

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NATIONAL KIDS DAY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueme as they celebrate National Kids Day.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America and KidsPeace created National Kids Day in 2001 to foster stronger relationships between adults and children by educating them on the importance and value of spending meaningful time together. National Kids Day provides the opportunity for every adult to take a break, celebrate and renew their commitment to our Nation's children.

National Kids Day is so important because it emphasizes the importance of meaningful time spent with kids, not only on this special day, but each day of the year. Kids Day serves as a reminder that children need positive adult role models in their lives. As a nurse, I understand firsthand the importance of education and the effect that having adult involvement in each child's life has on grades, self-esteem, and overall success.

While most adults recognize the importance of success in school, many feel that they do not have enough time to spend in their children's educational enrichment, reading to them, helping with homework, etc. Parents, in today's busy world, are also often too busy to spend time exercising with their children. Kids Day reminds all of us about the importance of helping our kids with their schoolwork in improving grades and performance, and the importance of physical activity in reducing the risk of obesity and diabetes.

I am proud to support the Boys and Girls Club and Kids Day to help raise awareness about issues that affect all of our Nation's families and children.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S LABORATORIES IN BOULDER, CO

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary and rededication of the Department of Commerce laboratories located in Boulder, CO. As chairman of the House Science Committee, I have the privilege of chairing the authorizing Committee for two of the three Department of Commerce agencies that have laboratories in Boulder: the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The NIST laboratories in Boulder have developed a close relationship with the Univer-

sity of Colorado at Boulder, a collaboration that recently yielded a Nobel Prize and a MacArthur "Genius grant" fellowship for two of its researchers. The NIST laboratory in Boulder is home of the Atomic Clock, which serves as the primary time standard for the United States. NIST researchers work to provide measurement and standards services to critical industries such as fiberoptics and electronics, and emerging industries such as biomaterials and nanotechnology. NIST has helped to establish the scientific conditions that enable technology-based industries to develop and grow, and it deserves our deepest thanks for its work so far.

NIST researchers in Boulder also work with the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Agency's (NTIA) National Institute for Telecommunications Sciences, which is also located in Boulder. NTIA's engineers search for ways to improve broadband wireless communications, reduce radio frequency interference, and solve other problems with direct impact on the quality of cellular communications, the development of wireless computing, and the management of the radio frequency spectrum, all critical to the nation's telecommunications infrastructure.

The NOAA laboratories in Boulder also enjoy a close relationship with the University of Colorado, conducting research in oceanic, atmospheric, and climate sciences. This research has vastly increased our understanding of global weather and climate systems, including severe weather, air pollution, global climate change, and ozone depletion. Boulder also hosts the NOAA Space Environment Center, which provides the nation with alerts on the magnitude and impacts of solar weather on communications, transportation, and energy systems. We are fortunate in the United States to have the scientific know-how to predict, and thus reduce, the impacts of severe weather, be it tornadoes, hurricanes, or solar storms.

The Boulder Laboratories were first dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 14, 1954. I congratulate them on their first 50 years. The scientists in Boulder have accomplished much that they can be proud of, and I wish them 50 more years of ground-breaking and exciting research.

COMMEMORATING EVA SCHICKE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Eva Schicke for the sacrifice she made for her fellow Californians. Ms. Schicke passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2004, while fighting a Stanislaus Forest fire in southern Tuolumne County. She was the first female firefighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to die in the line of duty.

Ms. Schicke was born in Turlock, CA, and later returned to attend college at California State University, Stanislaus where she studied criminal justice. While there she played basketball and impressed all who watched her play with her tenacity and dedication. It was at CSU, Stanislaus that she was first recruited to work in the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Beginning in 2000, Ms. Schicke worked as a seasonal firefighter. After 4 years she was chosen to be a member of the prestigious helitack crew. She was the only woman on her 12-member firefighting crew. Those who worked with her admired her hard work, cheerful spirit, and sharp wit. The helitack crew demanded long hours fighting the toughest fires, and Ms. Schicke never shrank from her duties.

Ms. Schicke had many dreams for her future. She hoped to become a nurse or work in probation helping troubled teenagers. Working in a less dangerous profession was something she was looking forward to doing as she hoped to start a family and work with young people. Her untimely death cut short these dreams. However, in her 24 years of life she left a legacy that many will remember.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Eva Schicke. I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering this remarkable woman and the sacrifice she made while serving as a firefighter for the people of California.

TAIWAN'S RETURN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Republic of China on Taiwan's return to the United Nations. The island nation has been barred from participation in U.N. activities since 1971, when the U.N. adopted resolution 2758, which gave Taiwan's seat at the U.N. to the authorities in Communist China.

Thirty-three years later, many people now realize that this decision was a mistake, and an injustice to the 23 million people who live in Taiwan. Taiwan is an independent, peace loving, and democratic nation that elects its own leaders, manages its own economy, and conducts its own foreign affairs. Clearly, the communist government in Mainland China does not—as it asserts—represent democratic Taiwan.

It is time that the U.N. to start treating those 23 million people with the same dignity and respect accorded to other nations. The Republic of China deserves a place in the United Nations. By excluding the Republic of China on Taiwan from the United Nations to placate the communist authorities in Beijing, the U.N. is violating its own principles and charter. Its failure to treat Taiwan evenhandedly does a disservice to the people of Taiwan, and to the rest of the world.

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