

Since his arrival in Colorado in 2001, Jack has served on the Board of Directors and as a chair for the Longs Peak Council. As the representative of Colorado's second congressional district, home to incredible geological structures such as The Flatirons, I am honored to recognize Jack for his vast contribution to this country and my district.

**SUPPORTING NATIONAL DAY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan); an important day which led to the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912.

Taiwan and the United States have been good friends and strong security and economic partners for many years. Both countries believe that Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law are critical to maintaining a flourishing society.

Taiwan 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.

Taiwan is a vital part of the Asian economy and an APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) member. I would like to see Taiwan joining the Trans Pacific Partnership as soon as possible. I encourage my colleagues to support Taiwan in their efforts to join the TPP.

**RECOGNIZING BETHANY CHRISTIAN
SERVICES OF WINTER GARDEN,
FLORIDA**

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize Bethany Christian Services of Winter Garden, Florida. Bethany Christian Services is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for orphans and vulnerable children.

Founded in 1944, Bethany Christian Services is the largest adoption agency in the United States serving in over a hundred offices in more than thirty states. Their mission is to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families worldwide. In striving toward a world where every child has a loving family and support system, Bethany Christian Services provides programs and services to families and vulnerable children of all ages including, adoption, foster care, refugee assistance, family support and preservation, sponsorships and counseling.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with Cheri Williams and Taniya Lall Jimenez from Bethany Christian Services of Winter Garden,

Florida. Their spirit of dedication, commitment and leadership to children and families is to be commended. Bethany Christian Services is a shining example of the fruits of selflessness demonstrated by those who devote themselves to our future generations by investing in lives of families and children in Central Florida. I was pleased to recognize and honor them with the 2013 Angels in Adoption award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

The community and families of Central Florida are blessed to have a prominent leader in social services such as Bethany Christian Services. I commend them for their compassion and services to children and families worldwide. May their investment in social services inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

**COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE FLORIDA SEA-
FOOD FESTIVAL**

HON. STEVE SOUTHERLAND II

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the people of Franklin County, Florida, who are celebrating the 50th annual Florida Seafood Festival, a two-day event that draws tens of thousands of visitors to the historic city of Apalachicola.

First held in 1914, the Florida Seafood Festival did not become an annual tradition until 1963. This non-profit, volunteer-driven event celebrates not only the finest seafood in America, but also the dedicated men and women of the seafood industry who serve as the backbone of Franklin County's economy and rich history.

This year's milestone celebration comes at a time of both economic and ecological hardship for Franklin County's oyster industry. However, with all challenges come new opportunities, and I am confident this close-knit community will persevere in the face of adversity as it has time and again.

In closing, I congratulate the people of Franklin County for hosting the 2013 Florida Seafood Festival and expect a tremendous turnout that reflects the support we all have for North Florida's seafood industry and the people of Franklin County.

**HONORING BISHOP THOMAS
LANIER HOYT, JR.**

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Bishop Thomas Lanier Hoyt, Jr., the 48th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church and presiding prelate of the seventh Episcopal district who recently passed away. While I am deeply saddened by his passing, I know his legacy will live through his message of faith and his dedication to his ministry.

Bishop Hoyt, a native son of Alabama, was installed as the senior CME bishop on June

30, 2010. His journey in leadership with the denomination began in 1994 when he was first elected to the Episcopacy. Throughout his tenure he took on countless leadership roles in the denomination. He pastored several CME churches in New York and North Carolina during the course of his career and until his death, Bishop Hoyt remained at the forefront of the CME church's efforts to change lives throughout the Nation.

Bishop Hoyt was also an accomplished theological scholar. He earned various degrees including a Ph.D. from Duke University and a Doctor of Divinity from Trinity College. Bishop Hoyt was a professor of theology for more than 25 years. His academic career included stints at the Interdenominational Theological Center, The School of Religion at Howard University and Hartford Seminary. His best known lectures were the Lyman Beecher Lectures at the Yale Divinity School in 1993.

Bishop Hoyt furthered his academic pursuits through extensive research and writing. He wrote and published more than 40 articles for professional journals and publications throughout his lifetime. He also co-authored and partnered with other scholars to publish various books including "Stony the Road we Trod: An African-American Biblical Interpretation."

As a result of his extraordinary accomplishments, Bishop Hoyt received numerous awards and honors which included a visit to Pope John Paul II with a delegation from the National Council of Churches. He also served as a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Porto Alegre, Brazil and as the CME representative at the World Council of Churches meeting on Faith and Order in Spain.

On behalf of my home state of Alabama, and a grateful Nation, I am honored to pay tribute to Bishop Hoyt. This extraordinary Man of God was indeed a good and faithful servant. His life was a perfect illustration of his passion for ministry and leadership. Through the years, he was guided by his faith and his commitment to the CME church and we are indeed grateful for all that he has left us. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Bishop Thomas Lanier Hoyt, Jr.

**HONORING THE LATE JOHN F.
KUFFNER, OHIO VETERANS HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE**

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony in Columbus next week to mark the induction of its 2013 class. I am honored to commend to the House one of these inductees: the late John F. "Jack" Kuffner of St. Marys, who served as an aerographer in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948.

An attorney for more than a half century, Mr. Kuffner served the people of Auglaize County as assistant prosecuting attorney and later as prosecuting attorney. He was subsequently elected to the Auglaize County Common Pleas Court, receiving the Ohio Supreme Court's Award for Superior Judicial Service. Judge Kuffner was past president of the Auglaize County Bar Association, an honorary

lifetime member of the Ohio State Bar Association, and a 50-year member of the American Bar Association.

Judge Kuffner's devotion to community service provides us with an outstanding model of civic participation. President of the local Jaycees and member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 767, he was a charter member of the St. Marys Kiwanis Club, founded in 1956. He received Mason of the Year honors in 2008 and was a 50-year member of Mercer Lodge No. 121. A life member of VFW Post 9289 and American Legion Post 323, he also held numerous offices through the years at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Marys.

Mr. Speaker, selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to no more than 20 Ohioans each year. To be considered for induction, individuals must not only serve the nation honorably in the military, but also reflect the high value of service to others in their post-military careers.

I am pleased to join in the accolades for Judge Jack Kuffner and his inestimable record of service as he is inducted posthumously into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the DeFazio/Blumenauer/Jackson Lee/Pingree/Edwards/Bonamici amendment to H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Our amendment would delay the so-called environmental streamlining provisions of the bill until the backlog of approved projects is meaningfully reduced. Environmental reviews are essential to the construction of better designed, more cost effective projects that meet important federal priorities like protecting public health and the environment. Unfortunately, the bill as written offers a false promise of expediting projects and reducing the backlog by paring back environmental reviews. The reality is that this will only lead to projects that damage the environment and ultimately cost more in the long run.

This WRRDA bill contains essential authorizations that will invest in our ports, waterways, and flood protection systems. The changes it makes to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund will benefit our nation's small ports and I am cautiously optimistic that we will soon be able to leverage all of the HMTF funds to the benefit of our ports both large and small. It also begins to reduce the project backlog by deauthorizing some older projects that have not yet begun. And even though I am disappointed in the environmental streamlining provisions of the underlying bill, it represents a bipartisan agreement that will keep us moving forward and allow House and Senate negotiators to bring this matter to a speedy resolution.

I urge my colleagues to support the DeFazio/Blumenauer/Jackson Lee/Pingree/Edwards/Bonamici amendment to improve this bill, and to support passage of H.R. 3080.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the City of Ridgecrest in my district.

Located in the southern portion of the Indian Wells Valley, Ridgecrest embodies what makes America exceptional—love of country, hard work, and dedication. The roots of Ridgecrest began much earlier than 1963, when the city was incorporated. In 1912, local dairymen James and Robert Crum established a small farming settlement named Crumville. As more farming families settled the Naval Ordnance Testing Station was created, the community continued to grow. By 1963, the town was officially incorporated as Ridgecrest and experienced exponential growth as the demand for expertise in the naval station's programs for weapons development increased during the Cold War. Today, the Naval Ordnance Test Station is now the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (NAWS) and home to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division.

Growing together with China Lake, the Ridgecrest community also grew, supporting the tireless mission of our nation's defense with zeal. One of the most patriotic communities in America, Ridgecrest remains dedicated to the defense of American ideals and helping members of the armed forces.

Ridgecrest boasts a rich historic and educational history. The city has many cultural and recreational activities, such as the Maturango Museum, the China Lake Naval Museum of Armament and Technology, and the Petroglyph Canyons. Boasting National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished Schools, Ridgecrest schools, served by the Sierra Sands Unified School District, consistently perform at the highest academic levels. Additionally, with the establishment of Cerro Coso Community College in 1973, Ridgecrest carries a statewide reputation for hosting one of the top community colleges in California, serving over 8,500 students.

Over half a century, Ridgecrest remains a California jewel, honoring and supporting America's great warfighter, and sharing in the success of one of the Navy's premier research, testing, development, and evaluation installations. Such success cannot be replicated without the hardworking people and the close-knit community that is unique to Ridgecrest. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and my friends in the Ridgecrest community as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation as a city in the great state of California.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTENING OF THE USS GERALD R. FORD, CVN 78

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the christening of the USS *Gerald R. Ford*, CVN 78, the first in a new class of supercarriers. The ship will be officially christened November 9th by the former President's only daughter, who is the ships sponsor, at Newport News Shipyard in Virginia.

It is a fitting tribute to the life and legacy of our 38th President that this new ship, which will be the most powerful warship to ever sail the seas, carries his name.

The USS *Gerald R. Ford* is over 1100 ft long, has a flight deck of approximately 4 acres, displaces 100,000 tons with a complement of 4,660 Sailors. It is a magnificent vessel which will serve the nation for the next 50 years; proudly carrying the name of our former President from my home state of Michigan.

As a former Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, I know that this upcoming ceremony will be a great day for our nation, this House where President Ford served for 25 years, our Navy, and the State of Michigan as a favorite son is afforded his rightful place in naval history.

The USS *Gerald R. Ford* is scheduled to enter active service to the Navy in 2015 after completion of construction by our friends the master shipbuilders in Newport News, VA.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Daughters of the Nile on its 100th anniversary and congratulate its members, in particular the more than 400 members of the Shimron Temple No. 133, Pensacola, Florida, on their years of service to Northwest Florida and communities throughout North America.

Founded in 1913 by Mabel Krows in Seattle, Washington, the Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for adult women related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, a Daughter of the Nile or a member in good standing of a Masonic organization for girls. On February 20, 1913, Mabel Krows invited wives of the Nile Temple to discuss creating a club modeled after the Zuhrah's Ladies in Minneapolis, of which Mrs. Krows' mother belonged, following the disbanding of the Daughters of Isis in Tacoma, Washington. The Ladies of the Nile expanded to include the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Nobles of any Masonic Temple, and the officers for the first Daughters of the Nile were elected on October 16, 1913. Over one hundred years after its founding, the Daughters of the Nile membership has grown to over 26,000 women in 139 cities throughout the United States and Canada.