TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. ANTHONY

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the life and achievements of a man who was a respected businessman and civic leader in my congressional district, Mr. John Lee Anthony, who recently passed away at the age of 60.

John was an invaluable member of the El Dorado, Arkansas, community. An esteemed and involved business leader, John served as president, chief executive officer and director of Anthony Forest Products Company, one of the region's leading timber producers and manufacturers. While maintaining his many responsibilities with the company, he also took time to serve the people of El Dorado in many capacities. He was a director of Simmons First Bank of El Dorado, a director of the El Dorado Boys and Girls Club, a member of the El Dorado Rotary Club, and a director of Bozeman Park.

In addition to his service to Arkansas, John also represented the timber industry in many positions. He served as a director of the American Forest and Paper Association in Washington, D.C., and was a two-time president of the American Institute of Timber Construction in Denver, Colorado.

John Lee Anthony will long be remembered for his important contributions to the timber industry as well as his community. His passing is a great loss not only to those who knew him well, but to the people of El Dorado and all of South Arkansas. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Pat, his son, Dr. John Lee Anthony, Jr., his daughters, Michele and Andrea, and all his family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT EHRLICH

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 16th, I was unavoidably detained from participating in floor proceedings. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways on the legislation the House considered:

H. Con. Res. 248, Expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words ''God Bless America'' as an expression of support for the Nation: YEA

H. Con. Res. 217, Recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the United States under the ANZUS Treaty, paying tribute to the United States-Australia relationship, reaffirming the importance of economic and security cooperation between the United States and Australia, and welcoming the state visit by Australian Prime Minister John Howard: YEA

H.R. 2272, The Coral Reef and Coastal Marine Conservation Act: YEA

A TRIBUTE TO EVANS METROPOLITAN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute and special recognition to Evans Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on their 200 years of service to the citizens of Fayetteville and Cumberland County, NC.

Founded in 1801 by Mr. Henry Evans, a free black cobbler and Methodist preacher from Virginia, Evans AME Church has played an important role in the spiritual and cultural life for local citizens. From her missions of teaching, nurturing, caring, and growing in the word of God, Evans AME church stands tall as a beacon of hope for all to see.

In establishing this wonderful church, Pastor Evans faced numerous trials and tribulations. But he always overcame them to keep the Word of the Lord alive and well in Cumberland County, Pastor Evans was driven out of Fayetteville on numerous occasions, imprisoned at least three times, and even swam across the icy Cape Fear River to keep preaching the gospel. Pastor Evans' perseverance finally prevailed in 1802 as town leaders granted him a license to preach.

Mr. Speaker, 200 years later, Pastor Henry Evans' spirit continues to fill and move the congregation and community of Evans AME Church. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in recognizing this church on this historic occasion, knowing that as their motto states, ''We are a friendly church at the top of the hill on Cool Spring Street where visitors are always welcome.''

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, It is a great honor to rise today to pay tribute to Taiwan on the occasion of its National Day. The people of the United States stand together with the people of Taiwan, who have courageously demonstrated their commitment to democracy. Taiwan is a vibrant, thriving nation and a model for the future—a model characterized by strong economic growth, respect for basic human rights and democratic freedoms.

Taiwan is an important partner of the United States, economically, culturally, strategically, and politically. It is my privilege to congratulate the people of Taiwan as they commemorate their festival of freedom—the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan). I am also proud to express the support and best wishes from my colleagues in Congress for Taiwan during this time of celebration.

Taiwan is a true democracy guaranteeing political freedom and civil liberties to its people. I would also like to express my gratitude to President Chen Shui-bien and the people of Taiwan who have joined President Bush and the international community in a counter-terrorism coalition following the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States. President Chen's government has graciously pledged Taiwan's resources in helping the United States fight terrorism. President Chen's pledge of unequivocal support for our nation during these difficult times is a testament to the historically close relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

During this time of rebuilding and remembrance, it is appropriate for us to recognize Taiwan marked its National Day on October 10, 2001. There are many challenges facing Taiwan and America. The United States must continue to encourage productive dialogue between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland to promote peace and security in the region. At the same time, Taiwan must be allowed to participate in international organizations allowing Taiwan's success to be emulated around the world. On Taiwan's National Day, I hope Taiwan and the Chinese mainland will one day be in agreement regarding principles of freedom and democracy, thus leading to lasting stability and prosperity in the Asian Pacific Region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 383, I was unable to cast my vote due to a commitment in the district. Had I been present, I would have voted ''nay''.

RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH D. FREEMAN

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent and friend, Elizabeth D. Freeman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Elizabeth is the ultimate community volunteer. She has devoted countless hours organizing the private fundraising efforts of the Broward County Library System. As an active member of the Board of Directors of the Broward Public Library Foundation, she has organized their most successful annual event, ''The Night of Literary Feasts''. This event brings renowned authors to Fort Lauderdale for a series of small dinners in private homes and a day of lectures open to the public. You can't say no to Elizabeth, as David Gerkin found out last year.

That unique talent, the power to persuade has made Elizabeth a most sought after member of organizations and committees in our community. Most recently, she has chaired the Opera Ball, served on the Board of Directors of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Miami Heart, the Fort Lauderdale Philharmonic Society and SPARK, the fundraising arm of the Museum of Discovery and Science. She also found time to be an active member of Beaux Arts, organizing events to support the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

Elizabeth Freeman is an individual who wants to see things accomplished. She usually