

Taiwan remains important to the United States in its advocacy of true democratic values across the world and its success in sustaining a dynamic multi-party system revealing its commitment to protecting political rights and freedoms.

In troubled times such as these, it is also gratifying to know that there are countries that continue to put forth efforts that provide constructive solutions for highly divisive issues.

The bond between the United States and Taiwan, cemented by the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, remains strong.

I reaffirm those bonds today, and again congratulate the people of Taiwan on this important occasion.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Public-Private Partnerships Home Rule Act. This bill would clarify the District of Columbia's authority to enter into public-private partnerships (P3s), like other jurisdictions in the United States. This bill makes it clear that the federal Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA), which uniquely applies to the District, does not prohibit the District from entering into P3s. This bill provides legal certainty that the District may enter into multi-year contracts to design, construct, improve, maintain, operate, manage and/or finance projects procured pursuant to a local D.C. law, the Public-Private Partnership Act of 2014. The District recently began the procurement process for its first-ever P3s: rehabilitating the Metropolitan Police Department headquarters (Henry J. Daly Building) and modernizing streetlights.

Federal law potentially limits the authority of only one jurisdiction, the District of Columbia, to enter into P3s. The federal government, many states and other countries have used P3s. There is no reason that the District should not be able to take advantage of this option. Among other benefits, P3s will free up District funds for pressing needs, such as education and health care, that would otherwise be spent on infrastructure.

The federal ADA prohibits the federal and D.C. governments from obligating or expending funds in advance or in excess of an appropriation. If the District could use P3s, it would not have to appropriate all the funds upfront, freeing up funds for the District to spend on other matters. An ADA violation may occur if the District terminates a P3 contract. Under P3 contracts, the District would make payments on an annual basis over the life of a contract, and the District would appropriate the funds for such payments annually. However, upon termination, the District would have to pay all the costs incurred up to that point, but would not yet have appropriated all the funds for such payments, potentially causing an ADA violation.

Under D.C. law,

a 'public-private partnership' means the method in the District for delivering a qualified project using a long-term, performance-

based agreement between a public entity and a private entity or entities where appropriate risks and benefits can be allocated in a cost-effective manner between the public and private entities in which:

(A) A private entity performs functions normally undertaken by the government, but the public entity remains ultimately accountable for the qualified project and its public function; and

(B) The District may retain ownership or control in the project asset and the private entity may be given additional decision-making rights in determining how the asset is financed, developed, constructed, operated, and maintained over its life cycle.

This bill is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

MARY ELLEN TRAIL ROSS EARNS GOLD MEDAL FROM GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Ellen Trail Ross, Dr. P.H., M.S.N., R.N. of Fort Bend County, who was awarded a gold medal from the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Ross began her teaching career at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Cizik School of Nursing 30 years ago. She has taught 17 different courses. Her work has helped students and faculty alike. Her dedication has resulted in a gold medal in the "Nursing Education: Faculty" category at the Good Samaritan Foundation's 2018 "Excellence in Nursing" Awards ceremony. Nurses are nominated by their peers for exemplifying excellence in teaching, mentoring and leadership. Ross credits the foundation in helping her achieve her own goals, as she received their scholarship funds during her time as a graduate student. She is passionate about educating future nurses.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mary Ellen Trail Ross for earning a gold medal from the Good Samaritan Foundation. Her contributions to the field of medicine as well education make our community proud.

TRIBUTE TO BUDDY SCOTTO

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Buddy Scotto, a longtime friend, community member and local leader from Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. For decades, Buddy's commitment to serving the community he loves has led many neighbors and friends to nickname him as the unofficial Mayor of Carroll Gardens.

Buddy's family came to Carroll Gardens as Italian immigrants to Brooklyn. The family quickly became known in the community as they started a funeral-home business, a wine business, and later, four movie theaters.

After graduating from the original St. Francis College, Buddy served in the Korean War.

When his parents were nearing retirement, Buddy returned home to obtain his Funeral Directors License. When many of his peers were leaving Brooklyn for suburbs in Long Island, Buddy's deep sense of connection to Brooklyn and care for his community led him to become a champion for local causes.

Among his many areas of advocacy, Buddy has fought for affordable housing for seniors and low-income families, while also advocating to clean up the Gowanus Canal. In 1971, he founded the Carroll Gardens Association which helps advocate for affordable housing and local business growth. In 1978, Buddy founded the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation, a non-profit focused on revitalizing the canal, organizing public meetings and expanding affordable housing. He also helped found the Eileen Dugan Senior Center, an important anchor for the community.

On the very special occasion of his 90th birthday this year, I would like to thank Buddy for everything he has done and continues to do for the Carroll Gardens community. The neighborhood would not be the same without him.

THE RETIREMENT OF VICE ADMIRAL DAVID JOHNSON, USN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate an outstanding Naval Officer, Vice Admiral David C. Johnson, for the successful completion of 36 years of distinguished Naval service, culminating with his position as the Principal Military Deputy for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy Research, Development and Acquisition. I commend Vice Admiral Johnson on his achievements and recognize his devotion to our great nation.

A 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Johnson earned his Engineering Duty Officer Dolphins in 1986 and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989 with a Naval Engineer degree and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He has devoted most of his career to the design, construction, repair, maintenance, modernization and sustainment of the nation's submarine force. During his career, he served as the Program Executive Officer for Submarines, the Commander for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, the Deputy Commander for Undersea Technology, the Major Program Manager for Virginia Class Submarines, an Assistant Program Manager for Seawolf Class Submarines, the Program Manager's Representative at the new construction shipyard, a Project Officer, a Ship Superintendent and as Planning and Docking Officer.

During Admiral Johnson's tour as Program Executive Officer for Submarines, he managed over \$50 billion in funding across the Future Years Defense Plan for the research, design, acquisition and in-service support of the Navy's undersea force. In addition to accepting delivery of five Virginia Class submarines ahead of schedule and under cost, he led the Defense Department's highest priority acquisition program, the *Columbia* Class ballistic missile submarine, through critical development

milestones. He grew the U.S. Navy's stature and involvement in assisting key foreign partners in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and Spain. A significant highlight of this tour was the award of the largest shipbuilding contract in our nation's history—the \$17.6 billion Virginia Class Submarine Block Four contract. This multi-year contract reflected cost savings and risk reduction initiatives that set the basis for long-term industrial base stability while affordably providing the submarine force with critical assets around the world.

In his final assignment, Admiral Johnson led an acquisition workforce of 60,000 military and civilian personnel in maintaining the Navy's future technological edge through daily oversight of critical investments. He executed three progressively intensive budget cycles ensuring the execution of 202 acquisition programs with applied resources in excess of \$60 billion per year. His innovative approach led to an established framework for multiple accelerated acquisition programs ensuring that our sailors and marines were equipped with the most state-of-the-art technology. A tremendous steward of the taxpayers, he has put affordability into action—saving billions of dollars. He worked with the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps to effectively and efficiently implement the Navy's warfighting requirements and resourced programs.

As ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces and as Representative for eastern Connecticut, the Submarine Capital of the World, I have witnessed firsthand over many years Admiral Johnson's steady leadership and stewardship of our nation's submarine construction programs. Since my first days as a new member of the committee in 2007, Admiral Johnson has been a tremendous resource to me personally, and to my staff—providing keen insight and a wealth of shipbuilding knowledge that has helped guide good policy making and smart budgetary decisions in Congress.

Admiral Johnson's 36 years of honorable service to this nation and professional success would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Carol and daughters, Ellen, Elizabeth, and Anne. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Admiral Johnson and his family for their service to our nation and wish Admiral Johnson fair winds and following seas in the next exciting chapter of his life.

HONORING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, October 10, 2018 marks the 107th National Day of the Republic of China, or "Double Ten Day," as it is known in Chinese. On this auspicious day we not only have an opportunity to reflect on the bond between the American and Taiwanese people—our shared democratic values and historical partnership—but also look forward to strengthened ties of friendship and collaboration.

Founded by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on October 10, 1911, the Republic of China stands as a bea-

con of freedom and democracy on the island of Taiwan, and as a positive counterexample to mainland China which, under Xi Jinping, has turned to greater repression and contempt for human rights.

Let us not forget that the Republic of China, which had to endure many challenges and social upheavals during its tenure of rule in mainland China from 1911 to 1949, was the first allied country to be attacked in World War II. Our two countries locked arms and resisted the Imperial Japanese Army, with the first American aviators volunteering with Major General Claire Chennault and the famed Flying Tigers to resist the Japanese from the air in 1941. Eventually, Japan and the Axis powers were defeated decisively, and the Republic of China became one of the founding members of the United Nations and attained a seat on the Security Council.

Despite some hesitant steps on our part, we again stood together against the Communists led by Mao Zedong, both before and after the Republic established itself on Taiwan, from where it offered support to our forces resisting Communist tyranny on the Korean peninsula. In the ensuing decades, the Republic of China on Taiwan emerged from authoritarian rule to become the first authentically democratic nation in Chinese history.

Taiwan has since become a beacon of hope and optimism in the Asia-Pacific region. Its people enjoy all basic freedoms, including freedom of the press, assembly, and religion. Through the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, the American people have strengthened our bond with the people of Taiwan. Recent Congressional endeavors, such as the Taiwan Travel Act—which I proudly co-sponsored—undoubtedly will lead to further cooperation and friendship.

It is perhaps because of Taiwan's democratic culture that China feels so threatened by it. Mainland China has launched a multi-dimensional campaign against Taiwan that includes many aggressive and provocative actions, such as the dispatching of warships, bombers, and fighter jets to encircle the island, as well as conducting live-fire military exercises near Taiwan's waters. Furthermore, in the diplomatic arena, China has worked assiduously to cut off Taiwan's diplomatic partners and block Taiwan from participating in international organizations. Taiwan has a comparative advantage in areas such as global health, and it is a travesty that for no other reason than to assuage China, Taiwan is prohibited from participating in critical fora such as the World Health Assembly. Now more than ever, Taiwan needs our support.

Mr. Speaker, the moral and geopolitical case for Taiwan is strong and consistent with the Administration's commitment to build a free and open Indo-Pacific. Taiwan is a model of democracy, prosperity, rights protections, and the rule of law. Citizens of the Republic of China on Taiwan should know on its 107th anniversary that the American people, and the Congress, stand with them.

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN COLORADO 2018

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, Honor Flight Northern Colorado has conducted two annual trips to Washington, D.C. since 2008. Honor Flight Northern Colorado has taken over 2,750 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials. On September 9–10, 2018, Honor Flight Northern Colorado held its 21st and final Honor Flight, The Stan Cass "Mission Accomplished" Memorial Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 9–10, 2018 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans of Northern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Robert Hauser, Donald Reisner, Kenneth Sweeney.

Korean War: Philip Beli, Wilbur Doeksen, Edmund Giese Jr, Orville Markham, Roy Nichols, Lawrence Powers, Wesley Te Winkle.

Vietnam War: Gloria Atteberry, Walter Babcock, Terrill Bashline, Roger Bates, James Beemer, Anthony Benavidez, Michael Bernard, Gary Blomenkamp, Roger Boltz, Donald Bonenberger, Jimmy Bracking, Richard Bryson, Gerard Bucknall, Bruce Gameron, Cecily Gass, Larry Chartier, Archie Cloud Jr, William Corbett, Steven Crall, Gregory Cranston, Gary Crego, Gary Cyr Sr, Thomas Danton, Raymond Davis, David DeCamp, Raymond Delgado, Salvatore Delprete, Ronald Dickerhoff, Brian Donahue, Alvin Dorsey, Eugene Eddy, Richard Fischer, Norman Fulton, Gary Garrison, James Gerke, William Gill III, Gregory Goettsch, Larry Goettsch, Allan Gott, Dallas Greenfield, Dennis Hammonds, Rodney Hansen, Gerald Henderson, James Hernandez, Edwin Hollingsworth, Donald Holt, Michael Hughes, Kenneth Hiff, Foy Jolley Jr, Gary Jones, Thomas Keen, James Kennedy, Stephen Kennedy, James Kepler, David Kinion, Mark Kintzley, Galen Konken, Nicholas Krick, Donald Lambertson, Alec Leavitt, Roland Lei, Samuel Leighton, Robert Magnuson, Joseph Markham, Michael McCormick, Arthur Meek, Wayne Moeller, Juan Montoya, Marino Montoya, Charles Morgan, Richard Myron, Edward Nelson, Clayton Omland, John Ochoa, Dean Olson, Harleigh Peppler, Charles Powers, Albert Pribble, Rodger Price, Roger Ramsey, Paul Richmann, Kenneth Ricker, Robert Riggs, Philip Rouse, John Rowland, Robert Rowton, Steven Rylant, Rodolfo Sanchez, John Sanger, Martin Sattler, William Schenk, John Schroetlin, Kenneth Schroetlin, Donald Shaffer, Bert Smith, Gerald Smith, Robert Starck, William Starck, Duane Steinbrecher, Billy Thornton, Robert Tomlinson, Larry Torre, Garlin Trower Jr, Ernest Tyler, John Vaughn, Eugene Vigil, Antonio Villarreal, John Ward, Howard Willich, William Woods, Steve Zivicky, William Zoller.

Iraqi Freedom: Brian Ivers.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of