

heroic actions. He received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Leader Award from the Disabled American Veterans, the Silver Star Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Legion Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

As his outstanding résumé shows, John Doster has pledged his life to helping those in our community and our Nation. Madam Speaker, as a fellow United States Army veteran and Bucks County resident, I am proud to recognize the remarkable achievements of Mr. John Doster, and I am honored to serve as his Congressman. Through his tireless work, Mr. Doster has unequivocally changed Bucks County and America for the better.

REGARDING THE TWIN OAKS
ESTATE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, the Twin Oaks estate at 3225 Woodley Road in D.C. is a historic landmark. Situated on 18.1 acres in northwestern Washington, the estate was built in 1888 by the founder of the National Geographic Society, Mr. Gardiner Greene Hubbard, as a second residence for his family. At one time, Mr. Hubbard's son-in-law, Mr. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, also resided at Twin Oaks.

The Twin Oaks property was first rented to the Republic of China, ROC, also known as Taiwan, government in 1937, and later was sold to the ROC government in 1947. Over the last six decades, many American dignitaries and friends have met with ROC ambassador and representatives to chart the course of friendship and cooperation between our two countries through times both good and bad. For example, American Secretaries of State such as John F. Dulles, Dean Rust, George Schultz, and Colin Powell have all at some point dined as guests at Twin Oaks. Important agreements such as parts of the Sino-American Defense Treaty have been negotiated at the estate.

The Twin Oaks estate has contributed greatly to the friendship between the Americans and our friends in the ROC. Today, U.S.-Taiwan relations have experienced decades of steady growth. President Bush has made a number of positive statements about Taiwan; telling one interview: "I am candid in my support of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). . . . I'll say it right now: That our nation will help Taiwan defend herself. . . . I will do what ever it takes to help Taiwan defend herself, and the Chinese must understand that." President Bush's feelings about the TRA are strongly echoed in the U.S. Congress. Madam Speaker, we too believe in the importance of U.S.-Taiwan relations. As we celebrate Twin Oaks' 120-year history, we hope that our friendship with the ROC shall remain just as robust and healthy in the future as it has been for the last seven decades.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF MICHAEL
JACKSON

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. WYNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Michael Jackson, Sheriff for Prince George's County, Maryland.

Sheriff Michael Jackson is a Prince George's County native who has dedicated his professional life to bettering the community in which he grew up and now serves. He grew up in Forestville, Maryland, and graduated from Crossland High School. He then went on to receive a bachelor of science from the DeVry Institute of Technology in electronic engineering technology. Serving in the Marine Corps Reserves for 3 years, he joined the Office of the Sheriff in 1989, and was first sworn in as Sheriff on December 2, 2002. Now in his second term, Jackson has implemented important changes in the past 6 years, both in domestic violence intervention and in his work with the local youth. The 2008 Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus Allied Profession Award is in recognition of these many accomplishments.

In the field of domestic violence, Sheriff Jackson has made many important innovations. He implemented a 24/7 Domestic Violence Intervention unit, a comprehensive approach to victim services and protection. The unit was created with the goal of providing assistance to the victim through every stage of the judicial process, starting at the 911 call to the final protective order. He initiated the first civilian Domestic Violence Intervention/Community Services Unit, expanding outreach and education throughout the county. The Violence Victim Advocate Unit followed, which evaluates the protective order issued and is an ongoing service as long as the victim needs it. He also formed an agency called "Empowering My Sister" which supports domestic violence victims in regaining their autonomy and moving forward by providing professional development, such as interview skills, appearance tips, GED training, and business contacts.

The sheriff expanded services for domestic violence by assuming first responder duties for all 911 calls in the central county area, and Jackson's goal is that by 2010 the Office of the Sheriff will serve the entire county as domestic violence first responders. This will centralize first responder, peace and protective order service, community outreach, victim advocacy and survivor empowerment within "Empowering My Sister."

Sheriff Jackson also serves as a role model to the youth in his community. As a Prince George's County native, he shares his story of overcoming the hardships of his youth with young people. Through the Michael A. Jackson Charitable Foundation, he helps to provide opportunities for young people in the community by providing such services as diversity camp, and a Sheriff's Explorer's program for teens.

The Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus Allied Profession Award recognizes the efforts of individuals, such as sheriff Jackson, who directly benefit crime victims, but are not direct

service providers. Sheriff Jackson qualifies based on his creativity in expanding the services of existing organizations, as well as implementing new ones for the purpose of helping victims of domestic violence through every aspect of their recovery.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today, as we commemorate with great sadness the 40th anniversary of his assassination, Americans remember how Dr. King inspired us to turn our back on centuries of hatred and oppression, how he called on the better angels of our nature and led us to a more just America.

Dr. King made us all believe we could change the world; and, we did. But for all that has been achieved since Dr. King was taken from us, much remains to be done.

In the past 40 years, we have seen the fall of Jim Crow, but we have also seen the rise of economic inequality that divides the haves farther and farther from the have nots, with a shrinking and increasingly ignored middle class in between.

We have seen the birth and growth of the black middle class, but in America's cities a black man born today is more likely to move to a prison cell than a college dorm.

We have seen the death of de jure segregation, but in communities across America the impact of residential division continues to give us two school systems: separate and unequal.

In the 40 years since Dr. King's death, our world has changed dramatically, but his vision of equality has lost none of its power. You could say that we need Dr. King today more than ever.

As a congressman, I sometimes ask myself what Martin would do, and the answer never fails to provide some guidance.

Dr. King fought for equality, and I believe he would be fighting today to ensure that every American student has the opportunity to live their dreams.

Dr. King believed in the rights of working people, and I believe he would be struggling to give every American worker the right to join a union.

And Dr. King was the victim of a vicious smear campaign launched by his own government. I believe he would be working to strengthen our civil liberties so that future government officials cannot harass future Dr. Kings.

As we mark his death and celebrate his life, let us recommit ourselves to doing Dr. King's work in our own time. Dr. King brought us to the mountain top, but it is up to us to reach the Promised Land.