

Mr. G I know you hated being in the spotlight but look at what you have created. Mr. G you changed lives. Mr. G you may have left us, but your spirit will live on with us forever. Godspeed Mr. G.

Thank you,
Dan Fraser

HONORING BARBARA JOHNSON

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Barbara Johnson who represented the Fourth Ward of Minneapolis for 20 years, serving as the Council President for the last 12 years. Johnson became the longest-serving Council President in Minneapolis history.

Johnson's accomplishments as a Council Member and as Council President were extensive. She made public safety and the health of the Fourth Ward one of her main priorities, serving on the Public Safety & Health Committee and the Hennepin County Criminal Justice Coordination Committee. She assisted in crime prevention through job training and youth programs. As a registered nurse, Johnson was passionate about the growing healthcare sector in Minneapolis and supported using a public health approach to public safety.

Johnson was passionate about constituent service, always willing to pick up the phone to help get a pothole filled. She helped support local businesses in the neighborhood, including the opening of the North Market grocery store, and businesses across Minneapolis with projects like the Midtown Global Market. She also spearheaded an effort to merge the Hennepin County and Minneapolis library systems.

Johnson has a strong interest in parks and the environment. She served for 18 years on the Metropolitan Park & Open Space Commission, and served on the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area Commission. She helped negotiate a 20-year parks and street maintenance agreement that passed in 2016. She supported the development of the Webber Natural Swimming Pool. She also worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to reduce pollution on the Northside.

Prior to her elected service, Johnson was a founding member of the Victory Neighborhood Association (VINA) and was the Chair from 1994 to 1997.

Johnson's experience, hard work, and leadership has made a lasting mark on Ward 4 and across our community. I want to thank Barbara Johnson for her exceptional 20 years of public service and her dedication to the City of Minneapolis.

RECOGNIZING 107TH TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th National Day of Taiwan.

Taiwan celebrates its national day every October 10th. As this special day approaches, I

would like to wish the people of Taiwan and all Taiwanese and Chinese Americans a happy Double Ten Day.

These occasions remind us to reflect on our past successes and look forward with renewed commitment to what we may accomplish together through our shared commitment to liberty and democracy.

Taiwan was America's 11th largest trading partner in 2017 and strives to respect the intellectual property rights that protect American innovation. In this and other areas, we see that our nations share a special bond, forged by mutual respect and a steadfast commitment to one another's security and prosperity.

Through the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 and President Reagan's deliverance of the Six Assurances in 1982, the United States and Taiwan cemented a strong friendship deepened by mutual strength in the face of hardship.

I believe the United States and Taiwan must continue to prioritize investment in defense capabilities that will secure its peace and fight global terrorism, but also want to recognize that the commitment to the bond between our nations extends to humanitarian support.

I would like to extend thanks to President Tsai Ing-wen and the people of Taiwan for their generosity and friendship, and again wish them a Happy Double Ten Day.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMENIAN GENERAL ATHLETIC UNION AND SCOUTS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly known as Homenetmen, upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

Founded in 1918, Homenetmen has been a global phenomenon that has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. Over the years, this extraordinary organization has mentored outstanding youth and has encouraged members to work towards achieving individual as well as collective excellence.

Homenetmen has continuously expanded over the last century and is currently the largest Armenian scouting and athletic organization in the United States. In 1922, when Homenetmen chapters in Constantinople were forced to close, its leaders dispersed across the world. From there, a network of chapters began appearing globally. The first chapter in the western United States, the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter, was founded in 1968, and its prosperity led to the formation of other chapters across the region.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters; several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large Armenian-American community. Throughout the years, the organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by exposing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education. It conducts scouting and athletic activities which foster dedicated and outstanding individuals and helps members develop leadership and

life skills. Through its scouting program, scouts actively engage in physical, team-building and educational activities, coupled with community service and outdoor scouting expeditions. A highlight of the organization is the Navasartian Games and Festival, which is an annual event that attracts thousands of community members and boasts the participation of many athletes and scouts.

The time, effort, and care that Homenetmen has given to the global Armenian community is invaluable, and many have benefited greatly from their dedicated work. The organization has championed shaping our children into responsible and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto—"Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending Homenetmen for one-hundred years of dedicated service.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY PROCLAMATION

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan will celebrate its 107th National Day on October 10. I would like to congratulate my Taiwanese friends on this important occasion.

Taiwan has long been a trusted ally of the United States in the increasingly important Indo-Pacific region. We share many common values including the rule of law, democracy, a market economy, and a commitment to human rights. We can be certain that Taiwan's democracy and resulting development are an example to the entire Indo-Pacific region. We can also be certain that the United States, Taiwan, and all of our other like-minded partners can work together to strengthen the rules-based fabric of this region. Lastly, we can be certain that the United States' commitment to the security and democracy of the Taiwanese people has never been stronger.

Taiwan is currently the 11th largest trading partner of the United States and one of the largest export markets for the great state of Tennessee in Asia. The United States is Taiwan's second largest trading partner. Based on these figures and through our continuing hard work, I am confident that our ties will only grow stronger over time.

I wish our Taiwanese friends a wonderful 107th National Day and a fruitful year ahead.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT LATRELL E. JUAREZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Latrell E. Juarez of Des Moines, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Latrell is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 40 of the Mid Iowa Council.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately