

as director of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Illinois, assistant director of the Willamette National Cemetery, director at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, Texas, director at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Oregon and director at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in New Mexico. Additionally, Gill served more than 20 years in the U.S. Air Force before retiring in 1986. He received an associate's degree from the University of Maryland, European Division in 1984.

Gill and his wife, Amparo, have three children: a son in the U.S. Air Force Reserve; a daughter in San Antonio, Texas; and a son in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gill Gallo's tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Gill a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many people are grateful for his service, and wish him the very best in San Antonio.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF SOUTH KOREAN SEAMEN KILLED BY NORTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in sympathy with the families of those killed in the sinking of the Republic of Korean ship (ROKS) Cheonan. I stand in solidarity with the people of the Republic of Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident. However, I have serious concerns with language in H. Res. 1382. While it appropriately expresses sympathy to the families of those killed in the attack, it also appears to express support for possible military action against North Korea.

North Korea announced yesterday that it is severing all relations with South Korea, further exasperating an already contentious relationship. This resolution "urges the United States" and "its allies . . . to take appropriate actions in response to the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan and other hostile acts of North Korea." The resolution also "urges the international community to provide all necessary support to the Republic of Korea as the Government of the Republic of Korea prepares to respond to the actions committed by North Korea, which led to the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan." State Department officials, including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, have also made public statements vowing that the attack will not go unanswered.

Congress and the Administration can better express support for the people of the Republic of Korea by recommitting to promoting dialogue between the two nations. The expression of congressional support for a possible military response to North Korea's actions can only serve to heighten the likelihood of a military confrontation. Military action in retaliation to North Korea's attack on the South Korean ship can only result in the further loss of life. I believe strongly in the power and necessity of diplomacy. The United States has a responsibility to utilize its unique role as an ally of South Korea to bring the nation closer to resolution with North Korea.

HONORING MS. ALMA GAMMAGE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker: Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Alma Gammage has given of herself as an educator of E.L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme school, a daughter, a mother and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Gammage has been chosen as this year's Teacher of the Year, representing E.L. Bouie Elementary school; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Gammage is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared with the world her vision and passion to help ensure that our future, our children, receive an education that is relevant for today, but also for the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Alma Gammage for her leadership and service for our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 23, 2010, as Ms. Alma Gammage Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to convey my deepest condolences for the people of South Korea following the tragic sinking of the naval ship, Cheonan, which has severely traumatized the nation and disrupted peace and stability in the Land of the Morning Calm.

As a longtime friend of the Korean people, I fully support the resolution introduced by my colleagues, Representatives FALCOMAVAEGA, ROS-LEHTINEN, ACKERMAN, MANZULLO, and BERMAN, that expresses sympathy to the families of the 46 sailors killed as a result of North Korea's aggression, and demonstrates our solidarity with the Republic of Korea in the aftermath of this tragedy.

For me in particular, this incident is very personal and excruciatingly painful. As a veteran who fought in the Battle of Kunuri during the Korean War, I have witnessed the anguish and the suffering inflicted on the Peninsula as a result of North Korea's invasion of the South on June 25, 1950. In fact this year marks the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, which evidently has yet to end.

The Korean people have lived in a state of division and instability in the Peninsula for sixty years. The recent disaster is clearly a somber reminder that the United States must reaffirm our alliance with the Republic of Korea to help bring closure to the first and last conflict of the Cold War and ultimately build a path toward reconciliation between the two Koreas.

RECOGNIZING PROSPERO J.J. SANCHEZ FOR HIS DEDICATION TO NEW MEXICO BOYS STATE

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Prospero J.J. Sanchez, someone who truly loves our country and is a veteran of the Army who makes his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A few years ago, after some arm twisting by his father, Prospero, Sr., a World War II Marine Veteran, he was taken for the first time 30 years ago to attend the American Legion New Mexico Boys State. After that year there was no more arm twisting involved with Prospero Sanchez attending the annual Boys' State session. This year's American Legion New Mexico Boys' State session being held at the Campus of Eastern New Mexico University will mark Prospero J.J. Sanchez's 30th consecutive session of attendance.

Prospero has held many positions throughout the American Legion New Mexico Boys' State organization which has taught thousands of New Mexico High School Seniors the rights and responsibilities of being citizens of this great country of ours. Numerous members of our society have attended an American Legion Boys State or an American Legion Auxiliary Girls State session held annually on campus across this nation.

The program's alumni has held positions as CEO's, Artists, Athletes, Newscasters, Justices on the Supreme Court, both chambers of the House and Senate and even held the Position of President of the United States. It is organizations such as the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, who after wearing the uniform of our country, return home and continue to selflessly serve the communities to which they belong such as Prospero Sanchez has, not only as a very active member of the American Legion where he is one of the New Mexico's Past Department Commanders and the Current Alternate National Executive Committee Man.

Prospero J.J. Sanchez is commended for his dedication of many years of service to the youth of the nation at American Legion New Mexico Boys State, where he currently holds the position of President of the American Legion New Mexico Boys State Board of Directors. I thank him for his many years of service and I am honored to have the opportunity to have him recognized in the Congress today.