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**H.R. 6545, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018**

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Act.

Today, more than ever, it is clear we as a nation must do more to protect our women and girls. The #MeToo movement has made it increasingly obvious that we are failing as a country to properly address and prevent sexual assault.

Sexual violence is particularly prevalent among women of color, who are often times victims to an oppressive combination of racism and sexism. Statistics show that by the age of 18, approximately 40 percent of black women report coercive sexual contact, and that Native American women are almost two times as likely to be assaulted than their white peers.

Today, I find it exceptionally important to stand as an ally to women, as Republicans attempt to push through a Supreme Court nominee who has been accused of sexual violence. I stand with my female colleagues and women across the country when I say—time's up. We must believe women and ensure our laws protect their safety and equality.

I support the Violence Against Women Act and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

**RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN**

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October 10, or Double Ten Day, the national day of Taiwan. Given the warm ties between the United States and Taiwan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

Over the years, Taiwan has proven its leadership on the global stage—despite its unique political status—through its commitment to democracy, its contributions to global health initiatives, international development, and humanitarian missions. Taiwan delivered critical aid and supplies following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and the 2013 Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. During the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Taiwan donated funds and protective gear so that doctors and other health workers could meet the unique challenges the disease posed at that time.

Taiwan is a key security and trading partner of our nation, and it is important that Congress and the administration redouble their support for Taiwan's standing and meaningful participation in international bodies. Taiwan consists of 23.5 million highly educated and highly skilled people who are experienced in dealing

with the challenges faced by our global community. Indeed, a number of these professionals fall them within the purview of international organizations such as the WHO, ICAO, and INTERPOL. It is to the benefit of us all that experts from Taiwan can share their knowledge and experience with their colleagues in these international forums as they seek to address challenges including global pandemics, aviation safety and security, international crime, and terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in wishing the people of Taiwan all the best as they celebrate Double Ten Day.

**HONORING SPC ROBERT A. WISE**

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a life that was lost too soon. Florida National Guard Specialist Robert Allen Wise of Tallahassee was killed in Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated in November 2003. He was the First Florida National Guardsman killed in action to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Specialist Wise chose to selflessly serve our country at 17 years old. He was enrolled at Tallahassee Community College, when he answered the call to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. When his father asked him if he was sure he wanted to go, Wise told his father "I would rather face them there than here."

Specialist Wise was known to his family and friends for his contagious laugh, infectious smile, and unwavering sense of duty to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Specialist Robert A. Wise and all of our fallen heroes who gave 'the last full measure of devotion' to this country to make Americans safe at home and abroad.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present and voting for the following roll call votes due to a family wedding celebration. Had I been present, I would have voted: No. 399: YEA; No. 398: YEA; No. 397: NAY; No. 396: YEA; No. 395: YEA; and No. 394: YEA.

**CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE OF BRUSHTON ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 200th anniversary of the Village of Brushton.

The Village of Brushton was first settled in 1818 by a small group of pioneers. In 1835, a

landowner named Henry N. Brush purchased several mills that had developed on the Little Salmon River, which he then named Brush's Mills. The community's economy became distinctly agricultural, linked to the rest of the North Country's developing industry through its location on the Rutland Railroad. Brush's son, Henry Corbin Brush, proceeded to build upon his father's legacy and further develop the industrial attributes of the community. In 1877, the village was officially named Brushton and has continued to prosper ever since.

Currently, the Village of Brushton is part of the Town of Moira in Franklin County. Although small in population, the people of Brushton are very proud of their village's rich heritage and tight-knit community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Village of Brushton on its 200th anniversary. I wish all its residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. I missed two votes on September 25, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400, and YEA on Roll Call No. 401.

**TAIWAN'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the founding of Taiwan, also known as the Republic of China.

As a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I long have been impressed with how this island of twenty-three million people punches above its weight and has become an economic powerhouse. It is home to Foxconn, one of the world's largest electronics manufacturers, as well as other large technology companies such as ASUS, Pegatron, and Quanta Computer. In fact, Taiwan is known as one of the Four Asian Tigers whose rapid economic expansion has served as models for other developing countries.

The United States and Taiwan also enjoy a strong albeit unofficial relationship which is maintained by the American Institute in Taiwan. According to the United States Trade Representative, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading partner and the United States is Taiwan's third largest trading partner (after China and Hong Kong). U.S. goods and services trade with Taiwan totaled an estimated \$84.7 billion in 2016.

My home state of Georgia also has a strong relationship with Taiwan. Last year, Georgia exported more than \$400 million in goods to Taiwan including heterocyclic compounds, civilian aircraft engines and parts, poultry, data processors, cotton and kaolin clays. There