

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on this 100th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan), I wish to extend my best wishes to our Taiwanese friends.

Taiwan's continued success and growth into one of the world's most vibrant democracies despite tremendous adversity is a testament to the skill of its leadership and the resolve of its people. Due credit must be given to President Ma Ying-Jeou for his tenacity in advancing the cause of peace in the Asia Pacific region.

It is my greatest hope that Taiwan and its neighbors, in particular the People's Republic of China, will continue to deepen cultural and economic ties to promote lasting peace in the region and in the world.

TAIWAN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, 100 years ago on October 10, Sun Yat-sen, a Chinese doctor, led his people to overthrow the dynastic rule that governed his people for many centuries.

We have celebrated his achievements and his advocacy of his three principles of the people: Nationalism, Democracy, and the People's Livelihood.

Today, these three principles have been the legacy of Taiwan's President, Ma Ying-jeou, playing an integral role in making the Republic of China (Taiwan) a vibrant democracy and a leading force in today's international community.

We congratulate Taiwan on the historic celebration of their 100th anniversary.

HONORING THE GROUNDBREAKING
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
CHAPEL IN CAMDEN, NJ

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Jersey on the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony for their house of worship. This new building, located in the heart of Camden, will be a welcoming sanctuary, serving the needs of the people of Pennsauken and the City of Camden. Services will be open to the community and bilingual.

The history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Jersey dates back to the Church's founder, Joseph Smith Jr., who preached here. In 1944, the Church first established a congregation in Camden, where

Church members from all over South Jersey gathered to worship. Over the years the Church has grown to fifteen congregations in South Jersey, including two in Camden alone. Members have met in various buildings throughout Camden and in neighboring towns.

This building represents economic opportunity and investment in the City of Camden, as well as spiritual and personal growth for the community members. The chapel will be a gathering place for prayer, study, and service. I hope that this chapel will inspire further development in Camden and that its congregants will continue their good deeds in the region.

Mr. Speaker, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' commitment to the betterment of the City of Camden should not go unrecognized. I commend them for their hard work within the South Jersey community and congratulate them on the occasion of the groundbreaking of their new chapel.

PROTECTING JOBS FROM
GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, once again this Tea Party Republican majority is determined to ignore the jobs crisis in this country and instead focus the energy and efforts of Congress on busting unions and attacking the federally protected rights of workers to organize. This legislation is a direct assault on workers' rights in order to protect the profits of one corporation—Boeing. This legislation essentially tells 14 million unemployed Americans that their needs are irrelevant as long as there is a CEO in America who wants to crush a union.

The National Labor Relations Act, a Federal law, prohibits a company from taking actions, such as firing an employee or relocating a factory, against workers for exercising federally protected rights that include forming a union or striking. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) filed a complaint against Boeing in April 2011, accusing the airline manufacturer of building a plant in South Carolina as retaliation against union employees in Washington State who have engaged in strikes. The Seattle Times quoted one Boeing executive as saying that the main factor for putting the new plant in Charleston, SC was ". . . that we cannot afford to have a work stoppage, you know, every three years."

The legislation on the floor of the U.S. House today, H.R. 2587, is the Tea Party Republican attempt to reward a corporation that breaks the law in order to bust union workers. Rather than negotiate with union workers to reach contract agreements, Boeing built a new \$750 million facility in South Carolina. This legislation in essence sanctions any company in America to move their operations to any low-wage location where workers' rights are ignored, whether inside or outside the U.S.

Tea Party Republicans have titled this bill the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, but it really should be called the Busting Unions and Outsourcing Jobs to Protect Corporate Profits Act. It is remarkable that Members of Congress can vote to sanction

the export of U.S. jobs to other countries just to ensure corporate friends can squeeze every dollar of profit available out of their low-wage workers. This legislation is truly a betrayal of the American people, but it fits into the alarming trend advocated by Tea Party Republican legislators at the State and Federal level to eliminate worker rights and protections. If their goal is to return to the days of sweatshops and the abuse of workers they are certainly moving in that direction.

I truly hope that every Minnesotan who is a member of a union, retired from a union, or has a loved-one in a union is paying attention to what is happening in America. The corporate elites and the legislators their secret money have paid to elect are destroying workers rights. This U.S. House of Representatives, once known as the People's House, now appears to be owned by corporations. Our democracy is at risk along with the rights of workers and the wages of every middle class American.

This legislation is a harbinger of the battle working people, regular Americans, face as corporations dictate to elected leaders. I oppose H.R. 2587 and I oppose the union busting, anti-working American agenda it represents.

EXPRESSING RESPECT FOR THE
DIGNITY OF ALL WORK AND ALL
WORKERS

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, in the 1930s, as Americans slowly walked the road to recovery and rebuilt a country ravaged by the Great Depression, workers sought security and stability and unified representation. The National Labor Relations Act outlined the rights of both workers and employers and put forward rules to bring fairness to the union election process. Project labor agreements were established, and the Davis-Bacon Act created prevailing wage requirements. All this in a country still living in the shadow of the largest economic collapse the world had ever known. Our economy rebounded, and the middle class flourished. American manufacturing set the global standard, and much of the work was done by workers who enjoyed the right to collectively bargain with their employer. Our country respected the dignity of all work, and all workers.

Now, in the wake of the worst recession of our lifetime, some leaders appear to be trying to pull the rug from underneath working families who are already on the floor. We have witnessed attacks on collective bargaining rights in the state legislatures of Wisconsin and Ohio, and the repeated attempts of Congress to erode workers' rights. From repealing Davis-Bacon wage requirements to ending the power of regulators to enforce existing labor law, the same workers who made this the wealthiest country on the planet are now at times disparaged and denigrated by some rather than being protected and praised. Workers exercising their right to bargain collectively did not bring us to the brink of another Great Depression. Project labor agreements didn't cause our housing market to collapse. Prevailing wage requirements aren't causing our community banks to fail.

Rather, the protection of workers' rights, such as collective bargaining, has helped to create a strong American middle class, which has in turn spurred the growth of the U.S. economy. Collective bargaining is just that, bargaining. Protecting the rights of employees does not mean handicapping employers, it means respecting the dignity of all work, and all workers. As our country continues to walk the road to recovery, we should be mindful of this example, and we should respect the dignity of the workers who will take us there.

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO IRON & SUPPLIES, INC., AS THE ASHLAND AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S 2011 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chicago Iron & Supplies, Inc., from my hometown of Ashland, Wisconsin, for being named the 2011 Business of the Year by the Ashland Area Development Corporation.

From what began as a small five-person fur, animal and metals business in the late 19th Century, Chicago Iron & Supplies has transformed into the successful metal company it is today. The Orensten family purchased Chicago Iron in 1957, and their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit is a living example of the American Dream.

Small businesses, like Chicago Iron, are the drivers of our economy and their success is fuel to the economic engine of local communities. For over 50 years, Chicago Iron has been an exemplary small business whose success extends throughout Ashland, creating jobs and work for other local businesses.

Over the last half century, the Orensten family has not only invested in their business, but they have also invested greatly in the community of Ashland. It is my hope that the Orensten family and Chicago Iron & Supplies find continued success for many years to come.

HONORING THE BRAVERY AND HEROIC DEEDS OF IGOR TOBAS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic deeds of a young man from Memphis, Tennessee whose quick thinking and courage helped save the life of a child caught in an unfortunate accident. Igor Tobas, 21, was working as a valet at Elfo Grisanti's restaurant on September 10th when he was alarmed by the sounds of a child screaming in agony. Igor quickly rushed to the scene to find that Caleb Roedel, 15, had sustained a severed leg from the knee down after his leg became trapped underneath a slow moving train. Tobas, without delay, tied his belt around Caleb's leg to prevent him from losing blood and he continued to apply pressure to the wound until paramedics arrived on the scene.

The paramedics continued to use Igor's belt until they were able to airlift the child to a local hospital. If it were not for the quick thinking and heroic act of Igor Tobas, Caleb Roedel would possibly not be alive today.

What makes this event so remarkable is not only the quick thinking of Igor but the fact that he does not consider himself to be a hero. When asked about the event, Igor responded by saying that he only did what he could since no one on the scene knew what to do. Even more remarkable, Tobas returned to work after the event even though his arms were still covered in blood after saving a child's life. His boss, Mr. Grisanti, said of Tobas, "the world needs more people like him."

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the brave actions of Igor Tobas. His actions clearly show that anyone can perform acts of heroism if they simply choose to engage in service to their fellow citizens, regardless of the situation. While Mr. Tobas does not consider himself to be a hero, I think that the family of Caleb Roedel and citizens of Memphis surely do. Thank you, Igor Tobas, for your courage and commitment to protecting the life of a fellow citizen. It is my sincere hope that we can all find it in our hearts to follow your example in the future.

SOUTH ALABAMA HONOR FLIGHT SIX ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its sixth flight to Washington, DC on September 21, 2011.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, the September 21, 2011, journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for they collectively—and lit-

erally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Clinton Ames, Jr., Curtis Avinger, Robert Bagwell, Elwood Barden, Jack Bayuk, Sidney Biehl, Clarence Blocker, Byron Bower, James Boykin, Donald Brassfield, Robert Brown, James Butcher, John Butt, Leon Cain, Sr., Leo Cain, Sr., Arlee Carmichael, Alfred Chance, John Courtney, Jr., James Crocker, Joseph Croom, John Cunningham, Dr. George Dacovich, Sr., Robert Denniston, Glenn DePorter, Murray Driskell, James Dyess, Sr., James Edwards, Roy Eveland, Wilbur Ferguson, Vaughn Frederick, Dorothy Frost, Edward Gilbert, Jr., Sidney Gillikin, Bobby Graham, William Grimes, Joseph Hanson, George Harrison, Richard Howser, Gary Hunter, Morris Jackson, William Jenkins, Joseph Kress, Phillip Laden, Peter Leonardis, Roger Lewis, Harlan Mahan, Annie Mathews, Joseph Maury, James McArthur, Hezzie McCaughn, Joseph McCorquodale, Lee McCurley, Grover McIlwain, Alney McLean, Alfred Meadows, Jr., Mary Moebius, George Moody, Leon Mote, Warren Nelson, Lionel Noonan, Charles Odom, William Olsen, Sr., Robert Ownby, Hurshel Paul, Walter Pawlak, Hilton Peyregne, Frank Phillips, Jim Rainer, Jefferson Ratcliffe, Sr., Willard Ready, J.C. Reed, William Ross, Wayne Roth, James Santa Cruz, Raymond Scott, James Smith, Jerry Stastka, John Taylor, Thomas Turk, Florian Turla, Clyde Ussery, Alfred Webb, George Weldon, James Wicks, Leroy Williams, James Wright, and Harvey Younce.

RECOGNIZING MOVEMENT IS LIFE

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2011 National Caucus on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Health Disparities and Movement is Life. This body may not know that arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), affecting 46 million Americans, and costs the U.S. economy \$128 billion annually in medical costs and lost wages. The burden of arthritis falls more acutely on some members of our population, and African Americans and Latinos, and women of all backgrounds, face more severe osteoarthritis and disability, yet receive less than optimal access to diagnostic, medical, and surgical intervention than do other groups.

Additionally, there is a lack of awareness about the connection between musculoskeletal health disparities, increasing physical inactivity levels, and disparities in chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease among women, African-Americans and Latinos. The Movement is Life Work Group Caucus has been established, and the second annual meeting is currently underway in Washington, D.C., to develop action plans aimed at reducing musculoskeletal health disparities. By promoting early intervention, the