

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAUTAUQUA GOLF CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chautauqua Golf Club on its 100th anniversary. This historic venue, located in beautiful Chautauqua, New York, hosted its first round of golf on July 18, 1914.

Over the past 100 years, Chautauqua Golf Club has hosted legendary golfers including Ben Hogan, Walter Hagen, Sam Snead, and Jack Cawsey. The Club's courses have been enjoyed by countless celebrities and dignitaries, including former President Bill Clinton. Each of these individuals has experienced the superior design and character offered by the two four-star courses designed by famous golf architect Donald Ross.

The Club has hosted numerous tournaments throughout its history. Since 2000, it has partnered with Jamestown Community College to host the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's Division III National Championship. In addition, an annual Professional-Amateur Tournament to benefit the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is held at the Club.

Chautauqua Golf Club recently opened the Golf Learning Center, a teaching and practice facility that serves golfers of all ages and skill levels. The center focuses on teaching strategies, improving skills, and fostering an appreciation for the finer points of the game. This center, which is ideal for families, school teams, and community groups, intends to make the game of golf accessible to everyone.

I once again commend Chautauqua Golf Club on its 100th anniversary. I am proud to recognize this remarkable accomplishment and the great contributions the Club has made, and will continue to make, to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 22nd anniversary of the Taiwanese American Cultural Festival that will be held on May 10, 2014 in San Francisco. The festival brings together an estimated 8,000 people from all over the world to enjoy delicious Taiwanese food, be entertained by world-renowned Taiwanese American performers and to experience the vibrancy of Taiwanese culture.

The festival highlights the national celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week during the month of May, as proclaimed by former President Bill Clinton in 1993. Since its inception, it has grown into a landmark event for the Bay Area recognizing the contributions of Taiwanese Americans.

Taiwanese Americans are firmly woven into the fabric of our community and serve our

country on all levels of government, from being members of the President's Cabinet, to highly respected business leaders and locally-elected officials. Scholars and leaders such as former U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California Goodwin Liu, Academy-Award winning director Ang Lee, co-founder of Yahoo Jerry Yang, and Jeremy Lin who became the first Taiwanese-American in the NBA, have all made lasting contributions to our society and share the spirit of the Asian American Pacific Islander culture.

The Taiwanese American population has grown significantly since the 1970s and brought large numbers of physicians, health professionals, scientists and professors to the United States. In the late 80s and 90s, the Silicon Valley tech boom drew even more Taiwanese immigrants. Of the between 500,000 to one million Taiwanese Americans living in the United States, 49% live in California, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

As the representative of one of the largest Asian American populations in the country, I've experienced first-hand the warmth, generosity and inclusiveness of the AAPI community. Every year, the Taiwanese American Cultural Festival enhances social interactions and cultural exchanges and strengthens the partnership between the United States and Taiwan.

The festival is entirely organized, run, and funded by volunteers and non-profit organizations, in particular the Taiwanese American Professionals—San Francisco (TAP-SF) and the Taiwanese American Federation of Northern California (TAFNC).

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me in honor of the 2014 Taiwanese American Cultural Festival. May it continue to bring joy and cultural enrichment to our community for decades to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES GOODSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Goodson, a veteran who served in the United States Air Force during World War II.

A recipient of the military's second-highest honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, James Goodson was also one of the first Americans to fly a low-level strafing sortie over France and Belgium in 1942. Mr. Goodson, who flew in one of three "Eagle" Squadrons, was among the first American volunteers to serve in the British Royal Air Force. In 1942, these RAF units that consisted of American pilots were incorporated into the 4th Fighter Group of the U.S. Army Air Forces. During his career as an Eagle squadron pilot, Goodson recorded two enemy kills. Mr. Goodson has also been recognized for his brave service with the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and several other military honors. A resident of the town of Duxbury when he passed away on May 1, 2014, James Goodson will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor James Goodson upon his death and distinguished

military career during World War II. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his life and his service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAMARITAN HOUSE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the staff and volunteers of Samaritan House in San Mateo, California, who for 40 years have given shelter and dignity to individuals and families in need.

Samaritan House is a haven and lifeline for more than 12,000 members of our community, providing shelter, food, clothing, health care, worker resources and counseling services for low income families. Today, the dedicated staff of 77 and over 2,000 volunteers serve 145,000 meals a year, serve 10,000 people a year at two clinics, counsel 500 people a month and have 90 shelter beds to house the homeless.

In 1974, Samaritan House was created by Cora Clemons, a public health nurse, in partnership with the city of San Mateo. It was a referral agency for people with basic social services. In 1985 John Kelly, a Catholic priest for 25 years, became the executive director and earned the nickname "Father of Samaritan House." Under his leadership for 14 years, the agency was transformed and vastly expanded. It merged with the Hospitality Family Kitchen, which had been established by concerned citizens a year before, and started providing direct services, including food, clothing and a new Thanksgiving program. Shortly after that, the food pantry opened and then Samaritan House moved into two mobile units on Humboldt Street in San Mateo. With the expansion, Samaritan House was able to help more people and also grew its number of volunteers. In 1989, it hosted its first Volunteer Community Recognition event.

In 1990, San Mateo High School students helped propel the food program to its next level by launching the annual food drive. With the food program well established, Samaritan House focused on expanding its services to include medical care. The Free Medical Clinic opened in a few rooms at Samaritan House in 1992. In 1998, the Breast Care program was created and in 2001, the second Free Medical Clinic opened on 5th Avenue in Redwood City. In 2004, the first Free Medical Clinic moved to a new facility on West 39th Avenue in San Mateo.

Samaritan House started offering services to the homeless in 1987. In 2000 it opened Safe Harbor Shelter on property next to San Francisco International Airport. The facility was renovated six years later and now offers 90 emergency shelter beds.

In 2009, Samaritan House moved into its current home on Pacific Boulevard. The facility has a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen and food pantry, clothing distribution center, case management and counseling services and administrative services. It's a magnificent home for an organization doing magnificent work.

All of the services at Samaritan House are free, but clients are held accountable and

have to demonstrate that they are making progress in finding jobs, housing and becoming self-sufficient. While there are emergency assistance programs to help families in crises, the ultimate goal is to help them to help themselves by empowering them with financial education, asset building, income tax assistance, enrollment in benefit programs, and counseling.

From 2001 to 2013 Kitty Lopez led Samaritan House as its executive director. Always with a smile on her face, she placed Samari-

tan House on a solid footing, expanded its efforts to help those in need and kept operations orderly and safe. In June, Bart Charlow will take the reins as the new CEO and will continue the legacy of this outstanding non-profit organization. The success of Samaritan House is also due to the superb guidance of the board of directors: Board President Patricia Hsiu, Jay Strauss, Mollie Marshall, Timothy K. Roake, Ralph Armeio, Todd Barrett, Maude N. Brezinski, Lucretia-del J. Broussard, Joan Cassman, Nisha Chaudry, Richard L. Davis,

William S. Freeman, Robert Grassilli, Natasha Lopez-Gomez, J. Frank McCabe, Alex Moldanado, Allison Nuschy-Lenat, Judi Powell, Carl A. Serrato, Jason Ting, Trisha Vicario and James Whitehead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 40th anniversary of Samaritan House in San Mateo, California, an institution that has lifted up thousands of residents and put them on a path to hope, independence and productivity.