

church soldiered on. They sacrificed and prayed and the church thrived. As the years continued and the church grew, the Greek American Progressive Association organized a chapter named Parmenides Lodge No. 136, auxiliaries were formed, and federations including Pan-Arcadian, Tenedian, Cretan, Samian, Corinthian, and Sterea-Elias came together to preserve the culture. The ladies of the church organized under the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. The Daughters of Penelope reactivated Dodona Chapter No. 24. World War II brought the formation of chapters of the Greek War Relief Association to help those suffering in Greece.

The post-war years saw progressive leadership and a renewed spiritual activity. Choir and Sunday School were re-energized, The Hellenic Youth Organization was formed followed by the Greek Orthodox Youth of America. This time also brought a realization of the need for new church structures. Ground was broken in October 1951 for a new Education Building which was dedicated on September 13, 1953. In 1958, adjacent land was purchased. Improvements continued in the church culminating in a major renovation in 1966. The newly refurbished church was consecrated on May 22, 1966. With this consecration, a dream conceived so many years before became a reality.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church continued to grow and has been woven into the fabric of our community. It remains in Toledo's older North End near downtown and draws our entire community to its renowned festival each September. In 1987, the parish was elevated to a Cathedral. As the 20th century came to a close and a new century dawned, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and its members remained integral to Toledo. Today, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral serves 450 families. The cathedral is part of the Metropolis of Detroit, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. It serves as a beacon of light to the faithful and fulfills the promise in Ephesians 2:20–22, "Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." I join with the members of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral as well as our larger community in celebrating a century of faith.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA COLLEGES OF LAW

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law for their many years of outstanding leadership in education and remarkable services to the Central Coast community.

The Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law have educated over 1,800 graduates who

today serve in leadership positions in legal practice, government, business and non-profit organizations.

For over 45 years, the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law have provided numerous opportunities and access to legal training in the practice of law through its Juris Doctor and Master of Legal Training degree programs. Through legal clinics, public service programs, and the work of its students as interns for governmental entities and non-profit organizations, the Colleges of Law have further reinforced the rule of law and access to legal services. Furthermore, these colleges have been active stewards of the community by providing space, sponsorship and support for local law-related activities, including those of judiciary, bar associations, bar foundations, schools and other groups throughout the region.

On the occasion of its 45th anniversary, it is my sincere pleasure to honor the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law for its contributions to academic excellence in the teaching of law and to the service and community leadership provided by its graduates.

A TRIBUTE TO ERIN HAMMOND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an accomplished Iowa high school graduate, Erin Hammond of Polk City, Iowa, as she prepares to embark on a journey overseas to fight hunger and help those who are most in need.

The World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program offers a number of Iowa high school graduates the opportunity to travel overseas and participate in efforts to fight hunger in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. This program was created by Dr. Norman Borlaug and John Ruan, Sr., to create interest in the agricultural sciences and give young people valuable experience in global food security jobs and research.

Erin will be spending her time at the SM Sehgal Foundation in Gurgaon, India. She will be conducting research on nonprofit organizations and how to optimize the benefits they provide to those who are less fortunate. Erin's passion for helping others is what inspired her to apply for this program.

It is with great pride that I recognize and congratulate Erin as she celebrates this great accomplishment. I commend her for her hard work and dedication to ending world hunger and her commitment to improving the lives of others. I wish her nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING BOB DICKERSON

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of an amazing Washingtonian—Bob Dickerson. Bob died of cancer last week, something he had been dealing with for years,

but, during all the ups and downs, that was never what defined him. Instead, he was a champion for those in need. Bob volunteered with the RESULTS organization, which works to reduce poverty and child mortality. Bob's advocacy was unparalleled; I met with him many times, both in my district office and in DC. Each time, I was impressed and humbled by his passion for helping others, by his commitment to service. He had a heart for the world, doing everything within his power to improve the lives of each and every person in this world. My prayers are with Bob's family and the RESULTS team as they learn to live with Bob's memory rather than his person, and I suggest to all of us, that we take Bob's passion and service to heart, and put it before us as an example.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA MAGNUSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding commitment Samantha Magnuson demonstrates to her community of McClelland, Iowa. Samantha and her family have deep roots in McClelland. She has a strong record of volunteer service to her community by helping with the annual City-Wide Cleanup Day, the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party, and assisting with the Christmas program, along with many other activities throughout the year.

Samantha will be graduating this year from Underwood High School in Underwood, Iowa. She has been awarded the \$16,000 First Generation Scholarship from the Iowa West Foundation. She is planning to attend Iowa Western Community College and focus on a general education. Her future plan is to pursue a degree in engineering.

Samantha Magnuson is an active member of her community and is making a difference by helping others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service to the McClelland, Iowa community and wish her and her family all the best moving forward.

TRIBUTE TO ED BORCHERDT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Ed Borcherd. He was a leader and entrepreneur. Mr. Borcherd attended Stanford University and received his BA and MBA there. He was the president of his own company, Borcherd & Co.

Mr. Borcherd served his country as a USMC Infantry Officer during the Korean War and later became a founding and vital member of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. He also served on the board of the Devil Pups Youth Program for America. Mr. Borcherd was twice appointed by President Reagan to serve on the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy.

As Chairman of the Great Falls Memorial Committee, Mr. Borcherdt tremendously helped his community. Previously, he was the President of the McLean Rotary Club and founded and served as the President of the Northern Virginia Brittany Club.

Mr. Borcherdt, known for his optimism, emphasized his motto: "onward and upward". He will also truly be remembered for his countless and endless service to his county and his community. I am confident that his passion and love for his country will serve as an inspiration for millions of people.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD AND JOAN MADISON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Richard and Joan Madison on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Richard and Joan's lifelong commitment to each other and to their many children and grandchildren truly embodies our Iowan values. I salute this devoted couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ARCELLE DANESE THOMAS

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arcelle Danese Thomas, who passed away peacefully on April 7, 2015, at the age of 99.

Arcelle moved to Los Angeles in 1937, and remained a resident of the county for the rest of her life. After graduating from California State University Los Angeles, she worked as a teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District and spent 30 years teaching children general education at South Park Elementary School. Outside of the classroom, Arcelle worked to improve childhood education by serving as the President of the American Childhood Education Institute.

An active member of the community, Arcelle became a lifetime member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Even in her later years, she led her senior citizen's center community group, which further demonstrates her initiative and commendable leadership qualities.

Arcelle was one of ten brothers and sisters. While she was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she spent the majority of her life in Southern California where she raised a family with her husband of 63 years. She is survived by her sister, daughter, and loving grandchildren.

For her contributions to the community and for her many other achievements, I would like to honor Arcelle Danese Thomas and her family.

A TRIBUTE TO DON AND JOANNE JORGENSEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Don and Joanne Jorgensen on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Don and Joanne were married on April 9, 1950. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowan values. I salute this devoted couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ENDURING U.S./TAIWAN FRIENDSHIP

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for greater support for closer U.S./Taiwan relationship. Taiwan is an important economic and security partner, and as an advanced industrial economy, has much to contribute to the world. I would also like to take this opportunity to share a speech entitled "True Friendship Lasts Forever" addressed by Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou on June 2, 2015, at a video conference at Stanford University. In his speech, President Ma delineated the importance of future cooperation opportunities between our two countries. Below is the summary of President Ma's speech. For the full transcript, please visit the website of the office of the President of the Republic of China: <http://www.president.gov.tw>.

Summary of President Ma's remarks:

"This year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. In July 1937, two years before WWII broke out, ROC forces began fighting against Japanese aggression alone, and for four long years, they continued with virtually no outside help. It wasn't until the Pearl Harbor attack in December 1941 that the ROC joined forces with the Allies to declare war against Japan, Germany, and Italy.

The United States proved to be a staunch friend. The most notable example of that friendship was the American Volunteer Group (AVG), organized in 1941 even before the Pearl Harbor attack, a group that became legendary by their nickname: The Flying Tigers.

During the Cold War period following World War II, the friendship between the ROC and the U.S. flourished, as the U.S. continued to help us militarily while providing economic assistance. Between 1950 and 1965, that assistance included U.S. \$1.5 billion in economic aid, which is probably worth at least 12 billion now.

Although the ROC and U.S. severed diplomatic ties in 1979, barely three months later, the U.S. Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). Under that Act, Taiwan is treated as a foreign government for purposes of U.S. law and in U.S. courts. The Act also

requires the U.S. to provide Taiwan with defensive weapons.

Since I came into office in 2008, mutual ROC-U.S. trust has been restored at the highest levels of government. And over the past two years, there have been frequent, reciprocal visits by high-level officials.

In April of last year, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy visited Taiwan, and Charles Rivkin, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs is visiting Taiwan now. At the same time, heads of various ROC government agencies have visited the U.S., so there is a solid foundation of mutual trust there.

The ROC is also gaining more support in Congress. Just last month during deliberations on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees both passed initiatives that call for increased U.S.-ROC military exchanges.

In addition to strong security ties, Taiwan-U.S. trade relations have also made significant progress over the last few years. In March of 2013, after a five-year hiatus, we reopened negotiations with the U.S. under the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), a platform set up in 1994 to facilitate talks in trade and investment matters. We have continued bilateral consultations in a series of 12 work conferences, and have made significant progress. As of the end of this March, the ROC is America's 10th largest trading partner, surpassing Brazil and Saudi Arabia, and the U.S. is Taiwan's third largest, after mainland China and Japan.

Let me turn to cross-strait relations. Over the past seven years, Taiwan and mainland China have signed 21 agreements. In April last year, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Russel said in Congress that "As a general matter, we very much welcome and applaud the extraordinary progress that has occurred in cross-strait relations under the Ma administration."

In addition to seeking stable development in cross-strait and ROC-U.S. relations, Taiwan has also taken concrete actions over the past few years to be a regional peacemaker in both the East China Sea, and the South China Sea. Back in August of 2012, I proposed the East China Sea Peace Initiative. That Initiative asks stakeholders to forgo conflict in favor of peaceful negotiations, and emphasizes cooperation in sharing resources. Eight months later in April of 2013, Taiwan and Japan signed a fisheries agreement that embodies the spirit of that Initiative, and solved a fisheries dispute between Taiwan and Japan that has troubled both countries for 40 years. Secretary of State John Kerry has publicly stated that the ROC-Japan fisheries agreement is a model for promoting regional stability, and that the principles at the heart of the East China Sea Peace Initiative apply to all of the waters in Asia.

On the 26th of last month, I formally announced the South China Sea Peace Initiative, hoping that the relevant parties will: "shelve sovereignty dispute, pursue peace and reciprocity, and promote joint exploration and development." By upholding those principles, we hope that all the parties involved will work together to maintain regional peace and promote regional development. Immediately, a U.S. State Department official stated that the