

REMEMBERING TIANANMEN  
SQUARE'S MARTYRS FOR FREE-  
DOM AND DEMOCRACY

**HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the twenty-fourth anniversary of the massacre of unarmed civilian protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

1989 was a momentous year in human history. We saw a new birth of freedom in many nations that had suppressed their people for more than a generation.

That year, we also witnessed the People's Republic of China violently crush those who had the courage to stand up to their government. These protesters came from all walks of life. They were mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters. Many were students. They were united in their thirst for democracy and in their desire for the universal human freedoms of assembly and expression.

They were silenced because they dared to defy their government. However, no government can crush the universal aspiration of people to be free.

These protesters became martyrs in the cause for human rights and their thirst for freedom lives on in those who continue to struggle for human rights and dignity in China and around the world.

We will never forget the heroes of Tiananmen Square.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1989  
TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE

**HON. TIM HUELSKAMP**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, today marks the tragic anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre in China. On this day, 24 years ago, the Chinese government harshly cracked down on pro-democracy, freedom-seeking student protesters and murdered hundreds, possibly thousands of peaceful demonstrators. Simply put, these men and women demanded and deserved liberty and died striving for this basic human urge. This is why it is crucial that we rededicate ourselves to defending and protecting the Constitution upon which our great nation was formed. As long as we fight to uphold this inspired document, we protect human liberty; we defend freedom; we give life to people's dreams; we empower hardworking families and individuals. This is a sacred duty we must not take lightly—especially as we remember the brave victims of Tiananmen Square.

HONORING RABBI JUDITH LEWIS &  
OTTO KUCERA

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Judith S. Lewis became the rabbi of Riverdale Temple

in the summer of 2006, after celebrating her 25th year in the rabbinate in 2005. She was part of the first generation of women rabbis, becoming ordained at a time when there were fewer than a dozen women in the Reform rabbinate. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, where she was ordained in 1980. Her undergraduate degree was in Philosophy, from Oberlin College in Ohio.

Rabbi Lewis was born and raised in Rochester, New York where her extended family participated in every congregation of every denomination. A favorite recollection from childhood is the successive observance of Jewish holidays at each congregation. After services ended at her family's Reform synagogue, they would often go to join her grandparents in their Conservative congregation, and finally join aunts and uncles at the Orthodox synagogue to finish the celebration of the holiday.

Otto Kucera was born and raised in Astoria, Queens, above his family's funeral home. After graduating from American Academy McAllister Institute he joined the family business. Aside from several years in Boston, as a family owner of several independent funeral homes, he has been with Riverside Funeral Chapels and their associates for over 40 years.

The diversity and proximity of the Jewish population in Riverdale is both familiar and welcome to Rabbi Lewis who believes that a Reform congregation has a vital role to play in the ongoing creativity of modern Jewish life. As the oldest Jewish institution in Riverdale, this congregation has a rich and noteworthy heritage of involvement with the community which she looks forward to promoting and sustaining.

Otto and his wife, Isabell, had three children, Peter, Jennifer, and Veronica. Peter is a funeral director in Schenectady, New York. Jenny was a production manager for Penguin Publications after graduating from Rutgers University and married her husband Joel. They live in Massachusetts with their two children.

Rabbi Lewis introduced the Tot Shabbat, adult bnei mitzvah classes, and she and Otto conduct congregational trips to Israel. Her willingness to try new modes of worship and her spirit of experimentation are attracting new young families to the congregation.

Otto and Rabbi Lewis got to know each other outside of their respective professional roles 12 years ago, when introducing their son and daughter to each other. Instead, they married each other four years later.

I offer my congratulations to Rabbi Lewis and Otto for all they have accomplished for the Temple, both individually and together. They are an example of all that can be done when working together.

HONORING FRANK CRUMP, JR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decorous and determined man Mr. Frank Crump, Jr., who has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Mr. Crump, a resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi was born on May 26, 1927 to Frank Crump, Sr. and Angeline Turner Crump.

In 1941 Mr. Crump enlisted in the United States Navy where he attended Ships Cook School and Airplane Mechanics. After being honorably discharged from the United States Navy, he graduated from Alcorn State University in 1951 with a Bachelors Degree and in 1978 he earned a Masters Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

During the summer of 1964; Mr. Crump was instrumental in coordinating the Vicksburg Citizens' Appeal, a newspaper aimed at publicizing news events involving black's worldwide and social events happening in the black community. He also played an intricate role in Freedom Summer, whose mission was to register black voters and initiate a slow sunset for Jim Crow laws.

Mr. Crump has held various positions in education. He was: the Building Grounds Clerk and Mathematics and Physical Science Instructor at Alcorn from 1950–1952; from 1952–1958, while in Chicago, Illinois he worked as postal clerk, aircraft assembler for Ford Motor Company, bus driver and instructor for the Chicago Transit Authority. After returning to Mississippi he worked as a Mathematics Instructor at Mixon Junior High, Utica, MS; Mathematics, Drafting and Physics Instructor at Temple High School, Vicksburg, MS; and Mathematics Instructor at Tallulah High School, Tallulah, LA. Also Mr. Crump served in several capacities at Hinds Community College, Utica Campus including Mathematics Instructor, Vocational-Technical Administrator and Dean of Vocational-Technical Education.

Mr. Frank Crump, Jr. is the recipient of several accolades including: Recognition for Military Services during the Period of the Cold War; Instructor of the Year and Christian Leadership Award through Music to name a few. Similarly, he is a member of several social and civic organizations.

Mr. Crump is married to Orelia Peterson Crump and to that union they had four children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Frank Crump, Jr. for his unwavering dedication to education and social equality.

RECOGNIZING THE ORGANIZATION  
OF KOREAN AMERICAN WOMEN  
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Organization of Korean American Women (OKAW) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Nearly 1 out of every 4 of the residents in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia is foreign born. Asian Americans comprise the largest ethnic group, including a large Korean American community. The transition to a new home country can be daunting; adapting to different customs and learning a new language are only two of the challenges that face every immigrant. OKAW has distinguished itself

through its services to assist those adapting to their new home so they can become full participants in our American society.

OKAW also supports The House of Hope and the Artemis Shelter which serve the needs of the most vulnerable immigrants—women who are struggling with poverty or are victims of domestic violence, abuse, or persecution. These organizations provide women with financial support, shelter, and legal assistance so they can gain the skills necessary to overcome language and cultural barriers and become self-sufficient.

These efforts are truly commendable, but as activists and humanitarians, OKAW has again expanded its reach to address another need—support of our wounded warriors and their families. The upcoming anniversary gala will include a special tribute to veterans of the Korean War. In addition, OKAW will make a special contribution of \$20,000 to two organizations which provide assistance to our wounded warriors and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Organization of Korean American Women on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and in commending OKAW for its decades of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MEDAL OF MERIT AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic acts of Christopher Mayhew who was recently awarded the Medal of Merit by the Boy Scouts of America for providing first aid to the victim of a car accident. A Medal of Merit, is presented for an outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional nature that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well being of others. Since it was instituted in 1946, just 6,229 have been awarded.

Christopher, who joined Troop 1131 in 2008, is currently a Life Scout and has been a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was 15 at the time of the incident.

On July 27, 2012, Christopher and his family were returning from Virginia Beach. Suddenly, a car in front of them swerved and went off the road, flipping over as it went down an embankment. Christopher immediately directed his mother to stop the car to help.

He jumped out of the car, asked his mother to dial 911 and ran down the hill to the wrecked car, which was barely visible from the road. The car had landed on its wheels and the driver and passenger were able to get out of the car. The driver had numerous cuts from broken glass, some deep, on his arms, face and head. Christopher ran back to his own car and retrieved the only first aid supplies he could find—paper napkins and a bottle of water—and ran back down to help clean up the driver's cuts and apply pressure to one deep cut to slow the bleeding. He continued to provide first aid until the rescue squad arrived. For his actions Christopher received a letter of Commendation from the Chief of the James City County Volunteer Fire Department, whose EMT unit was the one on the scene.

The Boy Scouts' Medal of Merit awards nomination process is a long and involved one. To determine if an action is worthy of special recognition, witnesses to the event must first contact the Unit Leader. The Unit Leader gathers facts and documentation to make a determination if the event warrants further attention. If so, he submits the information to an Area Council.

If the Awards Committee at the Area Council decides the nomination is worthy of consideration, it conducts face-to-face interviews of the Scout and witnesses. The Awards Committee may then submit the nomination to the National Scout Headquarters in Irving, Texas. The nomination is then reviewed at the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and if approved, the National Court of Honor makes the award. In 2012, just 126 Scouts earned the Medal of Merit.

Christopher's heroic actions exemplify the Scout motto: Be Prepared! The founder of the Boy Scouts in England, Robert Baden-Powell explained that to Be Prepared "means you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty." Christopher was prepared through his training to provide first aid, but technical skills alone could not have prepared him for the situation he confronted that day. More importantly, he was prepared mentally to react immediately and had the fortitude to risk his own safety in order to help others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Christopher Mayhew of Fairfax County, Virginia, for the remarkable bravery and skill he demonstrated in this harrowing situation and in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor. I also thank the Boy Scouts for continuing to teach young men to be prepared to serve others in need.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX EQUITY ACT OF 2013

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, since California first passed a medical marijuana initiative in 1996, 19 states and the District of Columbia have approved medical marijuana programs. In addition, voters in Washington and Colorado recently voted to allow the sale and use of recreational marijuana. Yet any business associated with these expanding industries faces a legal gray area between federal and state law. While states have expanded legal economic opportunities, federal drug, tax, and banking laws continue to limit these emerging small businesses.

It's long been recognized that marijuana has therapeutic values. People use it to deal with chronic paralyzing pain, the nausea associated with chemotherapy, the symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis and more and more of our veterans now use it to help with PTSD. At least one million people now receive legal medical marijuana treatment.

What, however, remains illegal is for the thousands of legitimate businesses providing a legal product to treat their business expenses like every other business and deduct them from their operating income.

Decades ago, a drug dealer claimed the cost of his yacht and weapons as legitimate

business expenses. Congress responded by making expenses associated with a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance ineligible for deduction. This change has since ensnared the thousands of legitimate marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law, who are now paying a federal income tax double or triple the effective tax rate of most businesses. These businesses cannot claim the work opportunity tax credit if they hire a veteran. They cannot depreciate their American-made irrigation equipment. The deductions that any other business could take for the construction or operating costs of their facilities are unavailable to them.

This is why I am introducing the Small Business Tax Equity Act, bipartisan legislation to allow marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law to deduct their legitimate expenses. It will only have effect in states which have legalized aspects of marijuana use.

Legal businesses in America are taxed on their income, not on their gross revenues, except for the otherwise legal operation of marijuana businesses. Our failure to update federal tax law forces these businesses to discontinue an important service, or to drive it underground, which encourages evasion. This bill conforms federal tax law to state law and ensures the fair treatment of a legal industry.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST ANNUAL GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "ABOVE AND BEYOND" AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding group of first responders and public safety officers who have been honored with the First Annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce "Above and Beyond" Award.

These awards honor Fairfax County Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies who give back to the Greater Springfield area by providing service to the community outside their normal duties.

In addition to the immeasurable contributions made every day in the line of duty, these men and women have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary efforts in the community, which largely go unseen. They willingly volunteer their personal time, energies, and support to activities for the betterment of our children, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

It is my honor to enter the names of the following individuals into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Captain II Fred Brandell, who is assigned to Company 5 at the Franconia Fire Station, has led his crew to become one the nation's top fundraising fire stations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and also in serving at the Central Virginia Burn Camp, where young people who have suffered a traumatic burn can have fun like every other kid.

Detective Monica Meeks of the Fairfax County Police Department's Franconia Station is passionate about victims' rights and the prevention of domestic violence. She lectures at