

Gary began his long career as a columnist in 1970 while still working at the Lindsey Wildlife Museum. During his thirteen year tenure as curator of the museum, he established one of the Nation's first wildlife rescue programs, tending to injured wildlife and raising a wide variety of orphaned animals. In 1982, Gary signed on as a full-time writer with the Contra Costa Times, using the skills and knowledge he gained as a curator to share his expertise on wildlife and domestic animals with the public in his own daily column.

As a prominent voice for preserving and protecting the environment in our region, Gary has left a lasting impact on our community. In 1990, when Oakland Athletics manager and animal-lover Tony La Russa realized that there was not a single "no-kill" shelter for animals in the area, he called on Gary for help. Together they cemented the idea that a non-profit shelter was urgently needed. A year later La Russa launched his Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), which has helped countless homeless and unwanted pets to find permanent homes. Through his column, Gary has also spread awareness about the importance of preserving our natural land and has been a valued partner with such organizations as Save Mount Diablo and the Muir Heritage Land Trust in advocating the preservation of open space in the East Bay.

Over the years, Gary's work has been widely recognized throughout the Bay Area as his writing was picked up by the Oakland Tribune, San Mateo County Times, and the San Jose Mercury News. He has also written five books that have connected with environmentalists and wildlife advocates worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Gary Bogue for his committed and diligent service to the community, our natural environment and the wildlife whose space we share on this planet. I am pleased to join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating Gary on an outstanding career and wish him the very best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Taiwan on its 101st National Day, which will occur on October 10th, 2012. As a member of the Taiwan Caucus, I recognize the importance of continuing to cultivate a strong relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan share a strong commitment to freedom. As a beacon of democracy for Southeast Asia and the rest of the world, Taiwan and its 23 million people enjoy self-governance, free elections, and the protection of individual rights. The policies pursued by President Ma Ying-jeou have made Taiwan a strong ally to the United States in these turbulent times.

Taiwan also is a strong business partner for the United States. It is our tenth largest trading partner and the sixth largest market for United States agriculture exports. Georgia and Taiwan also have strong business ties. Taiwan is Georgia's thirteenth largest export market,

grossing \$68 million in profit for Georgia last year alone. Taiwan imports chemicals, automobiles, and, of course, Coca-Colas. Taiwan is also a leading innovator and producer of information technology and knowledge-based industries.

The United States has supported Taiwan's transformation to a vibrant democracy. It should be congratulated for its 101 years of freedom and prosperity. It continues to be a model of democracy for Southeast Asia and countries all over the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Taiwan on its 101st National Day. I am confident that the friendship and close relationship that has been cultivated by the United States and Taiwan will continue for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO C. KEVIN GILLESPIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor C. Kevin Gillespie. Father Gillespie will be inaugurated as the 27th president of Saint Joseph's University on Friday, October 12, 2012.

A native of West Philadelphia, Father Gillespie attended St. Margaret's Grade School in Narberth, Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, and then Saint Joseph's College in Philadelphia. After earning his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972, Father Gillespie went on to earn master's degrees in psychology from Duquesne University and in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley. He holds a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University.

Father Gillespie entered the Society of Jesus in 1975 and later served at Loyola College in Maryland where he became the first director of the master's program in Spiritual and Pastoral Care. There he also founded LOGOS, Loyola Overseas Gestures of Solidarity.

Most recently, Father Gillespie was the associate provost for University Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago where he lead five academic centers and in 2011, simultaneously served as interim dean of the School of Social Work.

Father Gillespie credits his St. Joseph's education for preparing him to meet the critical issues he faces every day. He has served on the Board of Saint Joseph's since 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring C. Kevin Gillespie for his years of service and congratulate him on his new journey as president of Saint Joseph's University.

IN HONOR OF OHIO SENATOR MICHAEL J. SKINDELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator Michael J. Skindell of Ohio's 23rd Senate District.

Senator Skindell graduated cum laude with a B.A. in business and political science from Walsh College before earning his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Upon graduation, he served under Attorney General Anthony J. Celebrezze as an Assistant Attorney General. After providing legal representation to the Director of Health, serving as a hearing officer for the Ohio department of Health, and beginning his own practice, Senator Skindell turned to public service, becoming a councilman for Lakewood from 1998 to 2002. He was then elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for Ohio's 13th House district where he served four terms until being elected to the Ohio Senate.

Throughout his career, the Senator has been known to advocate for protections for the consumer, more affordable prescription drug coverage, protecting the environment, providing opportunities for working class and poor families, universal health care and developing Ohio's renewable energy resources. Currently, he serves on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Democratic Club, and Cuyahoga Democratic Party.

Senator Skindell has been recognized as Environmental Legislator of the Year in 2004, Legislative Champion of Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Voices for Ohio Children, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2007.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Senator Michael J. Skindell.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARCIA GOLDSTONE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my gratitude to Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her considerable achievements over the past 35-years with the Jewish Community Relations Council. Her vision, leadership and tireless devotion to promoting social justice and interfaith dialogue has strengthened and enriched the 71h District of Indiana in countless ways.

As the long-serving Executive Director of the JCRC, Dr. Goldstone created and led dozens of issue-based coalitions made up of exemplary business and religious leaders, educators, and philanthropists to foster a welcoming and secure environment for our growing Jewish community. I applaud the JCRC for its embrace of the ancient tradition of tzedakah, the Hebrew word for charity, by assisting Jewish families who have fallen on hard times, assisting Soviet Jewry to integrate into American society, and promoting a deeper understanding amongst peoples of faith throughout Central Indiana.

Dr. Goldstone's influence and passion for fighting injustice and promoting tolerance extends beyond Central Indiana. Her persistent efforts as part of a broad coalition of religious and secular organizations encouraged the Reagan Administration and Congressional leaders to call for the end of Apartheid in South Africa and release of Nelson Mandela. These efforts have earned her numerous