

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCING THE 12TH ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPO ON THURSDAY, MAY 14

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE&EE) Caucus, I rise on the occasion of the 12th Annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO, which will be held this Thursday, May 14 from 9:30 AM—5:00 PM in the Cannon Caucus Room. The EXPO is the RE&EE Caucus's signature event and this year will feature over 50 businesses and organizations showcasing cutting edge sustainable energy technologies. An afternoon speakers' series in 340 Cannon House Office Building will highlight the role that renewable energy and energy efficiency can play in the areas of economic growth, job creation, national security and energy independence. The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome and invited to attend.

HONORING THE UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN TO END TYRANNY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Unprecedented Campaign to End Tyranny, which took place on May 9, 2009.

The Unprecedented Campaign to End Tyranny is a Midwest tour across nine states to support the people who have peacefully quit the Chinese Communist Party. It celebrates the condemnation of communism and the evolution of attitudes that encourage freedom of speech, religion, and expression. Since 2004, nearly fifty-four million Chinese citizens have bravely and publicly disassociated themselves with the Chinese Communist Party. This number continues to grow by up to 40,000 each day. The defection movement is gaining in momentum.

Madam Speaker, it is the responsibility and duty of free Americans to stand with those who yearn to be free. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the bravery of those who have had the daring audacity to publicly step forward and denounce the stifling oppression of communism, and embrace the ideals of freedom and liberty.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 338, supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month.

Community colleges offer the opportunity of an affordable college education to students, working adults with busy schedules and people looking for an alternative to a traditional liberal arts education. Their programs help address some of the most pressing workforce demands in our country, including nursing, engineering technology, allied health, law enforcement and computer technology among others. More recently, community colleges have heeded the call for skilled workers necessary to build and maintain wind and water turbines, solar panels and other technology needed to produce a clean, renewable energy infrastructure here in the United States.

During these tough economic times, the need for advanced education and skills is more important than ever to finding well paid work in an increasingly competitive workforce. Community colleges like Palm Beach Community College and Broward College located in my congressional district offer customized continuing education programs to fit the needs of emerging and evolving industries in our community—with online, distance learning courses to better accommodate working adults with families and busy work schedules. The flexibility and affordability of many community college programs allows Americans from every walk of life to pursue an advanced degree or certification that they may not have had the opportunity to pursue otherwise.

By providing everyone in the United States with the opportunity to further their education, we can build a more competitive, innovative workforce, capable of addressing the most pressing issues of our time, and restoring our place as a leader in the global economy. Community colleges will play a vital role in preparing young people and adults looking to further their education, with the skills they need to advance their careers, provide for their families, and get our economy back on track.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Last week marked the 30th anni-

versary of the first ever Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, made possible by a joint resolution signed by President Jimmy Carter.

I am proud to represent one of the most diverse congressional districts in the country. One in four of my constituents is of Asian Pacific heritage—many of whom are of Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese descent.

The 29th Congressional District boasts of an impressive list of Asian Pacific American civic leaders who are strongly committed to this community. John Chiang, serving California as Controller, is the highest-ranking Asian Pacific American elected state official. Also, as one of California's twelve constitutional officers, Judy Chu serves as Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization. Other state officials include State Senator Carol Liu and Assembly Member Mike Eng. On the local level, we have Alhambra Council Members Stephen Sham and Gary Yamauchi; Alhambra Unified School Board Members Chester Chau and Robert "Bob" Gin; Garvey School Board Members Janet Chin, Henry Lo, and John Yuen; Monterey Park Mayor Mitchell Ing and Council Members David Lau, Betty Tom Chu, and Anthony Wong; San Gabriel Council Member Albert Huang; South Pasadena Council Member Mike Ten; South Pasadena Unified School Board Member Joseph Loo; Temple City Mayor Judy Wong and Council Member Vincent Yu; and Temple City Unified School Board Member Janet Rhee.

During the 110th Congress, I had the distinct honor of introducing legislation to pay tribute to the former Mayor of San Gabriel, Chi Mui, by posthumously naming the San Gabriel Post Office in his honor. Chi was the first Chinese American mayor in San Gabriel, a city where close to half of the population is Asian American. The bill was signed into law on August 12, 2008 and the post office was dedicated on October 25, 2008, one day before Chi's fifty-sixth birthday, making this the third post office in the nation to be named after a Chinese American. In addition, to commemorate Women's History Month earlier this year, I had the privilege of naming Melinda Hsia and Yin Yin Huang Women of the Year in the 29th Congressional District. They are truly exceptional women who have improved the quality of life for our community.

The contributions of Asian Americans to our country is not limited to the above-mentioned individuals. Our Nation has benefited from the contributions of Asian Americans for decades. The Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, commonly known as the "Go For Broke" regiments, courageously served our nation during World War II and earned several awards for their distinctive service in combat. Earlier this year, I introduced legislation to pay tribute to the "Go For Broke" regiment by awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress's highest civilian honor.

This past April marked the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. It has been three decades since the United States and Taiwan

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