

support for fire department equipment, Justice Department support for police hiring and crime prevention, and new, critical investments to strengthen the position of the subbase for the future.

Even outside of his elected office, Dennis has served as a pillar in the Groton community. Dennis will continue to be active with the local Eagle Scout program, at the Bill Library, in helping U.S. Subvets Groton Base, and in his local church.

Groton will not be the same after Mayor Popp's exit, but the city can look fondly back on the leadership of its favorite "Popp Daddy." I know that his wife Karen will welcome this retirement as an opportunity to spend more time together and open up a new chapter in their lives. I also know that our friendship will endure even after Dennis leaves office. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a true man of Groton and for Groton—Dennis Popp.

URGING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNFCCC

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the leaders of the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC, to allow for Taiwan's meaningful participation.

As climate change continues to impact our world and as we face the prospect of dwindling oil reserves, Taiwan's renewable-energy section is growing rapidly. Taiwan has invested heavily in turbines generating electricity, use of alternatives to fossil fuels and possibilities of harnessing energy from the ocean. Taiwan is also the fourth largest producer of solar cells in the world.

Moreover, Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration, EPA, is doing everything possible to promote environmental sustainability. For instance, Taiwan has made significant strides in waste management, with the nation's overall recycling rate reaching almost 42 percent in 2008.

Improving air quality, reducing noise pollution and vehicular emissions and protecting wildlife are also top priorities for the government and people of Taiwan. Taiwan is totally committed to protecting the environment and reducing pollution. But due to political factors, Taiwan is not a UNFCCC contracting party. Instead, they are considered a non-governmental organization observer under the name Industrial Technology Research Institute and are not permitted to participate in either the discussions over the post-Kyoto mechanism or the international carbon market.

I hope that the UNFCCC leaders will see the wisdom of Taiwan's need to participate in the UNFCCC and the post-Kyoto mechanism, especially considering that Taiwan and its environment are vulnerable to climate change and need to avoid the negative impacts on its economy and trade. Taiwan is an important part of the world economy and should be able to provide direct input to the UNFCCC, and I would ask the UNFCCC leaders to allow meaningful participation from Taiwan.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION'S RANGER CAMP AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion located on Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

On November 15, 1951, the U.S. Army Amphibious/Jungle Training Committee was established to conduct the final phase of the U.S. Army Ranger School. Now known as the Florida Ranger Camp, the 6th Ranger Training Battalion emphasizes platoon training in a humid coastal and swamp environment. This final phase of the Army Ranger School places students under severe mental and physical stress in an attempt to replicate the rigors of combat.

The first Ranger class arrived at Eglin Air Force Base on January 24, 1952. This first class learned survival techniques for amphibious environments and leadership in combat situations. Today, students in the Army Ranger School experience training very similar to that received by the first Ranger class. The initial six days are focused on technique training, which is then followed by a ten-day field training exercise. Leadership skills are tested vigorously through small unit operations in a simulated combat environment. Students in the Florida Ranger Camp learn to overcome severe weather, difficult littoral and swamp terrain, and sleep and food deprivation while combating mental and physical exhaustion. Through their rigorous training, students at the Florida Ranger Camp learn the techniques necessary to undertake demanding and difficult assignments in protection of our nation. These techniques are then put to the test in a simulated combat environment to create adaptive and effective combat leaders for our Armed Forces.

During its time on Eglin Air Force Base, the Florida Ranger Camp has trained over 100,000 students of the United States Armed Forces and over 60 allied countries worldwide. The 6th Ranger Battalion trains over 2,500 students annually, conducting its 18 day program 11 times per year. The 6th Ranger Training Battalion has 225 officer and enlisted personnel complemented by 30 civilian support personnel who work together to run the Florida Ranger Camp.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to thank the men and women who make up the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, as well as the Army Rangers they train, for their professionalism and commitment. Their indefatigable service and dedication to our nation protects our inalienable liberties and freedoms, allowing the United States of America to prosper as the world's greatest nation. My wife Vicki and I congratulate the 6th Ranger Battalion, and each of the more than 100,000 graduates of the Florida Ranger Camp, for 60 exceptionally successful years of service to our country.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ERWIN
JONAS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work Erwin D. Jonas has done on Long Island on the occasion of his retirement from Northrop Grumman after 42 years of service.

Erwin has been employed by Northrop Grumman since 1969 in multiple radar engineering capacities, from Development Engineering to Manager of Engineering and Programs. The major focus of Mr. Jonas' work at Northrop Grumman has been the development of shipboard radar programs and automatic detection and tracking systems.

Erwin has been the manager of the Northrop Grumman Ship Self Defense Systems Department since January 1992 and is responsible for all engineering and research operations associated with naval radar and automatic tracking systems.

The contributions Erwin has made to naval research as well as to the research industry on Long Island are significant. I wish him all the best in this next stage of life and, again, thank him for the work he has done.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK L.
KOWALSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Frank L. Kowalski, Jr., a gentleman whose dedication to the Polish-American community of Cleveland has led the Cleveland Society of Poles Foundation to name him the 2011 recipient of the "Good Joe" Award.

Mr. Kowalski was born and raised in the Tremont area of Cleveland. After graduating from Lincoln High School, he joined the Navy Reserve. He was soon called into active duty and served on the USS *Navarro* as a machinist's mate during the Korean War. Upon his discharge in 1954, Mr. Kowalski joined the Polish Legion of American Veterans and he remains an active member of the organization to this day.

Mr. Kowalski attended Fenn College (now Cleveland State University) under the GI Bill and graduated in 1965. He worked at the Thompson Products Plant until 1972, when he pursued a second career in property management and maintenance.

Many organizations within the Polish-American community in Cleveland have benefitted from Mr. Kowalski's leadership. He has served as Post Commander, Financial Director, and National Financial Director for the Polish Legion of American Veterans; Director, Treasurer, and Vice President of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio; Financial Secretary of the Cleveland Society; Financial Director of the Polish National Alliance Group #171; and Treasurer of the Tremont Residence Service Corporation. He has been named a Knight of Pulaski by the Polonia Foundation of Ohio and