

the press, and freedom of religion. And they are a bulwark against Chinese aggression in East Asia.

In December 2016, then President-elect Trump spoke on the telephone with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen. This marked the first time a U.S. President or President-elect had spoken with an ROC President since 1979. It was the right thing to do then, and it's the right thing to do now. I urge both Congress and the Trump Administration to continue its efforts to advance ties between Taiwan and the United States. America must not give in to Chinese pressure to distance ourselves from Taiwan. We have much more work to do.

I would like to thank the government and the people of Taiwan for their friendship, and I wish them a very Happy Double Ten Day.

CONGRATULATING THE YWCA FOR 160 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartiest congratulations to the YWCA for 160 years of dedicated service and steadfast advocacy on behalf of women, girls, and their families in communities throughout the country.

Throughout its distinguished history, YWCA has been a catalyst for expanding economic and educational opportunities, promoting civil rights and social justice, and preventing violence against women and girls. Each year YWCA faithfully serves over 2 million women, girls and their families through 210 local associations throughout 46 states and the District of Columbia.

One of those local associations has been serving communities in Pennsylvania's Sixth District for 110 years. YWCA Tri-County Area in Pottstown is a tremendous community asset, providing childcare, adult education and career counseling, health and wellness programs, and a variety of community events such as the Color Run to Eliminate Racism.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the significant contributions of YWCA in empowering women, aiding families, advancing equality and strengthening communities as well as extending sincere congratulations as YWCA commemorates this most memorable milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 107TH NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 107th national day of Taiwan. The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a fruitful partnership for decades, and I would like to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy National Day.

Taiwan has been a strong partner of the United States. Over the last decade, Taiwan

has shown that true democracy can be successful even in the face of challenging circumstances. Taiwan embodies strong economic growth and a respect for its people.

Our partnership has flourished thanks to a mutual commitment to democratic values and constitutional government. Through its commitment to a peaceful election process, Taiwan serves as a strong example of democracy for not only the Indo-Pacific region, but also the world. We have also made great progress in trade and economic policies. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market overall and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products.

Last year, trade missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. In September, another trade mission from Taiwan visited the United States to purchase even more agricultural goods. In fact, Taiwan is Georgia's 6th largest export market in Asia, with over \$420 million in trade. With such a long history, we look forward to continuing a positive relationship.

It is my privilege to congratulate the celebrants of the "Double Tenth Day." I am proud of our cooperation and wish Taiwan the best on this notable day.

HONORING SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues MIKE THOMPSON, JACKIE SPEIER, SALUD CARBAJAL, ANNA ESHOO, JIMMY PANETTA, BARBARA LEE, RO KHANNA, and ZOE LOFGREN, in recognition of the Save the Redwoods League's centennial anniversary. Fulfilling its ongoing mission to protect and restore California redwoods and connect people to the peace and beauty of redwood forests, the League's work ensures these iconic symbols of our great state can be treasured for generations to come.

Founded in March of 1918, the Save the Redwoods League was started by a small group of conservationists disturbed by the accelerating rate of destruction of the primeval redwood forests in northern California that held the tallest trees on earth. In response, the League committed to protecting the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests by purchasing multiple ancient groves and establishing a state or national park to protect them. Following its incorporation as a nonprofit organization in 1920, the League established a memorial redwood grove on the South Fork Eel River in 1921, the first of more than 1,000 memorial groves in California.

In addition to raising millions of dollars to establish redwood preserves, the Save the Redwoods League was a leader in the grassroots movement to create a California state parks system, lobbying for legislation and campaigning for funding of the acquisition of park land. Fifty years after the League's inception, Redwood National Park was created in 1968, in part due to the tireless advocacy of the League and its partners to protect some of the last remaining stands of uncut redwoods.

Over the last century, the Save the Redwoods League has protected more than 200,000 acres of redwood forests and helped create 66 redwood parks and reserves that inspire millions of annual visitors from around the world. Today, the League is a respected voice in science-based research and a pioneer of innovative forest-restoration work that is accelerating the transformation of young, harvested stands into the old-growth forests of the future. Through its Redwoods and Climate Change Initiative, the League's research established that old-growth redwoods store more carbon per acre than any other ecosystem in the world and play a critical role in the fight against climate change.

Save the Redwoods League, now celebrating its hundredth anniversary, has played a critical role in protecting the majestic redwood forests of California that fill us with wonder and provide a living link to the past. Throughout its next century, the League will build upon this legacy by advancing its efforts to protect the remaining old-growth redwood forests, restore younger forests to a healthier state, and connect more people to the beauty and uniqueness of California's redwoods.

Mr. Speaker, after a century of achievement and operational stability, the continuing success of the Save the Redwoods League has preserved a part of California's heritage and touched the lives of millions around the world. It is therefore appropriate that we stand together in recognition of this momentous occasion.

AMERICANS BLAME MEDIA BIAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, several Rasmussen Reports recently polled Americans on perceptions of bias in the media on specific subjects. Their surveys found the following:

The majority (52 percent) of U.S. Voters believe reporters are trying to block the president from passing his agenda, up from 44 percent a year ago.

Voters also say politics, not issues, are driving the Kavanaugh opposition. Forty-five percent, a plurality, think the opposition to Kavanaugh is "mostly due to partisan politics."

"Half of voters (47 percent) say reporters aim to defeat the Kavanaugh confirmation. . . . Just eight percent think most reporters are trying to help Kavanaugh win the Senate confirmation. . . ."

The polls' figures speak for themselves. The American people feel strongly that the media is biased. And that is not good for our country.

IN MEMORY AND CELEBRATION OF MS. JOHNNIE MAE JOHNSON

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Johnnie Mae Johnson.

Ms. Johnson was the District Leader of the 70th Assembly District in New York City. But

this office is only one small part of her tremendous legacy.

Ms. Johnson became a PTA president at PS 133—a diverse elementary school in Harlem.

Ms. Johnson was a founding member of the Addie Mae Collins Head Start Program. This program has expanded education services for many students in the area and remains an invaluable resource.

Ms. Johnson was a vigorous advocate for social justice and demonstrated an unceasing devotion to fair and equitable living conditions.

As an enduring testament to her spirit and commitment, our NYC community came together one year ago and renamed East 130th Street and Lexington Avenue in her name.

Johnnie Mae Johnson brought persuasive leadership and unshakable determination to Harlem when it needed it most. And for that, I reason I rise today to recognize Ms. Johnson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TERESA HAAS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to congratulate Teresa Haas on her retirement as Director of Government and Community Relations at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Ms. Haas' career at SRS has spanned close to 28 years. Prior to SRS, she managed political campaigns and worked on Capitol Hill as chief of staff and legislative director for members of the U.S. Congress. Her service with U.S. Congressman Tommy Hartnett of Charleston will always be appreciated.

Ms. Haas is Chair of the Aiken County Commission on Higher Education; Past Chair of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (first woman chair); is a past member of the Aiken County United Way Campaign Cabinet; and former board member of the Aiken Center for the Arts. She is a member of Aiken's First Baptist Church and a graduate of Clemson University, where she serves on the Clemson Board of Visitors. Teresa and her husband Dale reside in Aiken. Godspeed for a productive and meaningful retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF THOMAS LEWIS "TOMMY" THOMPSON, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Thomas Lewis "Tommy" Thompson, Jr. on his retirement from public service with the Jacksonville Police Department.

Tommy began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Jacksonville Police Department under the command of Chief J. Ross Tipton in October 1971. In July of 1974, he earned his first promotion to Sergeant later rising to rank of Lieutenant in April of 1977.

In June of 1988, Tommy was appointed as Chief of Police at Jacksonville Police Department and has served in that role ever since.

Tommy is married to Diane and has two sons: Thomas L. Thompson, III and David R. Thompson. He has also been blessed with two grandchildren: Dylan Thompson and Baylee Thompson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Chief Thompson and thanking him for his steadfast service to the City of Jacksonville.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL) HILL, PIONEER RADIO DISC JOCKEY AND BLUES PROMOTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, when I came to Chicago in 1961, one of the first radio shows that I listened to was the Big Bill Hill's Shopping Bag Show on WOPA Radio. Being a native Arkansan, anything or anybody connected to Arkansas gets my attention and perks me up. Such has been the cause with Big Bill Hill, born in England, Arkansas.

True to form, Big Bill Hill was a big man, 250 lbs, and over 6 feet tall. He was born in England, Arkansas in 1914 and rolled into Chicago in 1932 looking for work. He found work at a steel mill, but he wanted to be on the radio. Nobody would hire him so he saved his money and bought air time on brokered stations. He started on WLDY-AM in Elmwood, and later WCRW-AM. He had his shtick down by the time he started his program "Shopping Bag Show" in 1995 on WOPA-AM in Oak Park.

WOPA-AM signed on in 1950. It's call letters the Oak Park Arms, a hotel on Oak Park Avenue, where their studio was originally installed. Their 250 watt signal was strongest on the west side of Chicago, and William Klein's Village Broadcasting Company wisely targeted those black demographics so the schedule was full of blues, jazz, R&B, and gospel. Most of their day was brokered time so it was also peppered with ethnic programming of every stripe. But 1490 was short spaced between WXRT-AM and WMOR-AM, so it was never going to have much juice. The solution in 1953 was 102.3 WOPA-AM. WMOR had gone bankrupt and they bought the license at 3,600 watts. This signal had solid Chicago coverage. Though FM listenership was low in the 50s, it grew steadily. Initially, the stations just simulcast all programming. But in 1966, the FCC mandated that FM simulcasts carry 50 percent originating programming. The brokered ethnic moved to the FM side, but Big Bill Hill remained simulcast in the evening, even after the station bumped the wattage up to 6,000 watts.

His career changed forever in 1963. He already owned a booking agency, a dry cleaner, a management company and he owned his own club, the Copa Cabana. Supposedly, he did remotes from all locations, even the dry cleaner. In 1967, it looked like it was all going to fall apart. WOPA was born again as a free form FM station full of underground music and hippies. His already floundering club, the Copa Cabana, closed. However, Bill defied all odds

and started a R&B TV dance show on WCIU-TV. The "Red Hot and Blues" show ran until 1971. It was overtaken by another R&B dance program . . . Soul Train.

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, this week is Malnutrition Awareness Week, a week when advocates, healthcare professionals, and communities around the country will focus on the issue of malnutrition and hunger. As the co-founder of the Elder Justice Caucus, and as a caregiver, I know how important proper nutrition is for aging Americans to stay healthy. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, frailty, and increases in healthcare costs. Unfortunately, malnutrition often goes undiagnosed in seniors because healthcare providers and family members do not know how to identify and treat it. We can, and must, do more to protect vulnerable populations who suffer from malnutrition, and I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support efforts to reduce hunger and malnutrition. I also encourage the federal agencies tasked with combating hunger to do all they can to reduce malnutrition. I urge the Department of Health and Human Services to include malnutrition screening measures in their national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among the national key health indicators for older adults. Additionally, I am calling on the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture to work together to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

I applaud the work of the advocates at Defeat Malnutrition Today, a coalition of eighty organizations and stakeholders who are committed to ending malnutrition through rigorous screening and intervention initiatives, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization of food and nutrition professionals who are spearheading efforts to reduce hunger worldwide. Together, we can reduce malnutrition and strengthen outcomes for our senior population.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Glassell Park Improvement Association ("GPIA") on their 50 years of continued leadership in and dedication to making Glassell Park the vibrant and prosperous community it is today.

Founded in 1968, the GPIA was established to promote community values and improve the quality of life for residents of Glassell Park, a neighborhood located north of Dodger Stadium in Northeast Los Angeles. Today, GPIA