

heretofore elected by the legislature, will be elected by popular vote. This will mark the first time in the history of China that a President has been democratically elected.

Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, Taiwan's economic might and its embrace of democracy have enraged the PRC which has reacted aggressively. Economically, for instance, the PRC has been able to delay Taiwan's admission into GATT. Diplomatically, the People's Republic insisted that the United States not allow Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui to enter our country, even on a private visit. True to form, earlier this year the State Department capitulated and denied President Lee's request to visit his alma mater, Cornell University. Fortunately, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly adopted a resolution supporting President Lee's visit and President Clinton overruled the State Department, granting President Lee a visa to speak at Cornell this past June.

The PRC's response to President Lee's visit has bordered on the hysterical. Besides recalling its Ambassador from the United States and unleashing vicious propaganda tirades against President Lee, the PRC has conducted provocative military exercises off Taiwan's coast, including test-firing missiles in the East China Sea just 80 miles north of Taiwan. The PRC is planning further missile testing and naval maneuvers near Taiwan.

Clearly the PRC is attempting to use the threat of invasion to intimidate the people of Taiwan into rejecting President Lee and adopting a docile foreign policy. If the PRC is successful in carrying out this extortion and subverting the democratic process in Taiwan, the United States will only be encouraging further PRC aggression in the region against Japan and the Philippines and we will be severely marginalized as a Pacific power. In short we will have allowed the PRC to establish Asian hegemony. To avert this moral and diplomatic catastrophe, the administration must: First, make it clear that any military action against Taiwan will result in a worldwide embargo and diplomatic isolation of the PRC; second, expeditiously complete the delivery of the 150 F-16 fighter jets already purchased by Taiwan; third, provide anti-missile systems to Taiwan; and fourth, reinforce our policy of granting visas to Taiwan's elected officials. Additionally, the Congress should promptly adopt House Concurrent Resolution 63 introduced by Representative GERALD SOLOMON which would urge Taiwan's admission into the United Nations. The bottom line of America's China policy must be the recognition that the PRC needs us more than we need them. As President Nixon said shortly before his death "the Chinese will not launch a military attack against Taiwan as long as Beijing knows such an action would jeopardize their relationship with the United States."

Last month I had the opportunity to meet with President Lee in Taiwan. He is an impressive leader who is clearly committed to democratic principles. As the world's leading democracy, the United States must stand with democratic nations in their time of peril. By standing with the Republic of China on Taiwan at this time, the United States will be acting in our best traditions and strengthening the cause of peace and stability in the Pacific.

HONORING DR. ALEXANDER IBE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recipient of the 1995 Golden Door Award, Dr. Alexander Ibe. Dr. Ibe will receive the award at the annual dinner meeting of the International Institute of Flint on Tuesday, October 11.

The International Institute of Flint presents this award annually to a foreign-born citizen who has substantially improved life in the Flint community. Dr. Ibe has worked tirelessly since his arrival in the United States in 1979 to help African immigrants and others.

Dr. Ibe was born in Nigeria the son of Chief Alphonsus Ibe and Justina Ibe. He is the fourth of seven sons. After immigrating to the United States he helped bring three brothers to live permanently in this country. In addition to helping his family immigrate, Dr. Ibe has been tireless in his efforts to help African refugees realize their dreams of living in the United States free of persecution.

The list of Dr. Ibe's accomplishments is long. As president of the African American Association of Greater Flint he raised money to aid Liberian refugees. He fought deportation of Africans and provided relief to those in financial need. He raised money for scholarships and even paid the college tuition for needy students out of his own pocket. He has devoted his time and expertise to developing African cultural presentations. School children throughout Genesee County have gained a greater knowledge of the contributions Africans have made to the world through these programs. He has volunteered for the past 6 years to organize the international institute's African festivities.

In addition to his volunteer work for the international institute, Dr. Ibe serves as a minister of the Word at St. Michael's Catholic Church and is currently raising money for the Our Mother of Africa chapel at the National Shrine in Washington, DC. When he is not volunteering his time to various causes, Dr. Ibe is a medical research scientist. He recently completed a study of cystic fibrosis. With his wife Carolyn, he has two children, Alexander Merenini Ibe II and Crystal Ndidi Ibe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Congress to rise with me today to honor this great American. My hometown of Flint has benefited innumerable times from the contributions of Dr. Alexander Ibe. We are a better world because of his compassion.

IN HONOR OF LOUIS KEITH DUMAS

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Louis Keith Dumas, the executive director of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center [ALC] at McClellan Air Force Base. Mr. Dumas will be retiring this year after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Federal Government and principally the Department of the Air Force.

As executive director, Mr. Dumas is second in the Sacramento ALC chain of command. When acting in the commander's name, he exercises broad management authority over all center operations. The Sacramento ALC has program management sub-stainment responsibilities for designated aircraft and communications-electronic systems, and employs about 13,500 civilian and military personnel. Mr. Dumas has clearly distinguished himself during his long career with the Air Force, but his most significant accomplishments may have taken place through his leadership and innovation in the high-technology field. He worked to establish the Sacramento ALC's software engineering division; this has placed the center in the elite company of approximately 9 percent of the software practitioners and managers in the United States, and among only a handful of Government software activities. Through Mr. Dumas' personal direction, the Sacramento ALC accomplished a realignment of all the center's software efforts and combined them in a single software engineering division with a clear mission of becoming the Department of Defense's software engineering center of excellence.

Mr. Dumas has looked beyond national borders to further Air Force initiatives. The Air Force and DOD have selected the very high speed integrated circuit [VHSIC] hardware description language, or VHDL, as its standard. Sacramento ALC has pioneered the insertion of VHSIC multichip modules into fielded weapons systems. Mr. Dumas initiated and directed a reverse engineering design project for the British Royal Air Force [RAF] to demonstrate this technology. As a result, the RAF has adopted the VHDL as its standard in place of a particular language which the British were developing.

As a strong proponent of the dual-use concept, I am particularly impressed with Mr. Dumas' work in this area. Mr. Dumas, myself, and others have worked to establish a casting emissions reduction program [CERP] at McClellan AFB. This program is a partnership between McClellan AFB and the big three automakers to develop an environmentally complaint foundry and associated foundry processes for the DOD and the automakers. Metal casting has critical defense relevance; almost 90 percent of all manufactured parts for DOD contain castings. This agreement could ultimately revitalize the foundry process. Related to dual use is Mr. Dumas' strong promotion of interservicing as the business of the future by supporting Army, Navy, and Marine customers, and other Government agencies in the Sacramento ALC's technical centers of excellence.

I join my colleagues today in honoring Louis Keith Dumas for his many years of outstanding service to the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and our Nation. Mr. Dumas and his wife, Dolores, have been married nearly 40 years and have three children and a granddaughter. I wish Mr. Dumas and his wife continued success in all their future endeavors.