

From 1942 to 1945, Mr. Walsh served in the Navy as an ensign on a sub chaser in the Pacific. He was at the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945, the same day his wife gave birth to their first child. Mr. Walsh spent an additional seven years in the Navy before retiring as a lieutenant commander.

In addition to his lifelong work at Walsh Duffield Insurance, Mr. Walsh served on innumerable corporate and civic boards. He was the former director of National Fuel Gas and Tops Markets and was on the boards of both Marine Midland Bank and Buffalo Savings Bank. He was chairman of Buffalo's Chamber of Commerce committee and a critical leader in the work leading to the construction of Ralph Wilson Stadium. He also led campaigns to build Nichols School's hockey rink, its former science center, as well as other fundraising projects throughout western New York.

Mr. Walsh was president of the James H. Cummings Foundation board and held directorships at Hospice Buffalo, Millard Fillmore Hospital, and the YMCA. He was chairman of the boards of the Greater Buffalo Association of Insurance Agents, Nichols School, United Fund, Child and Family Services, NCCJ, AAA, Millard Fillmore Hospital, the Saturn Club, and the Bishops Lay Advisory Council.

A devout Catholic who was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Mr. Walsh was named to serve on numerous religious committees. He headed the Bishop's Lay Committee on behalf of Bishop James McNulty, the Schools Review Committee at the request of Bishop Edward Head, and was honored with a diocesan nomination and papal appointment as a Knight of St. Gregory and Knight Commander. Over his lifetime, Mr. Walsh had been recognized as a Buffalo News Outstanding Citizen and the Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year. He held season tickets for both the Buffalo Bills and Sabres. With his family, Mr. Walsh received the United Way's Volunteer of the Year salute and the Seymour H. Knox Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Walsh was married to his wife, Sarah, on July 3, 1943. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary at their family vacation cottage on Georgian Bay, Ontario. In addition to his widow, he is survived by three sons, John N. III, Michael, and Theodore B. K. "Barney"; a daughter, Sally Demaree "Demi" Walsh Ayres; three sisters, Eleanor Wertimer, Gerry Clauss, and Sheila Parizeau; and his brother, Edward.

John Walsh, Jr. was a World War II veteran, businessman, father, and proud western New Yorker. Madam Speaker, I was honored to know Jack Walsh and am honored to call members of his family my friends. I ask you to join me and our colleagues in honoring Jack's life and legacy, and to wish his family Godspeed in the days and weeks ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of peaceful German Reunification.

With this anniversary celebration, we acknowledge the influences of the United States and its people, who have come to the aid of the people of Germany. From the Marshall Plan, to the Berlin Airlift, to the support that finally brought down the wall, the people of the United States have stood alongside the German people. From Presidents Truman and Kennedy, to Reagan and H. W. Bush, that support has not wavered.

In 2005 I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit our wounded troops at Landstuhl Air Force Base in Germany. There I saw the remnants of the wall that were erected as a reminder of that time—and the triumphs of German Democracy over tyranny.

The United States has many ties to Germany which we celebrate, as well as the important impact the German heritage has had not only in the DFW Metroplex, but the State of Texas and the entire United States. These influences are found in many aspects of our culture, such as food, arts, and business, and for this, we are thankful.

This year we also recognize the 61st Anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride that I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of German Reunification. Germany is an important ally to the United States, and we are thankful for their partnership.

IN HONOR OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on Republic of China's National Day.

In the last two years, Republic of China President Ma Ying-jeou has even further strengthened the ties between Taiwan and the United States. Taiwan has been reducing its trade surplus with the U.S. year after year and supporting our war against global terrorism. Taiwan's offer of humanitarian assistance to Iraq and Afghanistan has been generous and laudatory. I sincerely hope our mutual relations will continue to prosper as we are committed to the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, the cornerstone of our mutual relations. In keeping with the spirit of the TRA, we must facilitate and complete our arms sale to Taiwan. Despite the reduction of tensions in the Taiwan Strait, the undeniable reality is that China still has over a thousand missiles deployed and aimed at Taiwan around the clock. Taiwan's need for defensive arms is greater than ever.

Madam Speaker, we should applaud Taiwan's recent rapprochement with its major adversary, the PRC. Yet, we should always remember a well-armed Taiwan is the best way to maintain the status quo across the Taiwan Strait. To safeguard Taiwan's security, the U.S., as a longtime friend of Taiwan, must continue to provide necessary defensive weapons to Taiwan. Furthermore, we should continue to advocate for the greater inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations. One good example will be for the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, to accept Taiwan as an observer, following the model of the

World Health Organization, which has invited Taiwan to be its observer for two consecutive years.

On the occasion of its National Day, I wish Taiwan even greater success in the future and appreciate the continued friendship of our two nations.

NATIONAL NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS, on this bipartisan legislation and I want to thank him for his leadership on this important issue. I also want to thank Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman PALLONE, Ranking Member BARTON, and Ranking Member SHIMKUS for their support.

Our staffs have worked long and hard in a bipartisan manner to get to this point today. I particularly want to recognize Ray Thorn on my staff, Anne Morris on the Committee staff, and JP Paluskeiwisc on Rep. BURGESS' staff for their work on this legislation.

While thousands of Americans are affected by Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, or other neurological diseases, very little accurate information exists to assist those who research, treat, and provide care to those suffering from these diseases. Accurate incidence and prevalence information is critical and needed to gain a better understanding of these diseases. This lack of information inhibits research, treatments, programs, and services.

In 2000, the Pew Environmental Health Commission, recommended that neurological diseases, such as Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis, be tracked by a national data system. Today, we take an important step implementing that recommendation by establishing a national neurological diseases surveillance system at CDC.

Quite simply, the National Neurological Diseases Surveillance System Act will help improve and enhance the infrastructure in tracking the incidence and prevalence on neurological diseases, including Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. The information collected through this surveillance system will provide a foundation for evaluating and understanding many factors such as geographic clusters of diagnosis, variances in the gender ratio, disease burden, and changes in health care practices.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation represents an opportunity to move neurological disease research in a meaningful way that aims to improve the lives of all Americans suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, or other neurological diseases.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.