

teach and work as a school administrator. Upon her move to California in the 1980s, she began to work with the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, where she worked in the Bureau of Jewish Education for over 13 years.

Yael was an avid reader, spoke multiple languages, and embraced adventure by traveling the world and constantly taking on new challenges. She is survived by her husband, Rabbi Dr. Levi Galperin, her son, L.A. City Controller Ron Galperin, her daughter Leora Krygeir, her sons-in-law, David Krygier and Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, and her grandchildren, whom I hope take comfort in the way Yael lived her life as an accomplished and astounding woman. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, for sixty-two years the United States and Taiwan have built and maintained a close relationship that has been of mutual political, economic, cultural and strategic benefit.

April 10th of this year marked the 36th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which ensured that the United States would have continued commercial and cultural relations with Taiwan. Even though the Taiwan Relations Act is only 36 years old, Taiwan has been a friend and ally to the United States for much longer. Since the signing of the TRA in 1979, Taiwan has become a beacon of democracy in a part of the world where free elections are uncommon and many people are denied their basic freedoms.

Taiwan has also developed into an economic powerhouse over the last three decades. Their economy is robust and Taiwan has become one of the largest and most invaluable trading partners for the United States.

I want to thank the Taiwanese people for their continued friendship and support. It is my hope that the United States and Taiwan will continue to work together to promote enduring peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

RECOGNIZING MILWAUKEE JOB CORPS ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Job Corps Program. Established in 1964, it was one of the central initiatives of President Johnson's War on Poverty and modeled after President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Initiative called the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC employed thousands of people during the Great Depression to help rebuild our country's infrastructure.

This is certainly a milestone year for the Job Corps Program nationally. I am honored, as an elected official, to have had a role in bringing this worthwhile program to the 4th Con-

gressional District of Wisconsin. Job Corps assists low-income student ages 16 to 24 improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training. Because of its emphasis on providing academic and "hands on" training, graduates of Job Corps' program are assured the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life.

The Milwaukee Center is just one of 125 Job Centers nationally serving 60,000 students each year. Since its inception, Job Corps has served more than three million young people. The benefits of this no cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor are both tremendous and life changing. Over 80 percent of the Job Corps graduates obtain jobs, enroll in higher education or enter the military. In fact, Job Corps is the nation's largest and most successful residential training program.

In addition to the direct services provided to participants, Job Corps impacts the local communities in which they are sited with economic benefits. 228 local jobs are directly or indirectly supported by the average Job Corps campus each year and \$1.91 in local economic activity is generated by each dollar invested in Job Corps.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply proud of Job Corps success over the past 50 years. I commend them for their work and dedication to our nation's at-risk, jobless and disenfranchised youth. I will continue to lend my support to the Job Corps mission of teaching eligible young people the skills they need to become employable or further their education. Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of Job Corps and continued success in the 4th Congressional District and around the country.

CONGRATULATING A SAFE PLACE ON ITS NEW MUNDELEIN FACILITY

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted or beaten in the United States, and one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her lifetime. The statistics are, quite simply, alarming.

I want to recognize an organization in our district working to combat the very real and disturbing violence behind these statistics. A Safe Place of Lake County transforms the lives of victims of domestic violence by providing counseling, shelter, support groups, training, legal support and outreach to prevent further abuse. Its goal is to encourage a whole community to break the cycle of violence through education and speaking out against destructive behavior.

A Safe Place transforms hundreds of families by giving them the opportunity to receive the help they need and a chance to start a new chapter in their lives. I stand with A Safe Place because everyone deserves a safe and healthy life.

RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS OF THE SMOLENSK AIR CRASH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those who died 5 years ago in the tragic Smolensk air crash. On the morning of April 10th, 2010, Polish Air Force One went down at Smolenski North Military Airfield in Western Russia, killing 96 passengers. Among the passengers onboard the flight were Poland's President Lech Kaczynski, First Lady Maria Kaczynska, political and military officials, and civilian families.

That day, Polish Air Force One was headed to an event marking the 70th Anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Polish prisoners of war by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Secret Police, known as the Katyn Forest Massacre. Now, on this day, we not only remember those who died 70 years ago, but also those who tragically lost their lives just 5 years ago. I pray for the families of those who lost loved ones, and pray for a strengthened and united Poland in years to come.

In recognition of the 5th Anniversary of the Smolensk Disaster, Polish community members in my district, and the surrounding area, will gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown to honor those who lost their lives. I join them in marking this important date with reflection and prayer.

Today, Poland remains one of America's strongest allies, with mutual interests advancing the causes of liberty and freedom at home and around the world. We must continue to have a strong United States—Poland relationship in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF RITZ THEATER COMPANY'S 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ritz Theater Company's 30th anniversary. For thirty years, the Ritz Theater has provided Haddon Township and New Jersey with unprecedented cultural experiences.

Since 1986, the Ritz Theater Company has made renovation, restoration, and preservation of their historic building a major priority. Now with their 30th anniversary approaching, the theater company has begun construction of their set for the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "A Streetcar Named Desire" from 1947. This ambitious undertaking is just an example of the quality events the theater company has provided to the community for three decades.

The Ritz Theater Company has received ample support from the community over the years. For example, local volunteers spent three weeks constructing the "Streetcar" set and two weeks installing it. This kind of community support maintains the vital bond between the theater and its audience.

The Ritz Theater Company acknowledges the importance of community involvement for a growing, local theater and each season, the

theater adds an assortment of student productions, concerts and films. During the off season, the Ritz holds a summer program for youth performers, providing scholarships to students in the Haddon Township community. To mark their 30th anniversary, the Ritz Theater Company will expand on its youth programs and scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, The Ritz Theater Company is a unique establishment that connects the beauty of the arts to the beauty of working together to accomplish greatness. I look forward to seeing what the next thirty years bring for The Ritz Theater Company, Haddon Township and New Jersey.

REMEMBERING CESAR CHAVEZ,
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, LABOR
LEADER, AND CHAMPION OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of one of the greatest Americans produced by our beloved country, Cesar Estrada Chavez who died on April 23, 1993 at the age of 66.

Cesar Chavez was a civil rights activist, labor leader, and champion of social and economic justice.

Throughout his life Cesar Chavez fought for justice for the poor, the young, the vulnerable, and those living on the margins and in the shadows of the richest and most powerful nation on earth.

Because of Cesar Chavez, migrant farm workers and their families now enjoy more humane living and working conditions.

Cesar Chavez knew firsthand how hard the life of migrant farm workers was because he lived it himself, beginning with his work in the fields of the Central Valley at the age of ten to help support his family.

In 1945, Chavez served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy as he fought in the latter part of World War II.

Cesar Chavez began his consequential career as a field organizer for the Community Service Organization in 1952 and steadily rose through the ranks until he became CSO National Director.

In 1965, Cesar Chavez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Dolores Huerta which evolved into the United Farm Workers union.

The National Farm Workers Association was successful in securing fair wages and safe working conditions for farm workers.

The UFW also led a worldwide grape boycott that helped ensure farm workers had a voice in contract negotiations.

In 1972 Cesar Chavez fasted in response to Arizona's passage of legislation that prohibited boycotts and strikes by farm workers during the harvest season.

With his death also came a great sense of pride for all the progress that Cesar Chavez brought as a direct result of his unwavering commitment to farm workers' rights.

Mr. Speaker, recently I had the honor of being the Grand Marshal for the 16th annual Cesar Chavez Day Parade in Houston.

The parade serves as a great opportunity not only to remember a great man, but to re-

mind us of our responsibilities to each other and to fight for equal justice for all persons.

Mr. Speaker, in addressing the Commonwealth Club in 1984, Cesar Chavez said:

Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore.

Mr. Speaker, Cesar Chavez was an agent of change.

He educated his people and instilled in them a sense of pride.

He taught them to be unafraid to fight for justice and human dignity.

Cesar Chavez made a difference, and he made our country better.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Cesar Estrada Chavez.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK FORD, MAYOR EMERITUS AND PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL, FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jack Ford, who passed from our community on Saturday, March 21st.

Jack Ford was one of a kind. He gave his life, decade after decade, to our entire community. We hold an abiding gratitude for his lifetime of dedicated and honorable service to us. I particularly appreciated his genius and wry sense of humor. He never missed a beat. Our entire region has benefited from his generous and focused life on behalf of others.

Born in Springfield, Ohio to Edna and Stanton Ford, Jack Ford graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in social work. Already on a path to public service, he began his career with the Ohio Youth Commission. He came to Toledo in 1974 to earn his law degree from the University of Toledo. He then became director of the Lucas County Mental Health Board and consolidated county agencies into Substance Abuse Services Inc—known as SASI—which he directed.

Jack began his service in elected life in 1987, when he successfully ran for Toledo City Council, eventually serving as Council President in 1993. Beginning in 1994, Jack served in the State legislature until he reached his term limit. Always, he understood the interconnections of our City to the world beyond it. His knowledge was hard-earned and unique.

Jack Ford also made history. As an educator, health professional, and political activist, Mayor Ford became the very first African American Mayor elected in Toledo, in 2001. With his election as Mayor, he elevated our community to a more inclusive and progressive place. He made us proud. He was all business, and always demonstrated a hands-on, can-do attitude. He was a master of the City budget and directed his Administration to make long neglected improvements.

Following his tenure as Mayor, Jack was elected to the Board of Toledo Public Schools

and, most recently, returned to Toledo City Council to continue his service to our community. All the while, Jack imparted his knowledge to young people, encouraging and teaching at the university level. Even when not feeling well, he carried forward his duties in a soldierly and persevering manner, earning respect from all who knew him.

Jack always had a twinkle in his eye and a knack for presenting the unvarnished truth to all whose paths he crossed. He had a very kind heart and generously shared his beloved family and adopted family like Reverend John McKissick and his lovely wife Mrs. Pearl "Mother" McKissick. What beautiful memories I hold of these self-giving, intelligent, productive citizens. Jack brought everyone together for a greater good to which he pledged his worthy efforts. He reserved a special place in his life for students and youth he mentored. He took particular pleasure in the classroom. Teaching at the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University allowed him to inspire many leaders for the next generation.

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest sympathy to the Ford family: his wife Cynthia, his children, and his friends and associates. May the angels carry Jack Ford to a place of peace and rest. He has been truly a good, faithful, and honorable servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 23; Tuesday, March 24; Wednesday, March 25; and Thursday, March 26, 2015, I was out on medical leave while recovering from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 130 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 360), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 131 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 162), "no" on rollcall vote No. 132 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 163), "no" on rollcall vote No. 133 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 163), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 134 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 216, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 135 (on approving the journal), "no" on rollcall vote No. 136 (on agreeing to the Ellison Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 137 (on agreeing to the Butterfield Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "no" on rollcall vote No. 138 (on agreeing to the Stutzman Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 139 (on agreeing to the Van Hollen Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "no" on rollcall vote No. 140 (on agreeing to the first Tom Price Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "no" on rollcall vote No. 141 (on agreeing to the second Tom Price Amendment to H. Con. Res. 27), "no" on rollcall vote No. 142 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Con. Res. 27, as amended), "no" on rollcall vote No. 143 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 173), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 144 (on passage of H.R. 2).