

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING ZEIDERS ENTERPRISES ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many contributions of Zeiders Enterprises in communities here and across the Nation since its founding 30 years ago in Prince William County, VA.

The more than 1,000 staff members of Zeiders Enterprises serve in crucial roles as clinical counselors, victim advocates, new parent support specialists, personal financial counselors, transition specialists, spouse education and career counselors, and relocation specialists. Through these activities, Zeiders Enterprises has made a direct, positive difference in the lives of individuals, families, their communities, and the organizations in which they serve. Particularly noteworthy is the role that Zeiders plays in supporting the special needs of military servicemembers and their families. Zeiders Enterprises is a founding sponsor of The Quality of Life Foundation, whose mission is to honor and serve our severely injured combat servicemembers and their families by helping them face the life-changing challenges unique to their situations.

Employees at Zeiders contribute outside the workplace through extensive volunteer service. They support the American Red Cross, Peace Corps, local schools, youth development programs, mentoring programs, victim advocate programs, youth sports programs, community orchestras, volunteer fire and rescue departments, and the National Guard and Reserve. Leading by example and helping to create a culture of public service is Mr. Michael Zeiders, CEO and founder. Mr. Zeiders has supported families of wounded warriors nationwide through the Quality of Life Foundation, served on the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, and is working with the City of Virginia Beach to develop the American Dream Theater to foster emerging artists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join with me to congratulate Zeiders Enterprises on its 30th anniversary and to pay tribute to the significant contributions its employees have made in improving our communities and the lives of our brave men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

### HONORING CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER MERCER, USN

**HON. JOHN K. DELANEY**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Captain Christopher Mer-

cer, USN, for his incredible courage and bravery on September 16, 2013 during the Navy Yard Shooting.

Captain Mercer served admirably, as he both ensured the safety of himself and three others during the shooting, and helped the police in their efforts, all while trapped inside of his office in the Navy Yards Building 197. His incredible courage should not be left in vain.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Captain Christopher Mercer, USN, for his distinguished acts of courage during the Navy Yard Shooting on September 16, 2013. Captain Mercer is a hero for his acts on that day, and should be recognized for his remarkable bravery.

### CONGRATULATING THE MOTHER MCAULEY LIBERAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM ON THEIR REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL VICTORY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Science Bowl Team on their Regional Science Bowl win on February 22, 2014. This victory advances the school to the National Science Bowl Championship held in Washington D.C. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication the team members have put in to advance their knowledge of science and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous accomplishment.

The Department of Energy created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 225,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl through its 23-year history. It is one of the nation's largest science competitions.

The Regional Science Bowl Competition held at Evanston High School brought both middle school and high school science bowl teams together to compete by answering questions in a round robin format covering a range of science topics including biology, physics, math, astronomy, earth science, and computer science. The Mother McAuley team could not be beat that day and won a paid trip to Washington D.C. for Nationals, where they will compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format solving technical problems and answering questions on a range of science topics.

The winning Mother McAuley Science Bowl team is the only one from Illinois to advance to Nationals. This winning team is comprised of 8 students, Seniors Tiffany Anderson, Siobhan Bennett, Rayn Davis, Montana Ford, and Diana Sanchez, and Juniors Sarah Dynia, Juliana Magnan, and Jessica Marchetti.

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School is a Catholic educational community sponsored

by the Sisters of Mercy and is committed to providing a quality secondary education for young women. The school opened in 1956 and is located in the Third Congressional District on the Southwest Side of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mother McAuley Science Bowl Team on their remarkable achievement and I wish them the best at Nationals.

### 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the robust U.S.-Taiwan relationship and mark the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, of 1979.

The TRA set in motion a bond between the people of the United States and Taiwan that continues today. It is more critical now than ever before that we understand the value of that bond and work to promote it at every opportunity. Members of Congress who have been here long enough to see the benefits of the TRA in action know that it is an integral part of sustaining the mutual security and commercial interests of our two governments.

Our commitment to Taiwan has remained steady in times of amity and times of crisis. In July 1995, when Beijing conducted a series of missile tests in the Taiwan Strait in a brazen attempt to intimidate the Taiwanese people, the U.S. deployed the largest military fleet in Asia since the Vietnam War. Thankfully, disaster was averted. Today, an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence is maintained across the Taiwan Strait. But our nation's choices during that tense period were a potent symbol of our steadfast support of Taiwan.

The United States recognizes Taiwan's unflinching determination to promote a free and fair democratic society. We, as a nation, have supported their efforts over the last three and a half decades by providing military assistance and fostering commercial exchange. Today, Taiwan is a close ally and collaborator in global efforts to combat terrorism. Recently, Taiwan was invited for the first time to attend the 38th assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, as a special guest of Council President Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez. Through their active engagement with ICAO, Taiwan provides a multiplier effect to our own efforts to ensure safe and secure air travel and protect air passengers from the threat of hijackings and terrorist attacks. Such collaboration among partners would not have been possible without the TRA.

Today, 35 years after the passage of the TRA and nearly two decades since the Taiwan Strait Crisis, I would like to reassert our nation's role in maintaining peace and stability abroad. Our ongoing engagement with Taiwan and preservation of the TRA demonstrates our

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