

HONORING BETTE BOYD FOR HER  
SERVICE TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bette Boyd. Mrs. Boyd has exercised the most important duty of citizenship, voting in every election since she registered to vote at the age of 21 in 1947. She has devoted her time and efforts to community endeavors and good citizenship since being first employed in war work in 1943.

When the demand for skilled workers was at a high in 1943, Mrs. Boyd went to work in the American Motors plant in Los Angeles. Shortly after, she was promoted to lead the work group of women engaged in essential war work. Bette embraced her responsibilities and welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the war effort.

Her first job after WWII exposed her to the need for a union voice and she began an organizing effort for the United Electrical Workers. She advocated for better wages and working conditions for men and women engaged in assembly line work. Bette took fellow workers out on strike and experienced for the first time the power of owners and management when the strike was broken. After the Vietnam War, Bette met refugees from southeast Asia who needed help adjusting to American life. She assisted refugees in securing employment and was responsible for integrating 1500 refugee families into American culture.

Through her work with Vietnamese refugees, Bette became aware of the onset of AIDS in Los Angeles and the Bay Area. She volunteered to work with AIDS patients at an early point in the epidemic that would become a global scourge. She met Mother Teresa and helped establish an AIDS clinic in India. Bette continues her work with AIDS patients today.

Bette became involved with the poor in India. She proposed to provide funds to improve educational opportunities in a rural South India village and insisted that girls be offered the same educational opportunities as boys. She contributed to the construction of a school that would touch hundreds of children. Today that school in Madahalli, Karnataka State enrolls 850 children.

Bette moved to Humboldt County in 1993 and has been involved in volunteer work ever since. Her work ranges from helping cancer patients get treatment to working with HIV patients, and helping the mentally ill. She is a stalwart at Democratic Headquarters and is regularly at booths and street fairs. She encourages all who are eligible to register and vote, thereby fulfilling the first duty of citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Bette Boyd for her outstanding service to a global citizenry.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
SUSAN B. ANDERSON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Honorable Susan B. Anderson for her service, as she prepares to retire from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. She was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2000 and has been a reliable champion for the people of Fresno County for over a decade. During her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Susan has served as a collaborative, creative, and innovative leader. Her participation on the Board will be sorely missed.

Born in Kansas, Susan and her family moved to California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley when Susan was three years old. By 1970, Susan and her family settled in Fresno, California. In 1987, Susan earned her law degree from San Joaquin College of Law, where she also served as president of the Student Association, and eventually the Alumni Association.

A long-time public servant, Susan began her career working as marketing director for the downtown Fresno YMCA for over ten years. With her leadership, the YMCA experienced an expansion in membership and community support—clearly exhibiting her role as an effective ambassador for the people of the San Joaquin Valley.

Susan has been an unwavering advocate for Central California's children during her entire career. Shortly after graduating from law school, Susan worked as a deputy district attorney in the Fresno County Juvenile Courts. She took it upon herself to ensure that abused, abandoned, and neglected children were represented fairly and passionately. Additionally, Susan has served on a number of Boards, including the Boy Scouts, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the YMCA. She also was at the forefront of the effort to create Focus Forward, a non-profit organization aimed at providing educational and enrichment services to the County's children. Susan's dedication to helping some of our most vulnerable citizens serves as a testament to her superior moral character and compassionate heart.

When Susan was elected to be County Clerk in 1990, she made history by being the first woman elected to a county-wide post. Her time as County Clerk was ample with accomplishments. During her service, she increased the efficiency of her department, ensuring timely responses and successful service.

As a County Supervisor, Susan has often shown thoughtful leadership, effective policy development, and keen fiscal and administrative oversight. Her work has touched the lives of thousands of Valley residents, and will ensure that her legacy lives on for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of California's most principled leaders. Her loyalty to her constituents paired with her unmatched work ethic truly makes her a source of pride for our entire nation.

COMMEMORATING TAIWAN'S  
NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

**HON. DAVID RIVERA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China (Taiwan) for more than a century of tremendous success as we approach their National Day of Celebration, October 10, 2012. This day marks 101 years since the founding of the country, and most importantly marks more than a century of progress towards democracy, freedom, and economic success for the people of Taiwan. I would like to commend the country for its continued commitment to a brighter future, despite numerous struggles over the years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Taiwan for its many years of friendship to the United States. It has been an ally in the region for decades, and this invaluable friendship deserves recognition.

I congratulate Ambassador Jason Yuan, Representative of Taiwan to the United States, on his new post as Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Taiwan. I cherish the friendship with Ambassador Yuan and wish the Ambassador and Madame Yuan the very best of luck in the future.

**TRIBUTE TO THE MATILDA  
JOSLYN GAGE FOUNDATION**

**HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation of Fayetteville, New York, upon the occasion of receiving federal funding through the Department of State's Museums Connect Program—a highly selective program that aims to strengthen cultural understanding through collaborative and innovative projects facilitated by museums.

The Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation dedicates its efforts to educating individuals about the life and work of Matilda Joslyn Gage and her significant contributions to the women's suffrage movement of the 19th century.

With respect to her commitment and dedication to women's rights and human liberation, the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation commits itself to celebrating her life and promoting the continuing significance of the works of Matilda Joslyn Gage for current and future generations.

Consistent with her values, the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation works to preserve the home of this great American figure, as well as preserve her writings, provide educational programs devoted to the abolitionist and suffrage movements, and promote the history of Central New York as a beacon during our nation's great civil rights movements.

It is with honor that I pause in my legislative deliberations to acknowledge the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation for its dedication to strengthening and developing cultural and historical understanding throughout Central New York and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating The Matilda