

I also commend Taiwan's work to tackle many global issues with the United States through the U.S.-Taiwan Global Cooperation Training Framework. Together, we have worked on issues such as women's rights, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, democratization, global health and energy security. Taiwan shares many American values, such as freedom, human rights, and civil society. I look forward to our continued partnership as a staunch ally of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the people of Taiwan on this special day. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Monday, September 26, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 557 and "yea" on roll call vote 558.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 22, 2016 I was absent due to personal reasons and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Number 557 passage of H.R. 3537—Aye.

Roll Call Number 558 passage of H.R. 5392—Aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND CAPOZUCCA, ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S 2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Capozucca, who will be honored by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County as Person of the Year during the organization's 39th Annual Columbus Day Banquet on October 9, 2016.

Raymond was born May 25, 1939 in Pittston Township to Raymond and Emma Capozucca. After the death of his father, he was enrolled in the Hershey Industrial School for Orphan Boys, now known as Milton Hershey School. Raymond returned home, after graduating in 1957, and worked for two local plumbers. In 1962, founded his own plumbing, heating, and electric business. The business's name was changed to Capozucca Bros. when his brother, Albert, joined six months later. Both Raymond and his brother ran their business until they both retired in the early 2000s.

Throughout the years, Raymond has been involved in numerous clubs and associations. He is a member of the Italian American Citizens Enjoyment Club and a charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club. He helped found Pittston Township Little League and went on to serve on its board. He served on the board of United Services Agency. He held offices with the Pittston Township Fire Department and was on the board of directors of the Northeast Fair. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Mt. Carmel, now known as St. Joseph Marengo Parish, and the Flag Association of Pittston Township.

It is an honor to recognize Raymond for being named the Italian American Association of Luzerne County's Person of the Year. I thank Raymond for all of the service he has given to his community, and I wish Raymond and the Italian American Association all the best this Columbus Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 557 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3537, the dangerous Synthetic Drug Control Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 558 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5392, the No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BARBARA MAIZIE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime friend and local champion, Ms. Barbara Maizie.

Barbara dedicated her whole life to helping others. After arriving at Contra Costa Arc in 1974, her dogged work was instrumental to the creation, preservation, and evolution of life-enhancing supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Through her hard work and dedication, she helped Contra Costa Arc grow to be the largest provider of services in Contra Costa, serving over 900 of all ages. Her steadfast support for the Lanterman Act, both enforcing it and ensuring that people understood the rights they had been granted under it, were unmatched.

Barbara and I met through her tireless work for those with developmental disabilities and their families. Her leadership in saving the George Miller Center, advocacy at state budget hearings, and work to close Developmental Centers has permanently changed our community and the State of California for the better.

Barbara was not only a colleague, but a close friend. Because of Barbara's hard work,

love, and support, the lives of Californians are much improved. She will be sincerely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, myself included.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote No. 557 on H.R. 3537 "To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substances analogues are to be regulated and for other purposes," I mistakenly recorded my vote as Yea, when I should have voted Nay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 26, 2016, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 557 and 558. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote number 557 and "yes" on roll call vote number 558.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,524,762,977,719.62. We've added \$8,897,885,928,806.54 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING JUSTIN SCHROEPFER, RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Justin Schroeffer of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. His life was tragically cut short, but he will always be remembered as a courageous Good Samaritan who put the wellbeing of a perfect stranger ahead of himself.

On July 11, 2016, Justin spotted two women struggling against Lake Superior's strong current. He abandoned his own bachelor party and swam through the frigid water in an attempt to save the lives of two people he did not know. One woman was saved by another

bystander, but tragically, both Justin and the other woman succumbed to the frigid, unpredictable waters.

A graduate of Antigo High School, Mr. Schroepfer was recruited to play baseball at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He transferred to Northern Michigan University in Marquette after two years and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. With his degree, Mr. Schroepfer pursued a career at Wipfli CPA's and Consultants in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Along with his talents on the baseball field, Mr. Schroepfer was also an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fly-fishing, downhill skiing, and hunting. Mr. Schroepfer was dedicated to his Christian faith and family, and was planning his wedding with the love of his life, Suzy Solin, at his untimely passing.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today to recognize Mr. Schroepfer for his courageous action and ultimate sacrifice; we pray that in knowing of his heroic effort, his family and beloved fiancé may find comfort and peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, my flight, US 1782, was delayed by 90 minutes because of thunderstorms, so I arrived after votes were over. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 557, and YEA on Roll Call No. 558.

RECOGNIZING HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND BARBER BEN SCHEINKOPF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Scheinkopf, an outstanding community member in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood. At 96 years old, Mr. Scheinkopf closed his barbershop just last month after more than six decades in business.

A long journey brought Mr. Scheinkopf to the North Side of Chicago. He was born in Poland on October 16, 1919 and was one of nine children. In 1939, the Nazi army invaded his hometown of Plonsk and forced the Jews into a ghetto. The Nazis arrested the roughly 6,000 Jews remaining and sent them to Auschwitz in 1942.

After three years in Auschwitz, Mr. Scheinkopf and his brother, Josef were among the Jews forced to walk in the dead of winter from Auschwitz to Mauthausen. At one point, Josef kept his sick, frail brother alive by hiding him on a cart of dead bodies. Only 30 Jews from Plonsk survived the concentration camps to be liberated by American troops. Ben and Josef Scheinkopf were two of the survivors.

Ben Scheinkopf moved to Munich, Germany after the war and worked as a barber for the troops. In 1954, he relocated to Chicago and continued cutting hair. At the time, he was one

of seven Jewish barbers working on the North Side. He continued running that barbershop at Touhy and California until this past August.

"Benny the Barber" wrote a letter to his customers and neighbors upon the barbershop's closure, and I would like to share an excerpt: "I have been fortunate to have had a marvelous, long career giving hair cuts to generations of customers who have become my friends. . . . It has been my distinct pleasure to serve and be part of the community for so many years. I will miss you all and I will not forget you."

We will not forget him either. Ben Scheinkopf is a remarkable man—a Holocaust survivor and a neighborhood institution. I wish him all the best as he devotes his retirement to spending more time with family and cheering the Chicago Cubs to the World Series.

HONORING DAISAKU IKEDA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daisaku Ikeda, President of the Soka Gakkai International who is celebrating the anniversary of his first visit to New York. Mr. Ikeda is a leader who has served New York's community—indeed our entire City—with distinction.

Daisaku Ikeda's first visit to New York was October 2nd, 1960, to introduce America to the compassionate and enlightening teachings of Buddhism as a practical way for individuals to create harmonious families and communities in order to create a peaceful and sustainable world for all humanity. Dr. Ikeda's lifetime has been focused on striving for peace in New York City and around the world.

Since his arrival, the New York SGI organization has grown significantly—today New York City is home to some 13,500 active members of SGI-USA, with 33 Chapters hosting over 200 monthly neighborhood discussion meetings. New York City enjoys two SGI Buddhist Culture Centers, in Queens and Manhattan, with a third center currently under construction in the heart of the 7th Congressional District in Brooklyn—which will be completed in 2017.

Dr. Ikeda continues, with tremendous youthful energy and passion, to be a constant inspiration to thousands of New Yorkers as well as millions around the world. His thoughts are best expressed through a passage in his book, *The Human Revolution* "a great revolution of character in just a single individual will help achieve a change in the destiny of a nation, and further, will cause a change in the destiny of mankind."

Dr. Ikeda has demonstrated a steadfast desire for peace and is a testament that a single person can make a difference not only in a community, but in the world. In recognition of his efforts in support of the United Nations, as well as public information and education activities on such issues as disarmament, the environment and human rights, Ikeda was conferred the UN Peace Award in 1983.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Ikeda and paying tribute to his many achievements.

HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE SEASIDE PARK TERRORIST ATTACK

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the quick and efficient response of the first responders during the terrorist attack in Seaside Park, New Jersey on Sept. 17th, 2016. A bomb was detonated at the starting point of a charitable race for our veterans. Starting at the local level, the Seaside Park Police Department took control, and kept civilians out of harm's way as they assessed the situation. The Seaside Park Police Department was joined by the Ocean County Sheriff's Department along with representatives of other Federal, State, County, and Local agencies who responded to the call of duty. I am proud of the work our first responders do and am grateful for the efforts carried out by those who apprehended the suspect in the bombing in Seaside Park, as well as in New York.

National security is a constant concern in an age when terror attacks are increasing in frequency. Now more than ever, we should all thank the men and women that defend us, provide guidance in times of severe uncertainty, and apprehend the terrorists that seek to spread hate and destruction.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have the men and women who responded on this day as selfless and dedicated members of their community. It is with the highest level of gratitude and appreciation that I commend them for their service following the bombing in Seaside Park, New Jersey, and recognize their outstanding service and protection of their community, before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING FISK UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to Fisk University on its 150th anniversary.

Fisk is a national treasure with a deep history and sense of purpose. Established months after the end of the Civil War, Fisk was founded to educate all students, regardless of color.

Over the last 150 years, Fisk has become one of the top Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation and is synonymous with academic excellence. Fisk's alumni, leaders, and scholars have played prominent roles in the civil rights movement, changed how we think about science, landed in Hollywood and on Broadway, and sat on the Supreme Court. Notable alumni include NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois, celebrated dancer and choreographer Judith Jamison, and Nikki Giovanni, an award-winning poet. And, of course, our good friend and civil rights hero, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, is also a Fisk alumnus.

From the world-renowned Fisk Jubilee singers, to the countless contributions made by