

CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL
SCHOBER FOR BEING AWARDED
THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Springfield, Missouri resident Rachel Schober for being awarded the Fulbright Scholarship by the U.S. State Department.

The Fulbright Scholarship program was established by Congress in 1946 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. This scholarship was designed to build positive relationships with other countries while allowing recipients to live the day-to-day experiences of other cultures. Rachel Schober will join the already 370,000 past participants in this program.

This scholarship is a merit based scholarship that is highly competitive. Founded originally by Senator J. William Fulbright, this grant aims to have educational research and teachings extend beyond the United States.

Rachel Schober, who attended Missouri State University, will be an English Teaching Assistant and placed in the Czech Republic. She is currently a graduate assistant at the Ozarks Writing Project, an affiliate of the National Writing Project, and has also spent the past two years visiting schools in the area and helping students and teachers improve classroom performance.

I am honored to recognize Rachel Schober, and I congratulate her on receiving the Fulbright Scholarship.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SALLY
HOWLAND

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sally Howland, a longtime activist from my district, who passed away on May 19, 2016.

For more than 20 years, Sally dedicated her life to advancing equality and non-discrimination for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. A two-time recipient of the State Presidential Award, Sally became a leader in transgender issues long before it became a major national movement, working with schools and churches to address the issues of acceptance, bullying, and harassment.

Sally touched the lives of many members of the community in incredible ways. She was the founder of the Questioning Youth Center, located in the western suburbs of Chicago, which to this day continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for adolescents that may identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Sally Howland. Her unwavering commitment to the LGBTQ community shall never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL
DAY

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, Monday, October 10, is Taiwan's National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. As the House will not be in session that day, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my early best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

Taiwan is a friend, an ally, and a vital security partner of the United States. As such, it should be able to participate and engage fully in the international community, and in international forums, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Three years ago, I supported legislation—that the President signed into law—directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in ICAO. Taiwan was indeed invited to attend as a guest that year. However, the ICAO's 39th Triennial Assembly will be taking place shortly in Montreal, and to date, there has been no indication that Taiwan will be able to participate. ICAO works to secure the development of civil aviation throughout the world, and as a key aviation hub in East Asia, Taiwan should be an indispensable member of that dialogue. Unfortunately, as of today, it is not.

Up to 58 million people each year enter, leave, or pass through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and Taiwan is connected to over 100 cities around the world with hundreds of air-passenger and air-freight routes.

If an international organization is to set the standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety and security across the globe, then Taiwan must be at the table. Taiwan's absence neither serves Taiwan nor the international community.

Taiwan's invitation to participate in 2013 came virtually at the last minute. I hope we are not kept waiting as long this time and the current leadership of ICAO gives this prompt attention. I call upon my colleagues and the Administration to prioritize Taiwan's observer status at ICAO.

Again, I wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day. I hope we may also celebrate Taiwan's presence at ICAO in Montreal this year.

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA AND
WESLEY BLUME

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Juanita and Wesley Blume of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 23, 2016.

Juanita and Wesley's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NJ RUN
FOR THE FALLEN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the NJ Run for the Fallen, scheduled for September 21–25, 2016. The NJ Run for the Fallen honors fallen service members from New Jersey and their families. It is my honor to recognize this tribute and to extend my appreciation to its organizers, participants and all of our military members and their families for their service and sacrifice.

While the NJ Run for the Fallen honors all fallen military men and women, it specifically remembers those from New Jersey killed in recent military conflicts. Each mile of the run represents and memorializes a service member with a Hero Marker, where family members, loved ones, veterans and other supporters will be gathered. The runners will stop for a presentation and salute of the individual's memory.

The 2016 run team consists of more than 20 active duty service members from across the state and from all branches of the military. They will travel nearly 200 miles from Cape May to Holmdel over four days, ending at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the NJ Run for the Fallen and thanking the organizers, participants and supporters for their efforts to honor our military heroes and their families. This tribute is an important reminder of the sacrifices our service members and their families. I am truly grateful for their duty, selflessness and patriotism and thank all of our military members and veterans for their service.

SUPPORT OF TAIWAN'S PARTICI-
PATION IN THE UPCOMING
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Taiwan's participation in the upcoming International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) assembly next Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Taiwan is a good friend to the United States. Our shared values include respect for market institutions, democracy, free elections, and human rights. In 2013, Congress passed H.R. 1151, which became Public Law 113–17. This law called for Taiwan's participation in the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) assembly as an observer. With wide international support, Taiwan was indeed able to attend, and observe, the 38th ICAO Assembly.

This year, I hope to again see Taiwan included in the Assembly. To highlight the importance, I would like to quote an article by Stanley Kao, Representative of TECRO in the United States, for Taiwan's participation in ICAO.

"Taiwan needs to be part of ICAO because it is an indispensable player in global aviation safety. The Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), which is administered by Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA), covers 180,000 nm and borders four other FIRs: Fukuoka, Manila, Hong Kong and Shanghai. In 2015, Taiwan's CAA provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services and handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers."

"Despite its location in the busiest section of airspace in East Asia, Taiwan's CAA has had no direct access to ICAO for the past 40 years and has only indirectly gained information, in some cases incomplete, on ICAO regulations and standards related to safety, management, security and environmental protection. The CAA has had to resort to various informal channels to keep up with the development of ICAO's regulations and standards and overcome the difficulties associated with a lack of transparency in order to maintain adequate safety levels and service standards in the Taipei FIR. The CAA has had to make an extra effort to keep abreast of constant updates to flight safety and security standards set by ICAO. Obtaining that information often has been a costly and drawn-out process."

As East Asia's busiest airspace, it not only makes sense that Taiwan should have access to the latest technologies and standards in civil aviation safety; it is a matter of public safety. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the international community to allow Taiwan to partake in the upcoming ICAO assembly.

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON MATHEMATICS SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High

School is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

DR. LIN TAPPED AS ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR IN TECHNOLOGY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Thompson Lin of Sugar Land, Texas for being named EY Entrepreneur of the Year in Technology for the Gulf Coast Area.

Dr. Lin is the Chairman of the Board, Founder, President and CEO of Applied Optoelectronics Inc., a leading provider in fiber-optics access network products for the internet datacenter, cable broadband, and the home market. With a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and founder of AOL, Dr. Lin has more than 10 U.S. patents and has authored over 200 technical papers and presentations. This award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in innovation, financial performance and commitment to their business and communities. We are lucky to have Dr. Lin's talent and dedication help our area remain at the forefront of job-creation, technology, and scientific discovery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Dr. Thompson Lin for his innovation, dedication and work with AOL. Keep up the great work.

TRIBUTE TO JANELL AND REX BARBER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janell and Rex Barber of Anita, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 23, 2016.

Janell and Rex's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLORY QUARRY HOIST AND "SLATE QUARRY" HERITAGE MURAL DEDICATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share a story of community spirit. On Saturday, September 17, an assembly of volunteers, coordinated by the Slate Belt Community Partnership and the Tots Gap Art Institute, dedicated the Flory Quarry Hoist and Slate Quarry heritage mural in downtown Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Industrial historian Mike Piersa spearheaded the initiative and donated the 28,500 pound, 116-year-old hoist. It was built by the S. Flory Manufacturing Company not far from where it is now installed in Bangor's Bethel Park. Until 1980, the hoist was in use at the Albion Quarry in Pen Argyl, PA. Powered by a steam engine, it routinely lifted 10,000-pound slate blocks. The Slate Belt region of Pennsylvania was a major producer of slate used for shingles, blackboards, and pencils.

The Slate Quarry mural features a day of work at a quarry. The Tots Gap Arts' Heritage Mural Education Program gives youth an active, creative role in community revitalization by promoting heritage and building community relationships and pride.

For these good works, I commend this group of volunteers for investing in their past to invigorate the vitality of their future.

RECOGNIZING THE BOROUGH OF MARYSVILLE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Borough of Marysville, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year.

Settled in 1755, it was incorporated as the Borough of Haley in 1866, and then reincorporated as the Borough of Marysville in 1867 by action of Governor Andrew Curtin. This historic town is located in the southern tip of Perry County within my district. The borough is noted for its small town feel where residents stay active in community events and know each other by name. Built on a hill with scenic views of the Susquehanna river, Marysville is well known for its smallmouth bass fishing and attracts fisherman from across the country. Local students attend Susquehanna High School, which is named for the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers that flow through the region.

Established as a railroad town hosting the Haley and Marysville Stations, the borough is home to the Rockville Bridge, which is the longest stone-arch railroad bridge in the world. Constructed with native sandstone from quarries in western Pennsylvania, the bridge's 48 arches were built by Italian stone masons and Irish laborers beginning in 1900 and finishing in 1902. The iconic bridge was named to the