

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the national day of the Republic of China on Taiwan, I extend to the government and people my warmest congratulations and best wishes on this important occasion.

Mr. Speaker, over the past half century Taiwan has become an outpost of democracy in East Asia, and its business community has created a robust and innovative economy. Taiwan's political and economic development is a shining example of East Asia's extraordinary potential.

Under outstanding leaders, Taiwan has shown the desire and the ability to play an increasingly important role on the international stage. As my colleagues know, I have strongly supported the vigorous participation of the government and people of Taiwan in the international community. I support and encourage Taiwan to continue to work for full participation in international organizations such as the World Health Organization and other United Nations institutions.

Mr. Speaker, during over fifty years of cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, we have become valuable allies and friends. In recent years Taiwan has proven to be a consistent champion of human rights, environmental responsibility, and democracy. I particularly applaud Taiwan for its support of the United States in our war against global terrorism and for Taiwan's pledge of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate our friends, the people of Taiwan and the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan on this national day. We all wish them a future of continued prosperity, peace, freedom, and democracy.

HONORING JAMES W. HEAD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James W. Head on the occasion of his retirement as President of the National Economic Development & Law Center (NEDLC). James has provided creative leadership and inspired vision for seventeen years. He leaves behind an organization that is nationally recognized for its success in creating strategies to address the economic and social conditions of low income and communities of color.

James is a pioneer in the community economic development (CED) movement. Along with being NEDLC's longest serving President, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Congress for Community Economic De-

velopment and led the formation and served on the Board of Directors of the California Community Economic Development Association, it's California statewide affiliate. During his tenure, the CED movement grew to encompass over 3,000 organizations.

Additionally, Mr. Head was instrumental in the expansion of the number of federally-funded legal services programs that provide CED representation and the formation and support of CED pro bono legal services within the private bar. He has also trained hundreds of law students in CED, and led the formation of numerous law school CED clinics and courses.

Within his field, James is a national leader in developing new strategies for securing jobs for disadvantaged persons. He promoted the sector concept, which links low-income and communities of color with regional labor markets. Under his leadership, the National Network of Sector Partners, an association of over 150 sector practitioners, was founded. Sector initiatives are being used by public agencies, community groups and Workforce Investment Boards across the county. As well, James is recognized for his work in developing new tools for investment in low-income communities. He played a key role in the creation of the Community Capital Investment Initiative, a model program that will result in the investment of millions of dollars in the San Francisco Bay Area's poorest communities.

Lastly, I would like to applaud Mr. Head for his efforts to promote the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 as a tool for bringing new financial resources to impoverished communities. James chaired the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board, promoting community banking and helping leaders understand the potential market in low-income areas. He served on the Board of Directors of the California Reinvestment Committee, a statewide advocacy organization that holds financial institutions accountable for meeting the banking needs of low-income communities.

On behalf of the 9th Congressional District of California, I take great pride in joining his friends and colleagues to salute an extraordinary leader, James W. Head.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 20th anniversary of Paul VI Catholic High School on October 12, 2003.

Since opening in September 1983, Paul VI has been committed to graduating well-educated, responsible, and moral young adults. The Diocese of Arlington purchased the old 1934 Fairfax High School building to be ad-

ministered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales according to the teachings of the Gospel of St. Francis de Sales. Paul VI quickly established an excellent academic reputation, helping it grow to its 1,200-student capacity; yet it is especially important to note that the school's mission extends far beyond academia. Faith, outreach, and extracurricular activity also have helped make Paul VI a unique, popular, and admired school community.

Spiritually, students are supported by an active Campus Ministry program which offers Masses, liturgies, and retreats, as well as opportunities for students to meet in healthy social situations. As many as 100 students a year have signed up to be part of the Campus Ministry Team, known for planning activities such as World Hunger Day in order to better empathize with others.

Service plays an equally large role at Paul VI. In 1999, the school was recognized as one of only three Virginia Service Learning Leader Schools. Freshmen and sophomores are required to donate time to helping their school, parish, or community. Juniors and seniors must choose a volunteer project of direct service to the poor, homeless, elderly, or dispossessed. In addition, senior government classes encourage students to volunteer for political candidates and become responsible American citizens.

Paul VI also has taken a leading role nationally as one of the first three Catholic schools in the nation with a program of modified inclusion for developmentally disabled high school students. Through another unique program, Paul VI students became the first high school students ever allowed to work with hospice patients in the Washington, DC, area. In a pilot program run by Hospice of Northern Virginia, seniors taking the Paul VI Death and Dying class are paired with Hospice patients to establish relationships and compile life histories for patients and their families.

Many clubs, sports teams and student organizations add yet another dimension to life at Paul VI. The school newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine are rated in top categories among scholastic publications. Paul VI offers a successful athletic program with a number of sports teams and an extensive intramural program. Both girls and boys cross-country teams have won state championships; girls volleyball won the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championships the past 4 years, and boys basketball won the WCAC title in 2003. Students at Paul VI also select a different charity each year to support. Their pledges greatly have helped organizations such as the Hospice of Northern Virginia, the Northern Virginia Training Center, and the American Heart Association.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Paul VI Catholic High School on 20 years of excellence. With its alumni spanning the far corners of the world involved in the Peace Corps and armed services and holding a variety of other noble positions, Paul VI seems to be living out the words of its patron, Saint Francis de Sales, "Do Ordinary Things

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Extraordinarily Well." I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Paul VI and its dedicated administration, faculty, staff, and students.

JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS PRESERVATION ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the California Missions Preservation Act. This legislation, which would authorize \$10 million to repair some of our Nation's most important historical landmarks, promises to allow future generations to enjoy California's unique cultural heritage.

From San Diego to Sonoma, the missions of California dot the Pacific coast with beauty and tradition. They were constructed in the 18th and early 19th centuries by the Spanish government as a defense against Russians who, it was thought, desired to move south from the Bering Strait. Spain hoped the settlements would solidify its political authority, as well as extend its religious values into the New World.

Since the missions were built two hundred years ago, the Golden State has evolved from a sparsely populated frontier to the world's technological epicenter. The missions still stand, however, as a source of pride and tradition to all Californians. All 21 are California historical landmarks, and seven have national landmark status. The missions are the State's most popular historic sites, attracting an estimated 5.3 million sightseers last year. Some 745,000 of these visitors are schoolchildren. Mission visits are a valued part of California's fourth grade curriculum, as students build mission models and write research reports on this colorful aspect of California's history.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues will no doubt be disappointed to learn that California's missions are in various states of decay and disrepair. At San Gabriel Archangel, east of Los Angeles, a termite-infested redwood beam crashed to the ground at the church's main entrance last year, forcing another five beams to be removed as a safety precaution. The beautiful mission at San Miguel has cracks in its façade that are large enough to fit several fingers. San Francisco's famous Mission Dolores is also slowly crumbling away.

Mr. Speaker, the passage of the California Missions Preservation Act, along with the significant fundraising efforts of the nonprofit California Missions Foundation, will enable us to preserve our State's historical legacy. I strongly encourage my colleagues to vote for its passage.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCED LIGHT SOURCE RESEARCH CENTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday, October 22, 2003, marks the 10th anniversary of

one of our Nation's premier scientific research centers, the Advanced Light Source (ALS), a Department of Energy facility located at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The 9th District of California is the proud home of this remarkable facility and many of the scientists, students and administrators at the ALS are my constituents.

The ALS is a national user facility that generates intense light for scientific and technological research. It produces light in the x-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum that is one billion times brighter than the sun. As one of the world's brightest sources of ultraviolet and soft x-ray beams—and the world's first third-generation synchrotron light source in its energy range—the ALS makes previously impossible studies possible.

The light is directed along 27 different beamlines toward experimental workstations, giving a wide range of researchers almost simultaneous access to the light source. This extraordinary tool offers unprecedented opportunities for state-of-the-art research in materials science, biology, chemistry, physics, and the environmental sciences. Ongoing research topics include the electronic structure of matter, protein crystallography, ozone photochemistry, x-ray microscopy of biological samples, and optics testing.

Since its inception in 1993, the ALS has been at the forefront of science. Among its many accomplishments, it has helped reveal how bacteria resist antibiotics, how inexpensive and efficient solar cells can be fabricated, and how strange substances like quasicrystals possess properties never before seen. And among the ALS's many distinguished users is Roderick MacKinnon, a biophysicist who recently won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry based in part on research conducted at ALS beamline 5.0.2. His prize-winning foray into the properties of ion channels in cell membranes could lead to potential treatments for diseases like cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, and heart arrhythmia.

In the future, the ALS will stay at the forefront of science thanks to the dedicated staff at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the more than 1,200 scientists who each year travel from around the world to conduct cutting edge research.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated employees at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory past and present who have worked so diligently to reap the full benefits of one of the world's great tools of science.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of Garfield Elementary School on October 16, 2003.

Garfield Elementary School, located in the heart of Springfield, currently serves approximately 335 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. In 1952, the Garfield School was established to meet the educational needs of

the rapidly emerging Springfield area of Fairfax County. First staffed with only seven teachers, Garfield conducted classes on the grounds of Franconia Elementary School under the supervision of then Franconia principal, Mr. James Robinson. The following year, in September 1953, Garfield opened its own school on Old Keen Mill Road, staffed with 18 faculty members and with Mr. Robinson as its first principal.

Since then, Garfield School has been renovated twice in order to better meet the needs of its students. First, in 1967–68 the library was refurbished, administrative offices were added, kindergarten and primary classes were created and a gymnasium was built. Later in 1989, a fresh look was added to the front of the building. And most recently in 2001, new state of the art windows were installed to help reduce the noise created by the ever-widening Old Keene Mill Road.

For the past 50 years Garfield has demonstrated great commitment to providing a high-quality learning environment for the students of Springfield. By placing emphasis on literacy, hands-on experience, critical thinking, cooperation, and cultural sensitivity, Garfield has exceeded all standards set by the Virginia Department of Education. Today, Garfield embraces a richly diverse cultural population and is known statewide for its language arts program. From humble beginnings, Garfield most certainly has emerged as an exemplary elementary school.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Garfield Elementary School on their 50th anniversary and wish them continued success for the future. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding their dedication to excellence in the field of education.

IN MEMORY OF BARRY BERINGER, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Barry Beringer, chief counsel for the House Committee on Science, who passed away 3 weeks ago.

Barry served the Science Committee for 14 years, under three different Chairmen. He had an immense store of knowledge about the history and jurisdiction of the Committee. He was an invaluable asset in guiding bills through the legislative process, which at times can be cumbersome and confusing. I was always confident that Barry's thoughtful, careful work on parliamentary procedures would result in high-quality legislation and proper procedures.

Prior to joining the Science Committee, Mr. Beringer served as associate undersecretary for economic affairs in the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and active in the Arlington County Republican Committee. I will always remember Barry for his high ethical standards, and his kind way of always putting others' needs before his own. Mr. Beringer was a consummate gentleman, always polite and considerate, and had a wry, but always funny, sense of humor.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Barry's wife, Bonnie, and their children Francis and