

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

### HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China, which commemorates the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising on October 10, 1911, and led to the establishment of the Republic of China—more commonly known as Taiwan.

For decades, Taiwan has been a significant partner to the United States in regards to its security, economic, and political interests. Taiwan has acted as a model democracy in the Pacific region where the people of Taiwan enjoy self-governance with democratic elections. In addition to Taiwan's political contributions to the region, it is also a vital economy in the Pacific. Because of this, I believe Taiwan should be allowed to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership sooner rather than later.

Taiwan, however, is not only an economic player in the Pacific, it also plays an important role in the U.S. economy. In 2012, Taiwan was the 11th largest U.S. trading partner and it's the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. In light of this, I encourage the Administration to solidify a bilateral investment agreement with Taiwan, as it would boost both trade and investments for both parties.

As we go forward with this mutually beneficial partnership, it is important that we continue diplomatic visits to Taiwan; and, in return, we should invite Taiwan officials to the United States. By doing this we will see better understanding and respect between our countries.

## HONORING CRISTIANI EXCAVATING

### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, individuals and families benefit when businesses, big and small, are able to help communities maximize their economic potential. In Southern Indiana, Dan Cristiani is one outstanding example of a small business owner who harnesses the talent and work ethic of his employees to improve their community.

At just fifteen years old, Mr. Cristiani started his first business by cutting down timber and selling it as firewood. Today his company—Dan Cristiani Excavating—is a full service business that sells and rents heavy equipment, distributes topsoil and mulch, and offers waste disposal services for individuals and companies.

In addition to owning a thriving business, Mr. Cristiani has become a recognized community philanthropist. He is particularly in-

volved with Clark County 4-H, saying, "My dad was involved in Floyd County 4-H, and I guess I'm kind of a chip off the old block." In 2002, he started a consignment auction to help raise money for the organization. The annual event provides an opportunity for individuals and businesses to sell farm equipment that is no longer needed, typically generating between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for 4-H. Additionally, he donates money for 4-H project animals. There is no doubt that 4-H plays an essential role in educating children about the benefits of agriculture throughout Indiana's 9th District, and I appreciate that he is helping give children access to this wonderful organization.

Beyond his contributions to 4-H, Mr. Cristiani and his excavating company help provide many other services to Clark County, such as funds and equipment for a new baseball park. But perhaps his greatest impact is felt when the community is most in need. For example, in 2004 a tornado struck the north edge of Borden, Indiana, and he immediately sent his excavating equipment and crew to the affected area to begin cleanup. He did so under no pretense of being paid, and there was no guarantee of reimbursement for equipment use or staff salaries. Despite that, his team stayed in the area for weeks providing assistance to Hoosiers when they most needed it. As a result, Borden was back on its feet much more quickly than other towns impacted by the storm.

Dan Cristiani and Dan Cristiani Excavating are representative of the small businesses in which Hoosiers in Indiana's 9th District take pride. Their commitment and generosity prove that, whether big or small, businesses of any size can make a positive contribution to their community. I am proud to represent such sturdy Americans, and I am pleased to highlight their good works in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today in this installment of Indiana's 9th District Small Business Spotlight.

## RICHARD LUTHCKE RETIREMENT

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard Luthcke on his retirement from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department.

Mr. Luthcke served with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department for 23 years, retiring in February 2013. For 10 of those years, he was a detective in the homicide department, helping to find justice for murder victims and answers for their families and friends. Before working for the department, Mr. Luthcke served in the United States Navy for four years. Presently, he works for the Stroud Area Regional Police Department as a homicide detective on cold case murders in Monroe County.

Mr. Speaker, for 23 years Mr. Luthcke served to protect the Pocono Mountain com-

munity from danger and find justice for victims of homicide. Therefore, I commend Richard Luthcke on his retirement from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

## HONORING DENISE WEAR FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the enduring efforts of Mrs. Denise Wear on the occasion of the Chinese Newcomers Service Center Benefit on September 27, 2013 in San Francisco, California. For over 25 years, Denise Wear has devoted substantial time, talent, and resources to help raise funds and support for various community groups and she has coordinated many regional events for children and families.

Mrs. Wear has dedicated herself to many causes and organizations seeking to improve our communities including Friends of China Camp State Park, Bay Area Discovery Museum, and Asian Scholarship Fund. Through her efforts she has been instrumental in promoting the history of the early Chinese immigrants and appreciation of Chinese language and culture.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Mrs. Denise Wear for her long and impressive record of service to the Asian community in Marin County and to our entire Bay Area Community.

## IN RECOGNITION OF EDMUND REGALIA

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Edmund L. Regalia for his many years of service as Founding Director of the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Established in 1968 in memory of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial aid to graduating community college students from minority groups under-represented at California's four-year colleges and universities. Many award winning students have excelled academically but are faced with financial hardships.

Since its creation forty-five years ago, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund has raised well over \$3.5 million to help send more than 600 community college students from Contra Costa to four-year universities. None of this would be possible without Ed Regalia's

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dynamic leadership in the community and his unwavering commitment to students.

Recently Ed was named a "Hometown Hero" by our own Bay Area News Group-East Bay in partnership with Comcast Corporation specifically recognizing his work with Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund. For those of us who have known and worked with Ed these many years, the term Hometown Hero is certainly fitting. He and his wife, Gwen, have made a decided difference not only in the lives of the deserving students but through their community service and philanthropic work. Truly, they have touched the lives of all of us in Contra Costa County.

Please join me in congratulating Ed and Gwen Regalia for their dedication to our students and our community, and I commend my colleagues to read the following article recognizing their work:

[From the Contra Costa Times, Sept. 3, 2013]

HOMETOWN HERO: WALNUT CREEK ATTORNEY'S 40 YEARS OF HANDING OUT MINORITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

(By Matthias Gafni)

Shortly after Robert Kennedy was assassinated in June 1968 and months after Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed, a young Ed Regalia met with his Democratic Club in a friend's Walnut Creek backyard.

The idealistic young attorney, along with wife Gwen and others, thought of how they could honor the two men's contributions to society. They decided to create a scholarship fund for low-income, minority students in Contra Costa County. They consulted a black professor at Diablo Valley College, Regalia said.

"He set up a program that he recommended, and we followed his rules," Regalia said in a recent interview from his Walnut Creek home.

More than four decades later, the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund has helped send more than 600 Contra Costa community college students to four-year universities, raising more than \$3.5 million.

"We're very grateful," said Regalia, now 82, retired and recovering from a stroke five years ago.

The well-known attorney, whose wife served as Walnut Creek's mayor for many years, still sits on the fund's board. His work with minority students began even earlier, when he was a 16-year-old El Cerrito High student leading the Del Mar Hi-Y club. A district official wrote a letter to the teenage Regalia in 1948 about a recital, saying, "The spirit of your organization in being willing to agree to sponsor a colored boy before the public was, to me, far more important." It was a year after Jackie Robinson had broken the color barrier in baseball, his wife pointed out.

Regalia was born in El Cerrito; his father laid bricks for a living. Regalia attended nearby UC Berkeley while earning a scholarship from the Navy. He served three years during the latter part of the Korean War, leaving the military as a lieutenant before returning to Cal and graduating from Boalt Law School.

By 1964, Regalia joined Boalt classmates Harry Miller and Marvin Starr to form the Miller Starr Regalia law firm. Dealing almost exclusively in civil litigation, Regalia led the firm in real estate and business issues, representing title companies, banks, savings and loans, and other companies.

The father of four was involved in many major cases, litigating once for a woman whose house was damaged from a landslide. That case wound its way to the state Supreme Court and led to requirements to provide disclosures for homebuyers.

His work with the scholarship fund raised some eyebrows, with most thinking it would quickly fizzle out.

At the inaugural dinner, held June 14, 1969, in Concord, Regalia's group awarded \$2,000 scholarships each to the first two recipients. The organization spent months personally collecting pledges from various politicians and Contra Costa movers and shakers. U.S. Rep. George Miller's father, then a state senator, pulled a \$100 bill from his money clip when the couple approached him, Gwen Regalia said. The younger George Miller continues to raise \$8,000 each year to fund a scholarship, she added.

The fund has always reached across the political aisle. At the first dinner, the speakers included former Democratic U.S. Reps. Pete Stark and Jerome Waldie, and Republican State Sen. John Nejedly.

Over the years, more and more of the fund-raising came from corporations, enabling more students to get help. The fund requires low-income minority students to have spent two years at one of Contra Costa's three community colleges, and the scholarships help pay for their junior and senior years at four-year universities. Graduate school scholarships also are available.

Alameda County deputy district attorney Mark Jackson, who is black, received an undergraduate scholarship in 1988 as a Contra Costa College undergraduate, and it allowed him to finish his degree at San Francisco State. He won the scholarship again in 1991 as he tackled his law degree at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

As a college student, Jackson struggled to earn enough money to attend college.

"The scholarship was very helpful in enabling me, in conjunction with working two jobs and with my family's help, in graduating college without any student loan debt," Jackson said. "These students need every dollar they can get from this program."

Jackson, now 45, has since served on the scholarship's board and started a pre-law program at Contra Costa College.

"Whenever they finished and got a job, they were expected to devote their time in the community," said Gwen Regalia, who has served on the scholarship fund board, as well as 21 years on the Walnut Creek City Council and nine years on the Walnut Creek school district board.

In May, Ed Regalia's organization awarded scholarships to another 20 students who will attend undergraduate and graduate schools, including San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, Mills College, University of Alaska, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal State East Bay, Holy Names University and Samuel Merritt University.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker on rollcall No. 491, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE WEDDING OF  
ASHLEY SHILLINGSBURG AND  
MICHAEL ALDERFER

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Ashley Shillingsburg and Michael Alderfer. Having worked in my D.C. office for the last five years, Ashley is someone I have come to greatly respect and rely on. She is tirelessly committed to her job and commands a wide range of policy expertise. Ashley is an invaluable asset and a cornerstone of my D.C. operation.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of her upcoming wedding to Michael Alderfer on October 5, 2013 at Willow Creek Winery in our neighboring West Cape May, NJ. Michael Alderfer, while not a Philadelphian, is an accomplished young man with a bright future and, as of equal importance, an avid Eagles fan. Being married to an incredibly bright woman, one who challenges me every day in the best of ways for over 16 years, I am confident that Michael and Ashley will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantee a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize a person who has become such an integral part of my office. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Ashley and Michael on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Saturday, September 28, 2013. I was traveling back to DC from family obligations in La Crosse, and my flight was delayed due to fog in Detroit. Had I been present, I would have voted against H. Res. 361 (Roll No. 493).

RECOGNIZING 110 YEARS OF WORSHIP  
AT CALVIN UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Calvin United Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio as it celebrates 110 years of worship in the historic Birmingham neighborhood of Toledo's East Side. Worshipers will come together in a special celebration on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Toledo's Birmingham neighborhood was established and grew when Hungarian workers were relocated from Cleveland to Toledo to work in foundries. More and more Hungarian workers came to Toledo and the neighborhood