

TRA, helped codify our pledge to the people of Taiwan and serves as a reminder that the continued support and strengthening of U.S.-Taiwan relations aids our mutual interests and shared values.

Over the last few decades, Taiwan has emerged as a global leader in innovative technology and the heart of Asia's IT and Knowledge Economy sectors. Through the implementation of sound free-market policies and promotion of democratic ideals, we have seen a small agrarian economy transform itself into a growing global leader in the technology sector. Taiwan is now the world's second largest producer of ICT goods, and companies like Acer and HTC are now household names.

Our mutually beneficial cooperation and exchange with Taiwan has helped dozens of American companies meet their ever-growing demand for equipment and expertise. The partnerships between American and Taiwanese innovators and job creators ensured a virtuous cycle of economic development in Taiwan and lower costs for American consumers.

The U.S. should welcome Taiwanese participation in efforts to advance regional economic integration, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership. Taiwan is one of the region's most dynamic economies and its entry into the TPP will substantially expand the market encompassed by the agreement. Additionally, Taiwan's recent experience transitioning from a developing, domestically focused economy to a globally integrated economy will be invaluable as TPP partners make difficult choices and reforms to comply with higher standards set by TPP.

As a longstanding friend of Taiwan, I am proud to voice my support for this resolution today. Few could have foreseen the political and economic progress that Taiwan has undergone since 1979. Our commitment to broadening and deepening our commercial and investment linkages with Taiwan will ensure that the spirit of the TRA endures and contributes to mutual prosperity on both sides of the Pacific.

A TRIBUTE TO BRENDA LEVIN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Levin of Los Angeles, upon receiving the 2014 Rose Award from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The Rose Award is being given to Ms. Levin for her extraordinary contributions to the quality of life in Los Angeles.

Ms. Levin received her education in graphic design at Carnegie Mellon and New York Universities and in architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Born in New York, Ms. Levin moved to Los Angeles in 1976 and worked for architect John Lautner for two years. Ms. Levin's first project in Los Angeles with the firm Group Arcon was renovation of the James Oviatt building. She then established her own architecture and urban planning firm, Levin & Associates Architects, in Los Angeles in the year 1980.

In the 1980s, Ms. Levin connected with the urban revitalization pioneers, who successfully

revived segments of the city that had been disregarded. Ms. Levin is known for revitalizing Los Angeles's urban, historic, and cultural forum and pioneering in the preservation of significant historical landmarks. Noteworthy examples of her historic preservation and adaptive re-use work on Los Angeles's most valued icons include: the Bradbury Building, Grand Central Market, Wiltern Theater, Los Angeles City Hall, and Griffith Observatory.

Ms. Levin's portfolio also incorporates designing new institutional, commercial, and multi-family housing facilities. In addition, she has been involved in the design of cultural buildings such as: The Boone Gallery at the Huntington Library, National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, the Autry National Center and Southwest Museums. More recent projects include Dodger Stadium, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the Hercules Campus at Playa Vista, and Los Angeles County's Ford Amphitheatre.

Ms. Levin's exceptional work has been recognized with numerous awards. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the AIA/Los Angeles selected her recipient of the 2010 Gold Metal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual. A significant virtue of Ms. Levin's work has been the preservation of historical sites for generations to come.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Brenda Levin for her exemplary service and commitment to the Los Angeles community.

TRIBUTE TO JASON KIESAU

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Jason Kiesau of Merit Resources in Urbandale, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jason in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Kiesau for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Jason on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AT THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is critical that we continue to improve access for women and minorities to jobs and contract opportunities in the field of transportation.

As the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials I am introducing legislation today establishing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program at the Federal Railroad Administration so that women and minority owned businesses will be guaranteed participation in any new passenger and high speed rail initiatives.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has been the leader in ensuring minority and women owned participation in transportation projects, advocating for a reasonable 10% set aside for businesses that often struggle to compete on an uneven playing field with larger firms. Currently, each of the other modes of transportation have a successful DBE program, and it is critical that the Federal Railroad Administration develop a program for these same businesses.

The Congressional Black Caucus has made strengthening Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs at the Department of Transportation a top priority, and will continue to push to ensure that these worthy goals are being met.

This legislation will keep the American Dream alive for many women and minority owned companies and I encourage its swift passage and implementation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the men and women of Luzerne County Emergency Responders and Public Safety Telecommunicators, who on April 12, 2014 will hold a Public Safety Open House to celebrate National County Government Month and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to saving lives and protecting homes. The safety and success of our police officers and firefighters depends upon the quality and accuracy of information provided through the Luzerne County 911 communications center.

Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. They serve as the

vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them with essential situation information, and insuring their safety. Public Safety Telecommunicators of Luzerne County 911 play a substantial role in fighting crime, suppressing fires, and ensuring patients receive necessary and timely treatment. These dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism in performing this crucial public service.

I am honored to recognize these exceptional men and women for their distinguished service to their fellow citizens. Their diligence and professionalism keeps our community and our loved ones safe, and I thank them for all their work to protect Luzerne County.

HONORING THE GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the extraordinary accomplishments of the Grandview C-4 School District located in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. The contributions this institution has made to the community are beyond measure. And more importantly, to celebrate the positive differences made by the talented, dedicated, and hard-working people who are now, and have been in years past, a part of this school system.

In an April 9, 1914, election, Grandview, High Grove, Maple Ridge, and Mastin school districts were consolidated into the Grandview School District. In the early 1950s, two more school districts, including Martin City, became part of Consolidated School District No. 4 or Grandview C14 School District.

Through the years, district enrollment has grown from 523 students in 1948, to its current enrollment of more than 4,200 students. In 2013-2014, the district had the highest percentage increase in enrollment of any school on the Missouri side of the Kansas City area. The district has one high school, one middle school, one K-8 school, four elementary schools, an early childhood center and an alternative school.

In 2013, the Grandview C-4 School District was recognized as one of the top performing districts in the state, according to final Annual Performance Report (APR) data released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Grandview C-4 School District earned "Accredited with Distinction" status based on the current fifth cycle Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5) scoring guide, with a district-wide score of 93.6 percent.

On April 9th the district will recognize its 100th anniversary. Historic photos spanning the district's 100 year history will be displayed at several public places throughout the Grandview and South Kansas City area. More celebrations are planned throughout the year—all of them richly deserved.

For 100 years, the Grandview C-4 School District has been the fabric of the community. Considering the challenges many of our families face, many parents take pride in the education their children get from the C-4. Many of

these same parents, who now send their children to C-4, were themselves students at C-4 in the past, as their parents were as well. They demonstrate this pride not just year after year, but generation after generation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Grandview C-4 School District today. Grandview is a top-tier school district, comparable to the most elite of districts. We have a glorious past and look forward to an exciting future.

HONORING SPENCER DAUGHERTY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Spencer Daugherty. Spencer is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Spencer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Spencer has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Spencer has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Spencer installed landscaping for the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, Missouri, which provides equine activities for people with special needs of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Spencer Daugherty for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

VISITORS FROM THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHISHMAREF, ALASKA COME TO CONGRESS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I recently had two very special visitors come to my office from the Native Village of Shishmaref, Alaska. Mr. Johnson Eningowk and Richard Kuzuguk made the long journey from Alaska to Washington, DC to educate and inform Members of Congress about the real life challenges to their families and community from climate change, as well as the endless pressure of oil companies seeking offshore oil production.

Living on an island in the Chukchi Sea that is three miles long and one-half mile wide, Mr. Eningowk and Mr. Kuzuguk want to continue to practice their traditional way of life—fishing, hunting, gathering and sustaining a healthy relationship with the natural resources they have traditionally depended upon for generations. They want to share this way of life with their community's children and future generations.

Unfortunately, the effects of climate change are changing their traditional way of life, including raising real concerns about whether their home will survive erosion and a rising

sea. Oil companies are pressuring for more leasing opportunities and a greater presence both on land and in the coastal waters of Alaska. Both climate change and oil exploration have the potential to devastate Native Alaskan fishing and hunting grounds.

It takes courage for two men to travel far from home to tell their story and ask for help. I want to thank Mr. Eningowk and Mr. Kuzuguk for coming to Washington and telling Congress their story. Native Alaskans have a voice that must be heard as Congress debates issues that will directly affect their lives, livelihoods, and future generations.

The members of the Native Village of Shishmaref Council passed a resolution last year that I would like to submit. Their call for a moratorium on new oil and gas leases in the Arctic Ocean should be heeded. Congress and the Executive Branch need to consult and dialogue directly with Native Alaskans as these policies are being discussed and decided. The future of their way of life is at stake.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN TO MAINTAIN ITS BIODIVERSITY FOR THE FOOD SECURITY, TRIBAL HEALTH, AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, RESOLUTION NO. 13-05

Whereas, Alaska's indigenous people are inextricably linked to the land and sea, depending on the natural world for our food security, community well-being, and cultural identity;

Whereas, the Arctic Ocean and surrounding ecosystem have sustained Arctic indigenous peoples for thousands of years;

Whereas, The Arctic Ocean has been recognized through science and traditional knowledge as one of the most biologically important places on Earth;

Whereas, the Arctic Ocean is home to whales, seals, walrus, and other migratory animals that many Alaskan Tribes depend on for their food security;

Whereas, many animals and fish that Tribes across Alaska depend on for their food security migrate to and from the Arctic each year;

Whereas, many Tribes along the Arctic coast continue to share and trade traditional foods from the Arctic Ocean with other indigenous communities;

Whereas, food security is a basic human right recognized by the United Nations and affirmed by the United States in the International Covenant of Civil and Political rights;

Whereas, climate change is causing severe coastal erosion, loss of sea ice, ocean acidification, and changes to the migratory animals we depend on for our food security;

Whereas, the loss of sea ice and other impacts from climate change are having an impact on our ability to hunt and provide for our families;

Whereas, increased shipping and vessel traffic through Arctic waterways, and the threat of offshore drilling and exploration, puts additional impacts on the ocean and coastal communities;

Whereas, the United States government and other Arctic Nations are moving forward with plans to make further develop the Arctic Ocean;

Whereas, Alaska's indigenous Tribes must stand together to support a vision for the Arctic that protects our way of life and puts our people first;

Whereas, Tribes must be at the forefront of planning for the future of the Arctic ecosystem;

Whereas, the traditional knowledge and wisdom of the elders, passed down through