

Khadim Arijo, and Aqib Chandio are just three of the hundreds of people in Sindh who have been forcefully disappeared. Often times, these people later turn up dead, and no justice is ever served. To give just one example, Dr. Anwar Laghari was murdered three years ago, and no perpetrator has been brought to justice. In fact, no one has even been charged.

Another issue plaguing Sindh province is the construction of dams and canals along the Indus River. Sindh province's economic well-being depends on having sufficient access to the water supplied by the Indus River. For decades, Sindh and Punjab provinces have shared this vital water supply. Recently, however, the Pakistani government has taken to unilaterally constructing dams and canals along the river without Sindh province's consent. This has increasingly choked off Sindh's water supply, threatening the province's economic viability.

These problems must be addressed. I urge the Trump administration to raise these issues with the new Pakistani government starting with Secretary of State Pompeo, who is meeting with the Pakistani Foreign Minister on October 2.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOODBRIDGE POTOMAC COMMUNITIES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Woodbridge Potomac Communities Civic Association (WPCCA).

In October 2008, civic-minded volunteers in the Woodbridge area of Prince William County, Virginia founded the WPCCA in order to develop and implement a plan to improve their community. For a decade, the civic association, its leadership, and its members have worked tirelessly on the issues of redevelopment, transportation, beautification, and land use in order to improve the quality of life of the 66,000 residents of the Woodbridge Magisterial District.

The members of the WPCCA get their hands dirty with the hard work of civic engagement. Volunteers organize clean-up efforts and maintain flower beds along Route 1, host an annual Dumpster Day for area residents to dispose of unwanted belongings, and clear local creeks of trash and debris. The organiza-

tion was instrumental in developing the North Woodbridge Small Area Plan with Supervisor Frank Principi, advocated for and secured underground utilities along a Route 1 widening project, and it is represented on the Executive Committee of the Prince William County Police Department's Citizen Advisory Board. WPCCA volunteers are engaged in every aspect of civic life in their community.

The WPCCA also hosts several annual events to celebrate and inform the citizens of Prince William County. The Woodbridge District is a majority-minority community, and the WPCCA celebrates this diversity with an annual cultural festival that includes ethnic food, music, and dance. The area is bordered by two major waterways—the Potomac and Occoquan Rivers—and the WPCCA uses its annual river boat cruise to highlight the environmental issues impacting area creeks and rivers. The annual legislative town hall hosted by WPCCA provides citizens with updates from elected officials on the most recent developments from the United States Congress, Virginia General Assembly, and the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the members of the Board of Directors for the WPCCA on the occasion of its 10th anniversary:

Myma Lim Youngberg—Chair; Lynda Silverstrand—Vice Chair; Reuben Johnson—Treasurer; Maureen Parlette—Programs and Events Chair; Nader Abed—Website and Membership Chair.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Woodbridge Potomac Communities Civic Association and its members for the good work they do in Prince William County. Their efforts make Woodbridge a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We are all fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our community.

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, both the people of Taiwan and people in communities here in the United States will soon celebrate Double Ten Day, Taiwan's national day. This year's Double Ten Day is yet another cause for celebration. Once again, we can celebrate the remarkable transformation Taiwan has undergone in the years since the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979, and ac-

knowledge that the TRA and the Six Assurances of 1982, which have served as the framework of US relations with Taiwan, have stood the test of time.

While every national day is a celebrated occasion, we must never forget that Taiwan is situated in some of the world's most contested waters and is facing a People's Republic of China that has met President Tsai and her government with hostility from the moment she assumed her office. Mindful of those concerns, I'd like to take a moment to highlight critical Taiwan related provisions, enacted into law in August of this year, in conjunction with the National Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year 2019. This newly enacted law reiterates that the TRA and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of our relations with Taiwan. In addition, it calls for the strengthening of defense cooperation with Taiwan to ensure they can maintain sufficient self-defense capability; for supporting Taiwan's acquisition of defensive weapons; and for more predictability with respect to US arms sales to Taiwan. This in my view was a critical and timely reaffirmation of our support for Taiwan's security.

The 23 million people of Taiwan have created a vibrant democracy and society. The United States has and will stand by our friend for many years to come, as we work together for the peace, prosperity, and security of freedom-loving people in Asia and across the globe. I am proud to call myself a friend of Taiwan, and again wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, and 408 on September 26, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 402, I would have voted "no," on roll call vote number 403, I would have voted "no," on roll call vote number 404, I would have voted "yes," on roll call vote number 405, I would have voted "yes," on roll call vote number 406, I would have voted "present," on roll call vote number 407, I would have voted "no," and on roll call vote number 408, I would have voted "no."