

fellow citizens. May God's strength, joy and peace be with him always.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained when traveling from my district on February 8, 2005, and missed rollcall vote Nos. 20–22. Had I been present I would have voted “aye” on all three votes: Rollcall vote No. 20: H. Res. 46, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month; rollcall vote No. 21: H.R. 315, The John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse Designation Act; and rollcall vote No. 22: H.R. 548, The Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act.

TONY HALL FEDERAL BUILDING
AND UNITED STATES COURT-
HOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in support of H.R. 548, a bill to designate the Federal building and courthouse in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

Since his graduation from Denison University, Tony Hall has been working as a public servant, beginning a career that would affect not only the residents of the 3rd district in Ohio, but the world as well. He returned from the Peace Corps in 1968, after which he honorably served in both the Ohio statehouse and senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1978.

In his 12 terms in the House, Mr. Hall was a devout advocate for the eradication of poverty and the improvement of human rights conditions around the world. While Mr. Hall was a trusted colleague of the House Rules Committee and tireless worker for the people of Ohio, he is best known for his unwavering commitment to alleviating the crisis of worldwide hunger. In addition to being the founder and chairman of the Congressional Hunger Caucus, Mr. Hall was nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize for his humanitarian work and dedication to hunger relief issues. He resigned from Congress in 2002 to accept a much deserved appointment as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture. As the leader of the United Nations World Food Program, Ambassador Hall has been at the forefront in confronting the extraordinary challenge of providing food and supplies to the millions devastated by the tsunami disaster in South Asia.

Tony Hall truly exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. His faith and dedication to the welfare of others provides an excellent example of how one person can positively affect

the lives of so many. I am honored to have served with him in Congress and call him a friend.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Ohio for introducing this legislation and I call on my colleagues for their support on this resolution.

CHINA'S ANTI-SECESSION
LEGISLATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 17, 2004, the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC) announced they would include an “anti-secession” law, aimed at Taiwan, in the March 2005 agenda of the National People's Congress. China's “anti-secession legislation” indicates that China may be willing to make decisions unilaterally to change the status quo of relations between China and Taiwan. The proposed law if adopted will not foster an atmosphere favorable to cross-strait goodwill between China and Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 22, had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

CELEBRATING MARY BUSTILLO
DONOHUE'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable American, a dear friend of mine, and a dedicated member of my congressional staff—Mary Bustillo Donohue, who turns 80-years-young on February 14, 2005.

Mary has dedicated her life to her family and her community. She was born in Cuba to parents who valued education and citizenship. After her family fled a repressive government in 1933, Mary grew up in New York City with a strong sense of the sacrifices her parents had made in coming to America, and with compassion and admiration for others longing to be citizens of our nation. She attended Cathedral High School, and met the love of her life, Jerry Donohue, on their first date, April 19, 1942. Jerry, who had enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was transferred to the Naval Reserve, served his country in World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. During a brief break from Jerry's training at the School of Naval Administration at Stanford University, Mary and Jerry were married at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York

City on June 18, 1946. Mary and Jerry Donohue moved to River Edge, New Jersey in 1952 where they were blessed with eight fantastic children, and later, 17 brilliant and beautiful grandchildren. After earning her BA and MBA degrees in Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and working on her doctorate in Spanish Literature at New York University, Mary embarked on a 26-year teaching career, including her role as the first female administrator at Paramus Catholic Boys High School.

Mary's life of “firsts” continued. Mary and Jerry were elected by the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Church to serve on the first Parish Council. Mary served as Democratic Town Committeewoman for River Edge District 4 for over 30 years. She was twice elected River Edge Councilwoman, having the honor of being the first elected woman to serve River Edge in that capacity. In 1989, she was elected to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the first Hispanic to serve as a member of the County's seven-person legislative body. Mary was then elected by the New Jersey State Democratic Committee to serve two terms as a member of the Democratic National Committee, and was elected Chairperson of the National Hispanic Caucus of the Democratic National Committee during President Clinton's tenure.

This past year, after 57 years of marriage, Mary lost the love of her life, her beloved husband, friend, and companion, Jerry. His passing has caused her much sadness. However, Mary continues to give back and touch the lives of the residents of Northern New Jersey. She serves on the New Bridge Landing Park Commission, was recently re-elected Democratic Committeewoman of District 4 in River Edge, teaches Spanish two hours a week to senior citizens at the Teaneck Senior Center, and assists with national, state, county, and municipal election campaigns. Also—and for this I am most proud and grateful— Mary serves as a caseworker in my Hackensack, New Jersey office three days a week, specializing in immigration and citizenship services, using her vast knowledge, experience, multilingual gifts and compassionate heart to assist those people who, very much like her parents, want to become citizens of our great nation and provide a better life for their children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sincere and enduring admiration, fondness and great respect for my dear friend and colleague, Mary Bustillo Donohue and I wish her the very best as she celebrates her 80th birthday. I know her family, friends, and coworkers will join me in wishing her a wonderful year ahead, filled with joy, happiness, and good health. She is truly an inspiration and role model for us all. Happy Birthday Mary!

TONY HALL FEDERAL BUILDING
AND UNITED STATES COURT-
HOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 548, the Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse