

WORLD PEACE PRIZE FOR ANNETTE LU, VICE PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 9, 2001 in Taipei, Taiwan Vice President Annette Lu will be awarded the World Peace Prize by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council. The World Peace Prize Awarding Council, is a non-profit association under the leadership of Dr. Han Min Su, who founded the Council in cooperation with the late Hon. Robert Leggett, then a Senior Member of the U.S. Congress, and a Korean War veteran.

The Council today has some 50,000 members, mainly Korean evangelicals and their ministers. The Council consists of an international board of judges, bringing experienced and dedicated individuals from many countries; including: Dr. Asher Naim from Israel, Dr. Mohamed Cholkamy from Egypt, Dr. Carlito Puno from the Philippines, Dr. Bhupatary Oza from India, and Dr. Shiu Loon Kong from Hong Kong. Under their guidance, the Council has sought to recognize individuals from around the world who have undertaken extraordinary efforts in order to advance peace and stability in their respective regions.

Appropriately, Vice President Annette Lu, is the first to receive this Award from the ROC, and she joins a group of distinguished recipients of the Council's Peace Prize Award. Among earlier honorees have been former President Ronald Reagan, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, the Hon. Itzhack Rabin, Premier of Israel, Dr. Syngman Rhee, former President of the Republic of Korea, the Hon. Daniel Akaka, U.S. Senator, Lt. Gen. Herman Keck, Jr. Retired Superintendent of the U.S. Chaplains Association, and Emomali Rahmonov, President of Tajikistan. Each of these has received the World Peace Prize Award for activities that have contributed to peace in the world.

Typical of the type of accomplishments Vice President Lu has sought to achieve is the recently concluded 2001 Global Peace Assembly, which was held in Taipei, Taiwan this summer. This assembly coincided with the anniversary of the ending of World War II, and brought together such Nobel Peace Laureates as: Hon. Betty Williams from Northern Ireland, H.E. Lech Walesa from Poland, H.E. Oscararias Sanchez from Costa Rica, H.E. Fredrik DeKlerk from South Africa, Hon. Joseph Rotblat from the United Kingdom, and Hon. Jody Williams from the United States. During this assembly, these participants joined with the people of Taiwan to declare their firm commitment to pursuing avenues of space in seeking to resolve long-standing disputes in the region. This included a commitment to pursuing national security with defensive characteristics as well as pro-active dialogue in cross-strait relations. The Global Peace Assembly was an outstanding success in forwarding the cause of peace and cooperation in this important region of the world, and in helping to prevent tensions across the Taiwan Strait.

Vice President Lu is the first woman to receive this award, which is entirely fitting, because she has worked tirelessly on behalf of

women's rights in the Republic of China. She stimulated the growth of Taiwan's feminist movement, as well as crusading for greater democracy in the ROC, for which she paid a price. If that was the first time she received international attention for her effects on behalf of freedom and democracy, it has not been the last. That event marked the beginning of a trail which saw her political party, the Democratic Peoples Party, rise to prominence, in no small part due to her activities, first as an effective opposition to the Kuomintang and finally as leaders of the first new, democratically elected Chinese government. And it made her the vice president of the Republic of China.

Along the way, this graduate of Harvard Law School has been a practicing attorney and has served with distinction as a Member of the Legislative Yuan. Prior to her election to the Vice Presidency she won election as Magistrate of Taoyuan County. If anything, that task is probably more difficult than being Vice President, in that she has consistently and vigorously sought to end corruption and to make Taoyuan County a good place in which to invest and to live.

Throughout her career, Annette Lu has fought for women's rights, peace, and stability in the Republic of China and abroad. In these troubled times, even before the atrocities of 9-11, the world has needed and now more than ever needs to take whatever strides it can on behalf of democracy and freedom. Taiwan has joined the World Trade Organization, a positive step for the Republic of China on Taiwan. In these troubled times, it is appropriate for lovers of democracy to recognize those who work hard to advance it, for to do so is to advance the cause of peace in a time of great strife and a heightened risk to the freedom-loving peoples of the world. In this spirit the World Peace Prize Awarding Council honored Vice President Lu with the World Peace Prize and we heartfelt commend them for their initiative.

RECOGNIZING THE NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Napa Valley Vintners Association for its years of dedication to the people of Napa Valley.

Established in 1943, The Napa Valley Vintners Association began as an association of 195 wineries dedicated to the art and practice of winemaking. For more than 50 years the Association has maintained a sense of partnership, priding itself on helping to make Napa Valley the premier wine-growing region in the world.

However, their pride and excellence in winemaking is equaled by the dedication they have for the community of Napa Valley. Over the last 20 years, the Napa Valley Vintners Association has donated more than \$20 million to community ventures to advance projects in health care, housing and youth organizations. They have given over \$4 million to the Queen of the Valley Hospital Foundation alone, and are considered by the Founda-

tion to be a key reason why the hospital can provide state-of-the-art medical care throughout Northern California.

Because of the generosity of the Vintners Association, Queen of the Valley Hospital has been able to build two new nursing towers, purchase two linear accelerators, renovate the Emergency Center and Critical Care Unit, and acquire state-of-the-art cancer diagnostic equipment. They have also donated to the Queen's Care for the Poor Programs. Recently, the Hospital was able to acquire a Vascular Laboratory, a light speed CT scanner, a new Radiology and Fluoroscopy Room and renovate their Maternity Center. Such support has helped to make Queen of the Valley Hospital one of the best small hospitals in the United States.

The benefits of the strong partnership between the Napa Valley Vintners Association and the Queen of the Valley Hospital are evident. Many members of the Association have served on the Hospital's Board of Trustees. These members include prominent figures in the wine industry such as Brother Timothy Deiner, Robert Mondavi, Michael Mondavi, Louis Martini, Carolyn Martini, Jack Cakebread, Jay Courley, Dennis Groth, Marc Mondavi, Julie Johnson-Williams, Tom Shelton, Janet Trefethen, Ed Farver, Otto Beringer, Walter Klenz, Marilouise Kornell, Bruce Markham and Thomas May.

Mr. Speaker, the wealth of generosity the Napa Valley Vintners Association has bestowed upon the Napa community is abundant. At this time, when our sense of community is heightened, I ask that we honor and recognize the tremendous dedication the Napa Valley Vintners Association has shown the citizens of Napa Valley and our country.

CA-22 HONORING CARNZU CLARK

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated so much of her time and effort to the citizens and organizations of the community of Santa Barbara, California, Ms. Carnzu Clark. In appreciation of all her efforts, the Anti-Defamation League will pay tribute to Ms. Clark on Sunday, November 18, 2001 by honoring her with the "Distinguished Community Service Award".

Before moving to Santa Barbara in 1967, Ms. Clark began her career in public service by working for the United States government. She became involved in a Senate Committee's investigation of violations of agricultural laborer's rights in California, and later served with federal health, welfare and education agencies that sought to lessen the impact of World War II on communities throughout the United States. From 1943 to 1947 Ms. Clark served with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Washington, D.C., and then contributed her services to the Displaced Persons Programs in the U.S. Zone of Germany.

After moving to Santa Barbara, Ms. Clark immediately began contributing to numerous community organizations. She has served as president of the UN Association, as well as on

the boards of Direct Relief, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, NAACP, UCSB Music Affiliates, the Santa Barbara Music Club, the Youth Symphony, and the Student Aid and Pillsbury Committees of the Santa Barbara Foundation. Ms. Clark has additionally found time to serve on the Fund for Santa Barbara's first grants committee, and donates her time as a Botanic Garden docent. She is also a supporter of the Family Service Agency, the Transition House, Girls Inc., Girl Scouts of Tres Condados, Casa Serena's Oliver House, and the Women's Economic Ventures. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine Santa Barbara without Carnzu Clark's presence!

I am so pleased to be able to honor Ms. Clark, as she is truly a unique individual. She is justly deserving of the ADL's Distinguished Community Service award, and I am so proud to represent a citizen of her caliber in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my district on Thursday, November 15, 2001, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall number 444. That vote was on Suspending the Rules and Passing as Amended H.R. 2887, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act.

Had I been present for the vote, and having weighed the voices of support from people and institutions I respect, including the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 444.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ROBERT
DUNCAN

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize one of my district's leaders in aviation. After twenty-one years of service, Captain Robert Duncan (USN, Ret.) will let his term as Commissioner of the Williamson County Airport Authority expire at the end of the year.

Through involvement with the Illinois Public Airports Associations and the American Association of Airport Executives, Captain Duncan has been an active member of the board throughout his tenure. Captain Duncan consistently dedicated his time and effort toward the growth and development of Williamson County Regional Airport. Captain Duncan's efforts have contributed to the maintenance and promotion of the region's commercial air service, as well as the expansion of the airport business park. His work also aided the overall development of the airport into a facility which now creates an annual economic impact of over ten million dollars.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Captain Duncan on his retirement. Due to his hard work and years of service, it is clear that Captain Duncan is a true asset to Southern Illinois.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTFIELD
WORKS WONDERS DAY IN EN-
FIELD, CONNECTICUT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the citizens and businesses in my district who take part in the "Westfield Works Wonders" program.

For the past four years, the Westfield Shoppingtown in Enfield, Connecticut, has joined with her sister facilities in Meriden, Trumbull and Milford to raise funds to help Connecticut's schools, hospitals and charities. The efforts of thousands of volunteers have resulted in more than \$1.2 million in funds for Connecticut's worthy institutions.

For a \$5 ticket price, participants get to attend an after hours shopping event to kick off the holiday season. Their tickets entitle them to special discounts, in-store promotions, major prize giveaways, entertainment, refreshments, free photos with Santa and complementary gift-wrapping.

Most of all, ticket-holders and volunteers alike all know that their contribution and participation in this event helps to strengthen their neighborhoods and bring people together in the Holiday spirit. It is for this reason that November 18th is recognized "Westfield Works Wonders Day" in Enfield, Connecticut.

RECOGNIZING RON VARGAS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Vargas for receiving the Friends of Agricultural Extension Farm Advisor Award.

Ron is the Madera County Farm Advisor and County Director. The award is to honor his work in the area of Cotton Weed Management. He and his fellow investigator, Tulare County Farm Advisor Steve Wright, began a research program in 1989 to develop a method to control nightshade through the use of methane sodium. The results of their research allowed growers to significantly reduce their hand hoeing costs.

Vargas has done a great deal of research on herbicides. This research includes cotton's tolerance to a DuPont broadleaf herbicide and an evaluation of Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant cotton varieties. Vargas is currently focusing his research on the integration of herbicide tolerant cottons, as well as traditional herbicides, into a conservation tillage system. His early findings have shown a significant cost reduction for cotton farmers. His findings are particularly important to the California cotton industry in today's economically challenged environment.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ron Vargas for his Farm Advisor Award presented by the Friends of Agriculture Extension. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Ron Vargas many more years of continued success.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL
ENGLISH ACT

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Declaration of Official Language Act, legislation I have introduced in the past two Congresses. This legislation establishes English as the official language of the U.S. government, requires that naturalization ceremonies be conducted solely in English, repeals the federal bilingual education requirements and repeals bilingual voting requirements.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, the previous administration advanced policies contributing to our nation's growing language problem. One of the most glaring examples is that under the Clinton Administration the Immigration and Naturalization Service held its first mass naturalization ceremony conducted in a language other than English. Only Congressional and public outcry prevented far more citizenship ceremonies segregated by language choice.

Perhaps the most egregious of the Clinton Administration's language policies was the issuance of Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." Executive Order 13166 potentially requires every recipient of federal funds to provide a translation into any language spoken anywhere in the world, currently 6,800 languages, at a moment's notice.

Broken down, this means that every state, county, and municipal government, any university or college, and anyone that accepts federal money could face a costly "language discrimination" lawsuit at any moment. This burdensome executive order imposes a costly mandate on federal agencies and the potential cost to the American public is frankly astronomical.

While America has been enriched by the contributions of people from all over the world, no one benefits if we cannot communicate with one another. One nation, united by a common language, is a gift that should not be taken for granted. However, in the United States, it is now possible for a person to vote, apply for welfare, and to demand official government documents and translation services without learning a word of English.

Mr. Speaker, poll after poll consistently suggests that Americans support English as America's official language. The Declaration of Official Language Act is intended to restore the place of English in our government, our voting booths and our public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this common sense legislation.

LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE THE
RICH GUADAGNO VISITORS CEN-
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HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to honor the memory of one of my constituents who