

Texas. I would like to share Mr. Caswell's poem as a tribute to Congressman JOHNSON at his request.

THE STAR OF TEXAS

In the darkest days of night . . .
 All in that battle, all in that fight!
 To but bring our light!
 All in our souls, so very bright!
 As but a Freedom Fighter, who all those
 wrongs must right!
 While, all around you such a living hell . . .
 All in those moments of faith and courage,
 that do tell!
 While, all in that darkness . . . where such
 evil dwells!
 As against all odds, Sam . . . your fine heart
 so chose to swell!
 A Star was born!
 For now Sam, the Eyes of Texas . . . are
 upon you, as a Hero you will live on!
 With but only your most heroic heart, as
 against all odds you fought!
 To stay the course, and rise above . . .
 A Freedom Fighter, now in our Lord's heart
 you are but his special love!
 Because, your fine heart of courage . . . so
 chose to swell . . .
 From out of this darkness, from out of such
 hell!
 A Star of Texas would rise, rise up to ever
 dwell!
 Your life, has been a Tour De Force!
 You Soar! As an Eagle, in The United States
 Air Force!
 Mothers teach your children well!
 All about, such heroes you must tell!
 And one day Sam, you will get your new
 wings . . . "Come to Heaven my son,"
 as our Lord sings!
 For we need Angels like you, to fight the
 darkest of things!
 This Star of Texas, one of our Nation's
 greatest beings!
 For the Eyes of Texas, are upon you . . .
 And as a great American Hero Sam, you will
 live on, YOU!
 In honor of Sam Johnson, a real
 American Hero . . .

REAFFIRMING FRIENDSHIP AND
 ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE
 UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding and for the introduction of this very timely resolution. Last weekend, in a free and open democratic process, Colombia elected a new President. The people of Colombia should be commended for continuing their long tradition of democracy.

President-elect Santos is a strong U.S. ally who will continue Colombia's efforts to strengthen the rule of law, restore peace and stability, and promote economic growth for all Colombians. Colombia's progress is undeniable and its workers are safer now than ever before.

So, while we should be reaffirming our alliance today, we should also be strengthening that alliance by passing the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. The United States already offers Colombia almost total duty-free access to the U.S. market, yet American exports face significant tariffs entering the

Colombian market. The U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would lift these barriers and level the playing field, increasing U.S. exports by at least \$1 billion.

The Administration and Congressional Democrats have instead allowed this agreement to languish and this valuable ally to twist in the wind. As a result, U.S. employers have paid over \$2.8 billion in unnecessary duties on American exports to Colombia. Those duties would vanish under the agreement and would allow U.S. employers to use this cash to create new job opportunities.

But that's not the worst of it. In disregarding our agreement, the Administration and Congressional leadership have allowed other countries to race ahead of us, giving foreign workers a competitive advantage.

American farmers are already experiencing the ramifications of this inaction. U.S. farmers have lost millions in potential exports to Colombia; those sales are instead being made by farmers in Argentina and Brazil, because those countries already have an agreement in place with Colombia.

The damage to American workers and farmers will only get worse if Colombia's agreements with Canada, the EU, and others go into effect before our agreement. There is absolutely no reason for this to happen. The U.S.-Colombia agreement was signed over 1,300 days ago. The United States had a huge head start that the Administration and leadership has willfully conceded. For over a year now, the Administration has promised to find a way forward on this Agreement and present Colombia with the list of things it needed to do. The Colombians are still waiting for that list.

If the Administration is serious about doubling exports and creating jobs, it must do what's necessary to bring this Agreement up for a vote.

DALLAS SCHOOL NAMED BEST IN
 AMERICA FOR THE TALENTED
 AND GIFTED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, every year Newsweek magazine selects the best high schools in America. For the third time in four years, the School for the Talented and Gifted at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center located in Dallas ranks number one. The school is part of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) that enrolls students in grades nine through twelve. Known for its intimate student-to-teacher ratio and progressive liberal arts Advanced Placement Program, the School for the Talented and Gifted is an ideal learning environment.

With a total of 277 students, Townview Magnet Center's mission is to "educate and graduate students who are college ready and who will be successful in college". This year, the 2010 senior class students combined earned scholarship and grant offers summing to approximately \$12.5 million. Furthermore, Townview is comprised of six different schools of concentration to include: (1) the School for the Talented and Gifted; (2) the School of

Science and Engineering; (3) the School of Business and Management; (4) the School of Health Professions; (5) the School of Education and Social Services; and (6) the School of Government and Law.

Madam Speaker, this public college preparatory magnet secondary school is applauded for its tremendous accomplishments, superb students, and committed faculty.

RACHEL STRAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Strand who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rachel Strand is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachel Strand is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rachel Strand for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
 UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor Ron Gettelfinger for his years of service leading the United Auto Workers.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent his entire career in the car business; his first job was at Ford's truck plant in Louisville, Ky. He has been part of the United Auto Workers since 1964 while he was working as a chassis line repairman. After working all day on the line, he went to school at night for a degree in business. While working on his degree, he made the decision that he would apply his education to helping his fellow workers with their daily problems while remaining close to the assembly line. Holding true to this philosophy, he advanced through the UAW organization, becoming president in 2002.

His time as president came during some of the most difficult economic times in our Nation's history. As president, he has served as an effective partner to the major domestic automobile manufacturers during their restructuring. He steered the UAW through this catastrophic period and played an important role in saving the American car industry and the jobs of the workers in the UAW.

During his presidency, Mr. Gettelfinger has fought for basic American values. He has labored to ensure that workers receive a fair