

Cleveland Catholic Charities, and the Catholic community and thank them for their leadership, kindness, commitment and collective effort to serve the community and improve the lives of those in need. It is a privilege to recognize this centennial anniversary, and wish Cleveland Catholic Charities all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TERRANCE C.Z. EGGER

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Terrance C.Z. Egger for his many contributions to the news industry over the past 30 years. Mr. Egger will be retiring early next year from The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, OH, where he has served as publisher, president, and chief executive officer since 2006. I would like to recognize his accomplishments, his contributions to journalism, and his commitment to the Greater Cleveland community.

Terry enjoyed an early start in the news business, when as a young man, he started his first newspaper job as a 6-year-old paperboy. Egger is a native of Rock Island, IL, and became the first in his family to attend college. He received a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and a master's degree from San Diego State University.

Terry began his 30-year career at a small biweekly newspaper in Southern California. Before joining the Plain Dealer in 2006, he worked for Copley Los Angeles Newspaper, Tucson Newspapers in Arizona, and as publisher and president of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He is known not only for his professional leadership, but also for his civic engagement. He has faced the challenges of the news industry and provided steady and confident direction during a crucial time. He has a reputation for being deeply committed to the mission of a daily newspaper and the important role it plays in the community and in the democratic process. As an executive and manager, he is known for connecting with employees on a personal level and taking great interest in their professional success and family lives.

Beyond his work in news, Terry brought with him to Cleveland a long-standing commitment to civic involvement. He quickly integrated himself into the Greater Cleveland community, serving as an active member of several area boards including: the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Musical Arts Association, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. He is a member of the United Way of Greater Cleveland Board and served as the organization's board chairman from 2010 to 2012.

Terry and his wife of more than 24 years, Renuka, have three children and live in Bay Village, OH. I would like to congratulate Terry on his many contributions to the news industry and to the Plain Dealer and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Taiwan as their National Day of Celebration, October 10, 2012, approaches. This day commemorates the end of imperial rule in China.

Since that day more than 100 years ago, Taiwan has successfully transitioned to a democracy. Taiwan has peacefully transferred power between political parties and earlier this year held another free and fair Presidential election. As we know from our own American history and have seen in countries around the world this past year, achieving a democracy is no easy feat, and I commend all those who have helped Taiwan reach this point.

The United States and Taiwan continue to enjoy a close friendship, and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on the 101st anniversary of their National Day.

I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Jason Yuan, Representative of the ROC, Taiwan, to the United States, on his new post as Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Taiwan. I cherish the friendship with Ambassador Yuan and wish Ambassador and Madame Yuan the very best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO 2012 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST KAYLA HARRISON

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to a young woman from Marblehead, MA, who made us so proud during the 30th Olympiad. Like all our Olympians and Paralympians, judoka Kayla Harrison practiced for years, put in thousands of hours in training, sacrificed mightily and defeated countless competitors just to make Team USA.

At 6 years of age, Kayla's mother, herself a black belt, introduced Kayla to judo. Kayla excelled at the sport and by the time she was in her teens, was a two-time national champion. Yet, while this talented and dedicated athlete, still just a girl, was taking the judo world by storm, she was doing so while suffering in silence from the pain of sexual abuse.

If Kayla had never fought again or if she simply faded away, people would have understood. But with Wakefield coach Jimmy Pedro at her side, Kayla used martial arts to transcend the trauma, anger, and pain. Judo wasn't a way out, it was a way through. She went on to fight harder, and better, than ever. Watching Kayla compete, you get the sense that she is fighting at a whole different level. Kayla doesn't just defeat her opponents; she leaves them wondering why on Earth they ever fought her in the first place. Kayla would go on to win countless American and international competitions, all of which led to the 2012 London Olympic games.

In London, Kayla and countless others inspired our Nation. For the millions who themselves have suffered abuse, Kayla's gold medal was far more than a point of national pride, it was the most powerful reminder that there is hope. She reminded us that we can rise above any obstacle and that we don't have to be ruled, defined, or limited by the evil done to us. In the pursuit of a gold medal, Kayla taught us that we can be free.

Days before her first Olympic match, Kayla recorded a video in which she described each step she would take, from waking and eating breakfast on the morning of her first Olympic match, to her victory over her final competitor, and even predicting her tears of joy upon hearing our national anthem at her gold medal ceremony. Her commitment to her vision and her determination to see it through are a lesson in true perseverance.

We cannot understate the odds that Kayla faced in her chosen sport; no American man or woman had ever won an Olympic gold medal in Judo. Yet there is the enduring image of Kayla in London, overcome with emotion, standing at the highest point on the podium, hearing the notes of the "Star Spangled Banner." Kayla Harrison's immense courage, raw talent, and pursuit of an audacious dream inspire us all.

In closing I congratulate all our Olympians and Paralympians. In a time of uncertainty where there is so much focus on what separates and divides us, for a few weeks in late summer Kayla Harrison and her fellow athletes helped us come together as a nation and showed the world the best of America.

TRIBUTE TO 2012 UNITED STATES OLYMPIAN ALY RAISMAN

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, heading into the summer games, much of the focus was on the superstar athletes considered our best hope to bring home the gold. Certainly this was the case with Michael Phelps, LeBron James, and Sanya Richards-Ross, who seemed destined to secure gold medals for their teams. Yet, as is often the case, the Olympics produced upsets and triumphs and story lines that no one could predict. This is such a story.

Alexandra Raisman from Needham, MA, was the obvious choice for captain of the U.S. women's gymnastics team in the 30th Olympiad. She was coached by the best, the award-winning Mihai Brestyan, who, along with his wife Silvia, owns Brestyan's American Gymnastics Club in Burlington, MA, one of our country's top training facilities for gymnasts at all levels. Mihai also coached 2008 Olympic silver medalist and Winchester, MA native Alicia Sacramone.

Aly was calm under pressure, a solid performer, and could be counted on to consistently do exceptionally well. There seemed to be a peace about the

American gymnastics captain; watching her was a remarkable lesson in focus. "Reliable Raisman," as she was called, would be USA Gymnastics' foundation and, with the help of her teammates, would compete for individual gold medals and an elusive team gold against the world's best.

The day before the all-around team competition, Aly's teammate, the No. 1 gymnast on Earth in the individual all-around, fell. A team gold now hanging in the balance, her teammates covered their mouths and fought back tears as their coaches nervously paced. In a hushed arena, the cameras and the eyes of tens of millions of TV viewers turned to Reliable Raisman, who would now have to turn in the performance of a lifetime to secure gold for the American women.

Aly had in several previous competitions selected a modern rendition of "Hava Nagila," the popular Jewish folk song of celebration, as the music for her anything-but-routine floor exercises. Meaning "let's rejoice" in Hebrew, the song seemed a natural choice for this young woman, whose Jewish heritage is a central part of her life and family. After steady performances in the vault, beam, and uneven bars, the opening notes of "Hava Nagila" rang through the arena for her floor exercise. Before her routine, a TV commentator remarked that for Aly to secure the gold would require an "unreal" performance and a tumbling run that many thought "was not possible." Raisman exceeded expectations as she executed her tumbles and stuck her landing with a brilliant smile. This near-perfect floor routine solidified the first gymnastics all-around gold for American women since 1996.

A gold medal was also on the line as Aly again drew the world's attention to a 12-by-12 meter mat in London for the games' final gymnastic event. Raisman's floor routine came on the heels of a bronze medal in the individual balance beam competition providing her with a boost of confidence. A slow motion replay of her final tumbling run showed her tears of joy beginning before she stuck her final landing as she knew she would be the first American woman to win gold in the floor exercise.

In closing, Aly Raisman did more than win our Nation's first ever Olympic gold medal in the women's floor exercise, did more than deliver the first women's gymnastics team gold for American women in 16 years; Raisman is an inspiration for the youth of Massachusetts that with hard work and dedication to your craft, anything can be achieved.

Mr. President, I congratulate Aly on her historic gold medal and wish her all the best in the years ahead. And to all our Olympians and Paralympians, thank you for so ably representing our Nation in the 30th Olympiad.

RECOGNIZING ALASKANS OLYMPIANS

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize three outstanding Alaskans who won in the 2012 U.S. Olympics and Paralympics: Ms. Janay DeLouch who calls Eielson Air Force Base home, Ms. Shirley Reilly who hails from Barrow, and Mr. Seth McBride from Juneau. I am proud of their accomplishments and honored to recognize these three talented young adults.

First, I would like to recognize Ms. DeLouch who competed in the women's long jump and placed bronze in the 2012 Olympic Games. Her other career highlights include placing third place in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials and placing silver in the 2012 World Indoor Championships. She is also a two-time National indoor champion for 2011 and 2012 and has placed second in the 2011 USA Outdoor Championships.

Ms. Reilly competed in various events in track and field of the 2012 U.S. Paralympics. She placed gold in the women's marathon, silver in the women's 5000 m and bronze in women's 1500 m. An extraordinary and talented individual, Ms. Reilly's other career accomplishments include placing first in the 2012 Boston Marathon, LA Marathon and Bolder Boulder (10K). She is a previous 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor and she finished second in the 2011 Chicago Marathon. Ms. Reilly has been a Paralympics Games Competitor since 2004.

Mr. McBride placed bronze in the mixed wheelchair rugby event in the 2012 U.S. Paralympics. His previous Paralympics experience includes placing gold in the 2008 Paralympics Games. Mr. McBride has competed in a variety of different sporting events and has placed gold at the 2005 World Wheelchair Games, the 2006 North American Cup, the 2006 Canada Cup, the 2006 World Championships, the 2008 Canada Cup and the 2010 World Championships.

Once again, it is my privilege to recognize these individuals for their hard work, dedication and their medals. They make Alaska proud.

TRIBUTE TO 2012 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST PAIGE McPHERSON

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Paige McPherson of Sturgis, SD, who earned a bronze medal in Taekwondo at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England, this summer. Despite facing the popular British world champion in the first round of competition in London, Paige fought her way to the bronze medal in the women's 67-kilogram division. Paige possesses an outstanding record of success in Taekwondo, beginning at a young age and, most recently, as a silver medalist at the 2011 Pan American Games. She was also a successful member of the U.S. National Team in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Growing up in Sturgis, Paige pursued excellence in many areas. Paige is a

passionate dancer and an active member of her church, pursuits which, along with her family and friends, helped her accomplish the amazing feat of earning an Olympic medal. She graduated from Black Hills Classical Christian Academy in 2009, at which point she was already nationally recognized in Taekwondo, and went on to attend Miami-Dade College in Miami, FL. Some of her most notable awards include 2007 Outstanding Female Athlete at the Senior National Championships, 2008 Chris Canning Award of Excellence Winner, and 2009 Outstanding Female Athlete at the USAT National Championships.

Paige should be extremely proud of her remarkable accomplishments. I am more than happy to extend my congratulations on her Olympic medal and to offer congratulations on behalf of the State of South Dakota. We are extremely proud and wish her continued success in the years to come.

NATIONAL DAY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the people and leaders of Taiwan on their National Day on October 10. This is a day for celebration, a special day that recognizes the founding of the country 101 years ago.

I would like to highlight the economic success of Taiwan over the last century—a success that has rightly been called a "miracle" and resulted in a strong and dynamic economy. The United States and Taiwan have a long history of mutual trade and friendship that has promoted economic prosperity on both sides of the Pacific. I am particularly pleased that the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship has become even stronger in recent years.

I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Jason Yuan, Representative of the ROC (Taiwan) to the United States, on his new post as Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Taiwan. I cherish the friendship with Ambassador Yuan and wish Ambassador and Madame Yuan the very best of luck in the future.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on their success and thanking them for their continued efforts to work with the United States to foster a strong economic growth and cooperation. On this day of National Celebration, the people of both the United States and Taiwan have much to celebrate.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, this week I submitted two resolutions: The first recognizes September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month; the second designates the week of September 16 as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week" and honors the