

violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families.

Rollcall vote 495: I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 438, a bill to name a postal facility in Berkeley, California, after Maudelle Shirek. Ms. Shirek has provided a significant service to this country fighting against injustice, poverty, and housing discrimination.

Rollcall vote 494: I would have voted "aye" on H.J. Res. 66, supporting the goals and ideals of "Lights On Afterschool," a national celebration of after-school programs.

IN HONOR OF GARY ANUND
KNUTSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Gary Anund Knutson, a dedicated public servant. Mr. Knutson, County Auditor-Controller of Santa Cruz, will retire after 35 years of public service, 19 of which were spent as the County Auditor-Controller. Mr. Knutson will be retiring on December 30, 2005, bringing an end to nearly four decades of outstanding service.

Mr. Knutson, who has spent a great deal of time maintaining a great working environment in his office, has decided to pursue other ambitions. His retirement will be enjoyed spending time on other personal activities. Mr. Knutson has done an exceptional job and his service is truly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, when he retires, Gary Anund Knutson will be leaving behind 35 years of excellence and professionalism. I applaud Mr. Knutson for his work and contributions. He has left a lasting impact on his community, and we would like to wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

ON THE OCCASION OF TAIWAN'S
NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) will be celebrating its National Day this October 10, and I wish to express my congratulations to Taiwan President Chen Shuibian and the people of Taiwan.

Over the years, Taiwan and the United States have enjoyed strong trading relations. Trade between our two countries have been growing steadily. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I notice that Taiwan is one of our best buyers of agricultural products and services. Last month, Taiwan sent an agricultural goodwill mission to the United States and it pledged to purchase more than three billions dollars worth of U.S. corn, wheat, soybeans and hide in the next two years. I will encourage farmers in my home state of North Carolina to take advantage of Taiwan's "Buy American" program.

Also, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, I am hopeful that there will be permanent peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait in the very near future.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to praise the good work of Taiwan Representative David Tawei Lee. He is a fine diplomat who has kept us informed and well briefed on all of the latest developments in Taiwan.

Happy Birthday to Taiwan.

RECOGNITION OF DR. KERRY
CLEGG

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Kerry Clegg, a school board member for the Sulphur Springs Union Elementary School District in my district, for his service as the 2004-2005 President of the California School Boards Association.

As a sixteen year member of the Sulphur Springs Union Elementary School District board of trustees, Dr. Clegg served three terms as president. In addition, Dr. Clegg served as president and secretary-treasurer for the Santa Clarita Valley School Trustees Association.

His contributions to the California School Boards Association have distinguished him as instrumental in answering the needs of California schools. In addition to his role as president this past year, Dr. Clegg served as a representative in CSBA's Delegate Assembly and as an active member of CSBA's Board of Directors for four years. Among Dr. Clegg's further contributions to the CSBA are his roles on CSBA's Budget Committee, Nominating Committee, Policy Platform Committee, Federal Issues Council, K-Higher Education Remediation Task Force, and as a site validator for CSBA's Golden Bell Awards. In 2004, Dr. Clegg also chaired CSBA's Legislative Committee, and this year, he is chairing the Joint Task Force on Science, the Education Legal Alliance Steering Committee, and the Superintendents Council. His contributions are currently reaching a national level as he serves as a delegate to the National School Boards Association.

Dr. Kerry Clegg graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a doctorate in Biology. Outside of his California School Boards Association duties, Dr. Clegg is a biological research manager for Sepulveda Research Corporation, and is also the CEO of a local Federal Credit Union. He and his wife, Rosanna, have five children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Kerry Clegg for his service to the Sulphur Springs Union Elementary School District and for his service as president of the California School Boards Association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL PAGE
SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981 ON THEIR
REUNION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is great pride that I rise to congratulate the United

States Capitol Page School Class of 1981 on their upcoming 25th anniversary. The Class of 1981 served the Congress honorably both in this chamber and in the other body.

Over the past 25 years these young men and women have started families and become leaders in our society.

As they gather in our Nation's Capital for their reunion this weekend, I offer my congratulations on behalf this body and ask all of my colleagues to welcome them back to the hallowed halls of Congress.

HONORING NATIONAL SCHOOL
LUNCH WEEK

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize National School Lunch Week. This year, the event is being held during the week of October 10-14, 2005. In honor of this event, I would like to take a moment to share with you a few facts relating to the National School Lunch Program:

President Harry Truman established the National School Lunch Program in 1946 in response to the large number of World War II recruits that were rejected due to malnutrition.

Today, the school lunch program serves more than 28 million students each day.

Just over half of those students who participate in the school lunch program receive their lunch free or at a reduced cost.

Over 92 percent of all students nationwide have access to school lunch and about 58 percent of those students participate on a given day.

The school lunch program operates in 99 percent of all public schools and 85 percent of private schools. That's a total of 99,538 public and non-profit private schools.

The National School Lunch Program is the largest of the federal child nutrition programs both in terms of spending and children served.

In fiscal year 2005, \$6.8 billion was appropriated for the school lunch program.

For some children, a school lunch is the only healthy meal they eat all day. School lunches can contribute positively to children's health, and can improve academic performance by increasing children's learning capacity and lengthening their attention spans. The National School Lunch Program plays an important role in protecting the health and well-being of many of the nation's school-age children.

I commend the nation's dedicated educators, food service professionals, and most of all, parents who work to ensure the ongoing success of the National School Lunch Program, and to ensure that children have access to nutritious and balanced meals at school.

A TRIBUTE TO TIBOR (TED)
RUBIN—RECIPIENT OF THE CON-
GRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to