ideals that embody Taiwan's core traditional values—benevolence, righteousness, diligence, honesty, generosity, and industriousness.

For historical purposes, I submit this statement to be made part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in tribute to the service President Ma Ying-jeou has rendered for and on behalf of the people of Taiwan. President Ma is married to Chow Mei-ching and they have two daughters—Ma Wei-chung and Ma Yuan-chung—and a stray dog affectionately known as Ma Hsiao-jeou (Little Ma).

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL

**HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I will introduce this week the following resolution to recognize Arizona on her Centennial birthday.

For almost 50 years, Arizona has been my home, and today I could not be more excited to celebrate her 100th birthday.

While Arizonans celebrate her Centennial, we also remember the pioneers who went before us to settle our beautiful state, and those since who have made her the Masterpiece of the West.

Our state motto is "Ditat Deus," or "God Enriches." The truth of that phrase can never be clearer each time I travel across our painted deserts, peaks, valleys, and canyons or see a red sunset.

It is not only the beauty of our landscape, but the character of our people that make Arizona a great place to live and raise our families.

Here's to another 100 years for our Grand Canyon State.

### RESOLUTION

#### CELEBRATING THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL

Whereas on February 14, 1912, after nearly 49 years as a United States territory and

thousands of years as a sacred home to indigenous peoples, Arizona became the 48th State and the last of the contiguous states to enter the Union of the United States;

Whereas in 2008, in order to commemorate its centennial and to properly celebrate the history of its people, the Arizona Centennial Commission was established to develop a comprehensive plan to specially mark such an auspicious occasion;

Whereas Arizona has been home to some of the most influential citizens in United States history including Barry Goldwater, William Rehnquist, Carl Hayden, Mo Udall, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Pat Tillman;

Whereas after being explored by Europeans in the 1500s, first by Spanish Franciscan Marcos de Niza and later by the Spanish explorer Coronado, Arizona is now known around the world as the Grand Canyon State for its breathtaking natural formations and unique beauty;

Whereas Arizona, among all the States, has the largest percentage of its land set aside and designated as Indian lands;

Whereas Arizona is the home of the Salt River Pima, Gila River, Fort McDowell, Pasena Yaqui, and many other indigenous communities;

Whereas Arizona is home to Oraibi, the oldest Indian settlement in the United States, which was founded by the Hopi Indian Tribe;

Whereas the Navajo Code talkers helped safeguard United States military secrets during the Second World War;

Whereas in 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks defeated the New York Yankees 4 games to 3 in the World Series, becoming the youngest expansion franchise to win the World Series;

Whereas Arizona's State flag consists of 13 rays of red and yellow to symbolize its picturesque sunsets and the 13 original colonies, a copper star to represent the copper mining industry, and a blue background to represent liberty;

Whereas Arizona's centennial engenders a sense of unity and pride in the diverse nature of Arizona's people, and reminds Arizonans of the need to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come; and

Whereas the sun shines in Arizona more than 85 percent of the time: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors and commends the State of Arizona and its people on Arizona's centennial.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. BARBARA L. BONESSA, AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

**HON. NORMAN D. DICKS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Barbara L. Bonessa for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Ms. Barbara L. Bonessa will retire from federal service on February 28th, 2012, after 41 distinguished years of service to the U.S. Army.

Ms. Barbara L. Bonessa has distinguished herself by her exceptional leadership and unparalleled demonstration of technical expertise in the management of the Army's Budget from June 2006 to February 2012. Ms. Bonessa led the development of seven Army Budget requests totaling \$944 billion dollars and seven

supplemental requests totaling \$635 billion. These resources were essential to the Army's strategic and unprecedented goals of restoring balance to a force feeling the cumulative effects of 10 years of war and setting conditions for the future to fulfill its strategic role as an integral part of the Joint Force.

Ms. Bonessa led the Army Budget Office's efforts to develop, justify, and defend the Army's budget requests along four imperatives: Sustaining Soldiers, Families, and Army Civilians in an era of persistent conflict; Preparing Soldiers, units, and equipment for success in the current conflicts; Resetting returning Soldiers, units, and equipment to restore readiness consumed in operations; and Transforming the Army to improve its ability to meet the needs of combatant commanders.

To ensure the Army's story was widely told and understood by its stakeholders, Ms. Bonessa built highly effective strategic partnerships with senior officials in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of Management and Budget, and with Congressional staff and members. Her ability to facilitate formal and informal information-sharing and articulate the Army's message garnered resources and protected programs that were necessary to build and sustain the Army while simultaneously prosecuting two wars. These relationships were instrumental in the Army's ability to articulate, defend and secure both base and supplemental funding for the past 7 years. Through her tireless efforts, the Army's base and supplemental requests were consistently and flawlessly presented, justified, defended, and ultimately submitted to and supported by Congress. Her leadership and technical skills directly resulted in obtaining critical and timely funding for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn; Grow the Army; Army Modularity; Base Realignment and Closure; Army Modernization; sustainment of the All-Volunteer Force; care of Soldiers, Families and Civilians; and Soldier and leader development. As a direct result of her efforts, the Army's supplemental requests were consistently funded at 100% or more of its request.

There are very few Financial Management professionals or leaders who have had a greater impact during their service to the Nation than Barbara Bonessa. She is highly respected throughout the government for her unquestionable integrity and passion for supporting Soldiers and the Army. Our commanders in the field have always benefitted from her incredible capacity to meet challenges, whether presented by individual units or the Congress, and to develop an enterprise approach to solutions. The Army has gained immeasurably over the last 7 years from her positive and strategic outlook, and she leaves a solid foundation upon which the Army will continue to build.

Ms. Bonessa richly deserves to be recognized for her selfless service and influential leadership and her efforts to support an Army at war and sustain the all-volunteer force. Her exceptional performance leaves a lasting legacy.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Ms. Barbara L. Bonessa, for her extraordinary dedication and service to her country throughout her distinguished career as an Army civilian. We wish her and her husband Alan all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF SEATTLE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 61ST ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREATER SEATTLE REGION AND THE WASHINGTON STATE

### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing the contributions of the World Affairs Council of Seattle as it marks the 61st anniversary of connecting the Seattle community with the global community. Seattle has long served as a gateway for the global economy, as home to one of the United States' largest ports, innovative companies and world-class research. Since the World Affairs Council of Seattle was founded in 1951, the Council has been integral in providing extraordinary opportunities for people to participate in global debates and expanding people-to-people relationships across the globe. I thank the World Affairs Council of Seattle for its contribution in fostering dialogue in the Seattle region and Washington State.

IN CELEBRATION OF RYAN ROSSI

### HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Ryan Rossi, an inspiring young man from my district who died too soon this past December.

A star soccer forward at his alma mater of Cal State Northridge, a talented singer songwriter, and a dedicated humanitarian, Ryan made the world a brighter place for his having been in it. And while non-Hodgkin's lymphoma extinguished his life at the age of 27, it could not dim the love and generosity that suffused it.

After a trip to El Salvador, meeting impoverished children with ragged breathing caused by the toxic fumes of the kerosene lamps that lit their homes, Ryan helped start a charity to replace the noxious lamps with clean, safe and affordable solar lamps.

Before his death, Ryan asked that he be remembered not with a funeral, but with a celebration. And well we should celebrate, for today I know Ryan's light lives on—not only in the hearts of those who knew him, but in the homes of thousands who never will.

HONORING CITY MANAGER STEVE HELVEY

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Helvey for his public service to the people of Whittier, California. Steve began with the City

of Whittier in 2000 as the city's sixth City Manager. After 12 productive years of service to Whittier and its residents, Steve is retiring.

Steve and his wife Paula are long-time Whittierites. He attended Sierra High School from 1964–1968, Rio Hondo College from 1968–1970, and graduated from California State University in Fullerton in 1972. Steve came to the City of Whittier after serving the City of Burbank for 17 years as its Financial Services Director and Assistant City Manager. Prior to that, Steve was the Finance Director in the City of Alhambra and the Chief of the Tax Division for the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office.

During his tenure with the City of Whittier, Steve always provided strong and knowledgeable leadership and direction for major projects. Those numerous projects included the Whittier Utility Authority Finance Plan, Pio Pico State Historic Park renovation, Parnell Park Community and Senior Center construction, Whittier Greenway Trail acquisition and development, new Whittier Police Headquarters Building, Uptown Whittier Specific Plan, Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan, Whittwood Town Center redevelopment, release of Fred C. Nelles property for development, and the Mineral Extraction Project.

Over the past decade, Steve has worked tirelessly to ensure Whittier operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. While the struggling economy has impacted many cities throughout Southern California, Whittier has managed to maintain funding for all city services and capital improvement projects and Steve is a big reason why.

As an active civic member he has served as a member of the California City Management Association, California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and the San Gabriel Valley City Managers Association.

From one public servant to another, I praise Steve Helvey and commend him on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Whittier and the community. Whittier would not be the community it is today without him.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, the day after the President proposed a federal budget that would never again balance, it is \$15,355,198,335,393.66. We've added \$10,553,793,160,099.38 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CARRIED INTEREST FAIRNESS ACT OF 2012

### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I introduce today the Carried Interest Fairness Act of 2012.

The Carried Interest Fairness Act provides that the "carried interest" compensation received by investment fund managers will be taxed at ordinary income rates and treated as wage income subject to employment taxes. In exchange for providing the service of managing their investors' assets, fund managers often take a portion of a fund's profits, or a carried interest, usually equal to 20 percent of such profits. The bill clarifies that this income is subject to ordinary income tax rates rather than the much lower capital gains rate. For a technical explanation of the Carried Interest Fairness Act of 2012, please visit my website at [www.house.gov/levin](http://www.house.gov/levin).

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN HERBAL PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (AHPA)

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) as that organization celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Since AHPA's founding in 1982, the organization has been at the forefront of promoting the responsible commerce of herbs and herbal products and providing leadership in the herbal products community. Started by a handful of growers, processors, manufacturers and marketers of herbal products, AHPA has now grown into a diverse trade association, representing nearly 300 companies in the herbal products industry and their affiliated businesses.

AHPA has distinguished itself in the herbal and dietary supplement trades for the quality of its work and advocacy before lawmakers and regulators. Legislatively, AHPA was an active participant in the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, which is the law that established a separate category for dietary supplements under a robust regulatory framework. AHPA also played a seminal role in the passage of the Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act of 2006, which established a Federal serious adverse event reporting mechanism for the dietary supplements.

Since its inception, AHPA has also been tireless in its efforts to communicate respectfully and clearly with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other Federal agencies on the unique aspects and needs of the herbal trade. In recent years, the supplement industry has encountered a number of substantive regulatory issues, including a new rule for Good Manufacturing Practice compliance, guidance on New Dietary Ingredients, and implementation of various