

our next generation of government, community, business, and civic leaders and I want to commend Irene Weiss and the members of the Board of Directors of the Florida Holocaust Museum for their exceptional work to recognize the talent that we have developing at such an early age.

DECRYING THE SHOOTING OF  
SOUTH KOREAN TOURIST WANG-  
JA PARK BY COMMUNIST NORTH  
KOREA

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 2008*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, this week we commemorate the 55th anniversary of the armistice which theoretically ended the armed hostilities in the Korean War. I say "theoretically" because it appears communist North Korea periodically forgets it is the party to the permanent ceasefire. For instance, in July 2003, soldiers in the DMZ exchanged machine-gun fire, with the first shots coming from communist North Korea. This particular attack was not timed arbitrarily. It occurred on the 55th anniversary of the enactment of South Korea's constitution. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Similarly, less than a year ago last August, there was an unprovoked gunfire shot from a communist North Korean guard post toward a South Korean guard post in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) which separates the free Republic of Korea from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Again, fortunately, in that incident, nobody was injured.

Most recently, on July 11, 2008, a South Korean citizen, Mrs. Wang-Ja Park, was shot dead by a communist North Korean soldier while visiting a beach at Mount Keumgang, a resort that is popular with South Korean tourists who visit communist North Korea. The killing of Mrs. Park is a serious matter that deserves worldwide scrutiny. Even without the context of previous exchanges of military gunfire between North and South Korea, this event should not be considered in isolation from larger policy questions. The unfortunate and regrettable killing of Wang-Ja Park offers illumination to my view, which is shared by others, that the current administration's decision and notification to Congress to remove communist North Korea from the list of state sponsors of terrorism was premature and ill-considered. This incident lays bare the brutality of the communist North Korean regime and suggests we should continue to be vigilant. Madam Speaker, in the wake of Mrs. Park's death, we should all be concerned about the lack of cooperation by communist North Korean authorities in the investigation of the incident. South Korean investigators have been refused access to the scene of the crime by communist North Korean authorities, and there are serious discrepancies in accounts made by eyewitnesses and by the communist North Korean government.

I strongly urge communist North Korea to cooperate fully with South Korea on a joint investigation into this terrible tragedy. The South Korean government has rightly suspended tours to Mount Keumgang and the suspension should continue until a joint investigation has been completed and North Korea's communist

government assures this will not happen again. To do otherwise would simply white-wash the incident.

Apart from the very serious foreign policy ramifications of this tragic event, I wish to convey my sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Park and to all South Korean citizens who have been shocked and dismayed by her death, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

The people of South Korea should know Americans are thinking about them, about their safety and security, and we remain committed to the shared verities of ordered liberty and democracy which make our nations—the Republic of Korea and the United States of America—prosperous, free, and compassionate.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF U.S.  
DISTRICT JUDGE THOMAS G. HULL

**HON. DAVID DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday July 30, 2008*

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull, who passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2008.

Judge Hull lived a life of public service and truly embodied the Tennessee Volunteer spirit. He was known by all for his compassion, integrity and dedication to public service throughout his 82 years of life.

Judge Hull served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, was a Tennessee State Representative, and a state and federal judge. Judge Hull's passion was evidenced in everything he did whether it was serving as Chief Clerk of the Tennessee General Assembly or as campaign manager for James H. Quillen's first campaign for U.S. Congress.

Judge Hull was appointed as U.S. District Judge by President Ronald Reagan and at times handled the entire caseload for the Eastern District of Tennessee because of judgeship vacancies. He served 23 years with the federal branch of government including 7 years as Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Judge Hull played a major role in the construction of the James H. Quillen United States District Courthouse to replace the old and overcrowded courthouse in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Judge Hull was active in the business and banking communities and was active in the Republican Party of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me today in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull. He was a family man, a compassionate public servant and true friend of the First District of Tennessee.

His service is greatly treasured, and he will be deeply missed.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY WAYSIDE  
RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 2008*

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today in celebration of the 90th birthday of a well-known Vermont establishment, the Wayside Restaurant and Bakery.

Located on the town line of Berlin and the city of Montpelier, the Wayside was built and opened in the summer of 1918 by the Ballou family. Located on Route 302, the Wayside has offered a convenient stopping place for travelers and locals alike for generations.

When the Wayside was first opened, it did not offer a dine-in service, but rather functioned as a take-out restaurant. The size of the Wayside has grown considerably since 1918, and the restaurant now boasts a 160-seat dining room and a kitchen of equal size.

Nearly all of the Wayside's food—including its renowned breads and desserts—are homemade, and produce from local farms is frequently used. The menu features traditional Vermont dishes like salt pork and chicken pie, and a wide-range of other country favorites.

Serving an average of 1,000 customers each day, the Wayside caters to a diverse clientele. Primarily a place for local Vermonters to enjoy good company and food at affordable prices, the Wayside also attracts legislators, state employees, and tourists. The parking lot is always full, and for weekend brunch, the line runs out the door. Yet despite its incredible popularity, the restaurant maintains a relaxed and authentic atmosphere.

Though recognized nationally by publications such as the New York Times and Gourmet Magazine, the Wayside remains a locally-oriented restaurant, embracing the surrounding community. When the Red Sox won the 2004 World Series, the Wayside's current owners, Karen and Brian Zecchinelli, joined in the local celebration by hosting a rally and rolling back prices to 1918. More than 3,000 customers visited the Wayside for the festivities. It is a true fixture in Central Vermont.

I would like to thank Karen and Brian Zecchinelli for continuing to provide the Vermont community with exceptional food, service, and atmosphere. The Wayside is a wonderful Vermont institution. Congratulations to the Wayside on its 90th birthday. May it continue to serve our community for another 90 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 2008*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 6599, The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs FY09 Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN