

from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China in January 1979, Congress moved quickly to pass the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) to ensure that the United States would continue its robust engagement with Taiwan in the areas of commerce, culture, and security cooperation. With President Carter's signature on April 10, 1979, this important and lasting piece of legislation became the Law of the Land and served as the statutory basis for U.S.-Taiwan relations going forward.

After 33 years, the TRA still stands as a model of congressional leadership in the history of our foreign relation, and, together with the 1982 "Six Assurances," it remains the cornerstone of a very mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Through three decades marked by momentous social, economic, and political transformations, Taiwan has remained a trusted ally of the United States that now shares with us the ideals of freedom, democracy and self-determination. The foresight of the TRA's drafters in providing that "the United States will make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services . . . to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability," and affirming "the preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people on Taiwan" as explicit objectives of the United States, has contributed in large measure to make Taiwan what it is today—a vibrant, open society governed by democratic institutions.

Though the people of Taiwan now enjoy fundamental human rights and civil liberties, they continue to live day after day under the ominous shadow cast by over 1400 short and medium-range ballistic missiles that the People's Republic of China (PRC) has aimed at them. The PRC persists in claiming Taiwan as a 'renegade province,' refusing to renounce the use of force to prevent formal de jure independence, even codifying its right to military action via passage of the so-called "Anti-Secession Law" on March 14, 2005. The United States Congress strongly condemned the "Anti-Secession Law" in House Concurrent Resolution 98, passed on March 16, 2005.

The TRA affirmed that the United States' decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China was based on the expectation that the future of Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means. Furthermore, it stipulates that it is the policy of the United States "to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means . . . a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States." The unambiguous and principled stance contained in these provisions has been instrumental to the maintenance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait for more than thirty years, in spite of the growing military threat posed by the PRC.

I therefore invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 33rd anniversary of the TRA, to further underline our unwavering commitment to the TRA and our support for the strong and deepening relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HILLEL HONOREE FREDERICK LIPPMAN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Frederick Lippman, whose more than two decades as a pharmacist and community leader have had a monumental impact on students, medical professionals, academics, and the underserved in South Florida. I applaud his long career of service, and I am honored to represent him in Washington.

Frederick Lippman has served the people of South Florida as a pharmacist for over 20 years, but his contributions to our community reach far beyond the scope of daily patient care. Dr. Lippman served in the Florida House of Representatives for two decades, during which time he was a strong advocate for increasing educational opportunities and expanding health care access, particularly for children. His numerous awards and accolades include being named "Outstanding Health Services Person of South Florida" in 1995 by the University's Institute of Health Policy and Administration, "Child Advocate of the Year" in 1996 by the Florida Pediatric Society, and "Outstanding Advocate" in 1997 by the Institute of Holocaust Documentation at Florida International University for his leadership in adopting Holocaust educational curricula in the state of Florida.

In 1985, Dr. Lippman was instrumental in helping to create the State of Florida's Area Health Education Center Program (AHEC), which improved the supply and distribution of primary health providers in rural and urban areas by creating partnerships with academic health centers. And as the current Chancellor of the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Lippman has helped the university develop a strong research infrastructure, which has led to an increase in funding, and broader opportunities for undergraduate researchers.

Dr. Lippman's work has undoubtedly made South Florida a place where families can grow and thrive. It is an honor to represent him the United States Congress, and I look forward to his continued good work for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF TYLER'S LIGHT FOR ITS CONTINUED DRUG AWARENESS EFFORTS

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Tyler's Light. I am honored to recognize Tyler's Light for its continued drug awareness efforts throughout Pickerington and Fairfield County, Ohio.

Tyler's Light was formed after the tragic and untimely passing of Tyler Campbell. Tyler was known for the way his blue eyes and infectious smile lit up a room. Tyler was very athletic and loved being outdoors where he would ride bikes, fish, and play various other sports. In just 23 years for life, Tyler managed to fulfill

many of his lifelong dreams such as playing Division 1 High School Football at Pickerington North and college football at the University of Akron.

Pickerington and all of Fairfield County need to be aware of the current drug epidemic and are in need of education about how drug addiction is breaking families apart. Thus, the objective of Tyler's Light is to educate students, families, and communities about the dangers and consequences of drug usage. Tyler's Light has been very effective and in just months has gained the attention of Fairfield County residents and others that are concerned about the increasing drug abuse issues facing our communities.

Thus, with great pride, I recognize Tyler's Light for the positive impact it is making in the community and I would like to extend best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins Swimming and Diving team on its Missouri State Championship.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work and dedication throughout the regular season. The team went on to give the school's swimming and diving program its best showing since the team's 2008 sixth-place finish. Rock Bridge High School athletic teams have had a huge winning tradition this year.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done!

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of child abuse and neglect as well as spreading knowledge on how to recognize and prevent its occurrence.

Every child has the right to live in a safe and healthy home. Together, we can ensure that right by providing support for parents, recognizing the signs of abuse, and educating community members about the issue.

Mr. Speaker, child abuse is defined as an act or failure to act which presents imminent risk of serious harm. It includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as neglect. Child abuse occurs in every community and every district. It is reported at all socioeconomic and education levels and across cultural, ethnic, and religious lines. In 2010, there were 3.3 million referrals to Child Protective Services, involving 5.9 million children. In

Los Angeles County alone, there were over 170,000 reported cases of child abuse or neglect in 2010. With over half of those referrals being made by mandatory reporters, those professionals required by law to report signs of maltreatment, I applaud our school officials and social service providers who are defending children's wellbeing.

It is vital that we are all equally prepared to speak out for victims who are unable to seek help for themselves. The youngest children, in particular, are most vulnerable to abuse with almost 32 percent of reported victims under the age of four years.

The effects of abuse and neglect can last a lifetime and include physical injuries, mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, increased risk for violent behavior, and lower levels of economic wellbeing. Such long-term effects hinder the ability to form healthy and positive relationships as adults. Abuse can truly become a cycle, harming generation after generation if nothing is done to intervene.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary work of the Miller Children's Hospital in the 37th district and its commitment to promoting positive parenting. The hospital offers training for medical professionals to recognize more subtle signs of abuse as well as early learning opportunities for children and their families to develop healthy family relationships.

Efforts aimed at prevention and early detection are critical in helping our nation's children grow up with the confidence and skills necessary to achieve the American Dream. These efforts can include programs in parent education and substance abuse treatment. Through these investments, we can target those specific circumstances and stresses that often lead to an increased likelihood of abuse.

Mr. Speaker, as I rise today to observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month, I ask all communities to invest in preventative measures and programs to end the cycle of child abuse once and for all. This month will serve as a reminder of our moral responsibility to ensure a bright future for our children and our nation.

CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly today to honor the Environmental Technology Center, ETC, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. Located at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, CA, ETC was one of the first 'green' buildings on a university campus.

Before the concept of a green building was a familiar part of our national culture, Rocky Rohwedder, Professor and Chair of the Environmental Studies and Planning, ENSP, department, realized that an environmental center could provide a valuable teaching tool. He and Professor Jean Merriman Falbo (now retired) sought grants to realize this vision. I was proud to assist their effort with funds from the National Science Foundation, NSF. With further support from the California Energy Com-

mission, the majority of the funding was in place.

Partnering with experts at Sonoma State University and in the community, ETC was carefully designed and opened its doors in the fall of 2001. The Center represented an exciting new advance in both building and education. Functioning as a teaching tool, demonstration project, and resource hub, it is used as a classroom for the Environmental Studies and Planning Department and several sustainable certificate programs as well as a center for service learning, technical assistance, and community-based research.

Considered a Zero Energy Building because it actually generates more energy than it consumes, its sustainable technologies include roof integrated photovoltaics, advanced window systems, extensive use of daylighting, recycled materials, and thermal mass as well as energy and water-efficient landscaping.

In February, 2002, shortly after ETC opened, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held a Congressional field hearing in the Center on the theme of "A Renewable Roadmap to Energy Independence." As the Ranking Member of the Science Energy Subcommittee, I was able to bring nationally known experts whose testimony delivered a clear message: that we could become energy independent with sustainable technologies using the techniques exemplified in the building. In addition, faculty at the Center, such as Dr. Sascha von Meier, testified in Washington, DC, before the Committee and later helped me in writing alternative energy legislation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating all those who made the Environmental Technology Center possible and who continue to make it a focus of research and application for sustainable building ten years later. I applaud their commitment and foresight in creating "The Building That Teaches."

MARKING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TAIWAN CAUCUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus.

Founded on April 9, 2001, the caucus was intended to serve as a forum to educate Members of Congress on issues affecting U.S.-Taiwan Relations, and to provide a platform for exploring ways to positively enhance and strengthen U.S. relations and cooperation with the government and people of Taiwan in accordance with the Taiwan Relations Act. It has grown from 85 Members at the time of its establishment to the current roster of 155, making it the second largest country caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the past 10 years, the membership of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus has remained solidly bipartisan, reflecting the broad and stable consensus in the U.S. Congress regarding the importance of Taiwan. Through the issuance of various joint letters, its agenda has focused first and foremost on maintaining faithful adherence to legal obligations and pol-

icy principles of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, as well as the 1982 "Six Assurances" to Taiwan. Together, these two documents form the cornerstone of our relationship with the people of Taiwan and have contributed immeasurably to the maintenance of peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region, while allowing Taiwan to blossom into a vibrant, open society, eager to engage with the rest of the world.

Today, Taiwan is well on the path to becoming a mature and fully consolidated democracy, and our shared values now form an ever stronger foundation of trust for cooperation across our many areas of mutual interest. At the same time, the military threat posed by the People's Republic of China to Taiwan's democratic way of life only continues to grow with each passing day.

In the coming 10 years, we hope to forge a stronger consultative role for Congress in the formulation of Taiwan policy. We look forward to working closely with our allies—both abroad and at home—to find solutions for ensuring Taiwan's long-term security, and to deepen our dialogue with the people of Taiwan.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT ERICKSON AS THE 2012 HURLBURT AFA CHAPTER 398 HIGH SCHOOL AND OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Scott Erickson, the 2012 Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School and Overall Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Erickson's joy and passion for teaching began at an early age, from watching his mother, also a teacher. Her example, coupled with the skills he learned through his work as a summer camp counselor, became an inspirational force behind his current "learn by doing" teaching approach, which engages students through lesson plans that incorporate activities and experiments using modern-day technology. Throughout his career, Mr. Erickson has used this approach to educate students of all ages ranging from elementary school to high school.

A teacher at Milton High School in Northwest Florida, he continues to hone his teaching techniques, always striving for excellence and establishing award winning technology and aviation programs. Mr. Erickson has played an integral role in sponsoring Milton High School's Robotics Team and led the team to its notable victory at the Emerald Coast BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) Robotics competition. Additionally, through his tireless efforts in fundraising and procuring necessary grants, he became the driving force behind the creation of Milton High School's Aviation Academy—a state-of-the-art teaching and flight simulation facility—which continues to yield positive results. Several of his students are now on the path to earning pilot ratings. Equally commendable, several of Mr. Erickson's aviation students were selected to join the National Flight Academy, a multi-day immersion program that uses aviation to inspire students to