

during World War II. As a part of “The Greatest Generation”, Mrs. Evans was an important part of the war effort to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am forever grateful for Americans like Helen Horlacher Evans. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I yield back the remaining balance of my time.

CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT
TSAI ING-WEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan for beginning a second term with a positive message of confidence for the future. It is with the affirmation of democracy by President Donald Trump who has provided advanced weapons to Taiwan to maintain Peace Through Strength.

Taiwan along with Hong Kong are models of how people of Chinese heritage can best achieve economic prosperity through democratic free market capitalism.

The Wall Street Journal published on May 21st an article by Chun Han Wong entitled Taiwan President Holds Firm on China.

“Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen kicked off her second term by doubling down on her strategy for boosting the island democracy’s ability to resist coercion from China, pledging to further revamp the economy, strengthen the military and deepen ties with friendly countries.

In her inaugural address on Wednesday, Ms. Tsai reiterated Taiwan’s rejection of China’s efforts to assimilate the island, which Beijing claims as its territory. But she offered to work with Chinese leader Xi Jinping to stabilize relations in ways that respect Taiwan’s democracy and sovereignty—conditions that China has previously rejected.

“Both sides have a duty to find a way to coexist over the long term and prevent the intensification of antagonism and differences,” Ms. Tsai said.

Ms. Tsai won the re-election by a landslide in January on a pitch to defend Taiwan’s democracy by enlarging the island’s international presence and reducing its economic dependence on mainland China, its biggest trading partner.

Taiwan’s standout success in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic has bolstered the profile of the island of nearly 24 million people, a boon for Ms. Tsai’s agenda. Taiwanese authorities had reported 440 coronavirus infections and seven deaths as of Wednesday.”

CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION
HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Each May, Americans commemorate two historic anniversaries: the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the

transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. First proposed as a ten-day celebration in 1977, this month celebrates the heritage of Americans who come from Asian and Pacific Island countries and territories. Since the first Asian and Pacific Islanders made the journey to America in 1843, they have enriched the fabric of this great nation with their own unique contributions. I am honored today to tell the stories of two Asian Pacific Americans who live and work in Georgia’s Sixth Congressional District.

Asian Pacific Americans represent a diversity of cultures, experiences, and countries. Throughout American history, these men and women have contributed to the growth and progress of the nation. The story of Asian Pacific Americans has not been without pain, however. During the construction of the transcontinental railroad, thousands of Chinese immigrants worked under dangerous conditions, endured abusive labor practices, and received unfair compensation. During World War II, people of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, imprisoned, and held in desolate places without trial. Even today, Asian Pacific Americans endure hate and discrimination simply due to their heritage. Asian-owned businesses have suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic due to intolerance and xenophobia. As Americans, we must reject and condemn such discrimination and embrace the many differences that make this community a hub of culture and diversity.

Today, I am proud to celebrate a community of Asian Pacific Americans that make up part of the incredibly rich and diverse heritage of Georgia’s Sixth Congressional District. It is my honor to recognize two members of this community in particular: Victoria Huynh and Ching Hsia.

Victoria Huynh is the Vice President of the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS), headquartered in Georgia’s Sixth District. Victoria’s upbringing in a Vietnamese refugee household fuels her passion for community building, strategic planning, and policy work with immigrants and refugees in Georgia. She serves as the Advisor of the CPACS’ Advocacy Department and co-chairs the Asian American and Pacific Islander Complete Count Committee, which is working to ensure a complete count for Georgia’s Asian Pacific American population in the 2020 Census. Not only does Victoria serve on my Sixth District Complete Count Committee, but she also helped organize one of the largest “Get Out the Count” Census events in the entire state.

Ching Hsia is the Assistant Principal for the Chinese Cultural School and Vice President of the Chinese Community Federation of Atlanta. She immigrated to the United States with her parents and siblings when she was just 8 years old. As the youngest child among four siblings, she watched her parents struggle to provide for her family due to language barriers and limited employment opportunities. The feeling of making her parents proud was what kept her going through difficult times. When Ching was in middle school, her parents bought a restaurant on Buford Highway, which is also located in the Sixth District. As the only member of her family that spoke English, she interpreted mail, bills, and other documents for the family business. She went on to attend Georgia State University and majored in Spanish with a concentration in International Business. After college, she used her expertise to

help her own family business as well as many other immigrant-owned businesses along the Buford Highway corridor.

Victoria and Ching’s remarkable stories are just two of the many rich narratives that make up the vibrant Asian Pacific American community in Georgia. I am deeply grateful for the services that Victoria and Ching provide to residents across the state, and it is my honor to highlight them both during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. During this month and always, I am proud to celebrate the impact of Asian Pacific Americans here in Georgia and across the country.

RECOGNIZING DR. MATTHEW MARTIN AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Matthew Martin, a local Army veteran and trauma surgeon at Scripps Mercy Hospital, as my Constituent of the Month for May. The novel coronavirus has swept through our country, leaving devastation in its path and particularly hitting the residents of New York City. When a colleague reached out asking for more hands on deck at the Jacobi Medical Center in New York City, Dr. Martin did not hesitate to volunteer.

After five deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, Dr. Martin certainly recognizes the call to serve. Upon arriving to the front lines of America’s coronavirus epicenter, the former Army doctor saw a New York City hospital that was overwhelmed and overrun. Every day, Dr. Martin and his new team risked their own health to treat others, even as the virus claimed the lives of fellow healthcare workers.

Despite the hardship he confronted daily, Dr. Martin found inspiration in the resolve and resilience of his new colleagues and did not lose sight of the battle. Since returning to San Diego, Dr. Martin brought back with him the determination he saw in his New York colleagues and a goal to ensure our community never experiences the level of devastation he found during his time at the Jacobi Medical Center.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. As our nation faces this unprecedented health crisis, there are countless first responders and essential workers in California’s 49th district who deserve our gratitude and recognition. Today, I am proud to recognize Dr. Martin as well as the courageous team at the Jacobi Medical Team, whose selflessness to join the fight in saving lives is inspiring. I am honored to recognize Dr. Matthew Martin as my Constituent of the Month, and I thank him not only for his service to our country, but also for joining the fight to combat this global pandemic.