

RECOGNIZING THE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of an announcement that Taiwan has been invite to participate as an observer at the annual meeting of the World Health Organization's governing body being held in Geneva next month.

With the strong support of the United States, Taiwan has persistently campaigned, especially after the SARS outbreak in 2003, to rejoin the World Health Organization but China has consistently blocked efforts to join any international body as an independent political entity.

So this marks a clear and important sign of improved relations between China and Taiwan, and I congratulate them on taking this important and meaningful step forward.

Since Taiwanese President Ma took office on May 20, 2008, relations between the two sides of the Taiwan Straits have greatly improved, paving the way for the first direct flights between the straits in 60 years, Chinese pandas being sent to Taiwan, substantially improved financial and business contact, and direct postal service and shipping.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues will join me in applauding the efforts to improve relations and to encourage further cooperation.

CONGRATULATING LANA POLLACK FOR RECEIVING THE 2009 MILLIKEN AWARD

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lana Pollack on the occasion of her receiving the Michigan Environmental Council's (MEC's) 2009 Helen and William G. Milliken Distinguished Service Award.

I have known Lana as both a friend and a colleague. She is a public servant of the highest order and a remarkable human being. Lana has served her community and her state with distinction. As a Michigan State Senator from 1982 until 1994, Lana led the effort to provide for a cleaner and more beautiful Michigan. As a champion of environmental causes, Lana helped clean up our state and ensured that those who polluted paid for their transgressions. But she did not limit herself to just one issue; Lana fought for legislation to provide gender equity, educational improvements and reproductive rights.

After leaving the Michigan State Senate, Lana joined the Michigan Environmental Council, serving as its president from 1996 until her retirement in January. While president of the MEC, Lana provided the force and leadership that grew this terrific organization, doubling its size and producing a ten-fold increase in its budget. But it wasn't the size increase or the money that made Lana's leadership of the MEC such a success, it was the quality of

work that the MEC produced. Under Lana's watch, the MEC continued in its mission to protect Michigan's environment and preserve its natural resources. Lana used her skills in building coalitions of support to manage the 70 member organizations that make up the MEC in their combined efforts. Through passion and pragmatism Lana led the MEC from one success to another in its fight to protect our environment.

Lana Pollack is a model public servant. She is being honored with the Milliken Award because of her lifetime of service and her commitment to the environment. Her efforts personify what it means to be an active and engaged member of a community and an individual who is willing to fight for those principles they care deeply about. I am pleased to congratulate Lana on this tremendous accomplishment, for which she is so worthy of recognition, but above all else, I am honored to have her friendship. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Lana Pollack for her leadership, passion and record of accomplishment.

HONORING GREAT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE NATION'S SCHOOLS TO WATCH

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the parents, students and faculty at Great Valley Middle School for earning the outstanding distinction of being named one of the nation's Schools to Watch.

Just 11 schools in Pennsylvania and 170 schools in the United States have been recognized as Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

This honor demonstrates that Great Valley has an exceptionally talented team of teachers and administrators, involved parents committed to making education a priority and hard-working students determined to make the most of their educational opportunities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Great Valley Middle School for this much-deserved national honor and for the school's constant commitment to excellence in education.

TRIBUTE TO EILEEN HOROWITZ

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Eileen Horowitz, Temple Israel of Hollywood Day School's Head of School. Eileen will be retiring this spring after 14 remarkable years of service to Temple Israel of Hollywood and 40 years as a visionary educator and administrator.

Eileen will be wished a warm and fond farewell on May 16, 2009 during Temple Israel of Hollywood's Spring Gala celebrating her commitment to the children and community at Temple Israel.

Since 1995, Eileen has served as Temple Israel of Hollywood Day School's Head of School. By all accounts, she has transformed the Day School while touching the lives of hundreds of children, their families, her colleagues and the Temple's congregants. Eileen has elevated the Day School to an institution that is locally, nationally and internationally renowned for its high academic standards, its innovative and creative programming and its focus on nurturing well-rounded children. Eileen's forward-thinking philosophy has been to foster a student's identity that is sensitive to others and the environment and fulfills the responsibility that each of us bears.

Eileen's 40-year career in education has taken her from classroom instruction to curriculum development and implementation to school administration and teacher training. Perhaps Eileen's most inspiring legacy is that she has never lost sight of the reason she entered the field of education in the first place—her desire to help children reach their potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Notwithstanding Eileen's incredible accomplishments, she considers her finest achievements to be her nearly 40-year marriage to her husband, Steve, her children and their six beautiful grandchildren.

Temple Israel of Hollywood and our entire community owes Eileen a debt of gratitude for her tremendous record of achievements at Temple Israel of Hollywood and throughout her career. I am delighted to join Eileen's family, friends, colleagues, students and their families in congratulating her and wishing her Mazel Tov for her successes.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending thanks and appreciation for her outstanding and inspired contributions these past 14 years at Temple Israel and in wishing her all the best for the future.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DONALD W. KOLHOFF

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Donald W. Kolhoff, veteran and patriot, upon receiving the lifetime achievement award from the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republicans.

Don was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1930, the second of three sons. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1948. After High School, Don served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954, including two tours of duty during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. While doing his duty in the Air Force, Don found time to attend classes at Southwest Texas State University and the University of Toledo, majoring in Accounting.

After his service to our nation, Don began a successful career in the defense industry. Don got his start as a contract manager for the jeep division of Kaiser Industries. In 1970, Don moved his young family to Livonia, Michigan and went to work for AM General. From 1981 until he retired in 1994, Don served as a Senior Contract Administrator with Textron Corporation, supervising defense contracts with the United States Navy. Due to his exemplary