

Maron Parish is the largest Maronite Catholic community in the Mid-West.

Patriarch Rai was born on February 25, 1940 in Himlaya, Matn District, Lebanon. On July 31, 1962 he entered the Mariamite Maronite Order. Five years later, on September 3, 1967, Patriarch Rai was ordained a priest and almost immediately began working on Arabic transmissions of Vatican Radio. In 1975, he earned a PhD in canon and civil law.

On July 12, 1986, Patriarch Rai was consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Antioch and on June 9, 1990 he was appointed bishop of Byblos. He was elected Secretary of the Maronite Synod in 2003. He was the recipient of the National Order of the Cedar award in 2007. In 2009, he was appointed President of the Lebanese Episcopal Commission for the Media. On March 25, 2011 Patriarch Rai was elected Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming His Beatitude Patriarch Bechara Peter Rai, Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronite Catholic Church to City of Cleveland.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 2681 AND
H.R. 2250

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, every week the Majority makes a new attempt to roll back environmental rules that protect the health of our citizens and the health of our environment in favor of big polluters. This week the Majority has brought to the floor two bills that according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would collectively mean 32,500 more premature deaths, 19,500 additional heart attacks, and 208,000 asthma attacks that otherwise would have been avoided. This is unacceptable.

Instead of working on legislation to increase employment and create new jobs or legislation that would support critical infrastructure needs of public schools and roads, the Majority is bringing to the Floor two pieces of legislation that would delay the implementation of long overdue air pollution standards. Even though such standards are required by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, these bills would put off the cleanup of mercury and other toxic pollutants from cement kilns, incinerators, and industrial boilers, as well as make permanent changes to the Clean Air Act that weaken health and science-based standards. The facilities targeted by this legislation are some of the largest sources of U.S. mercury pollution, a powerful neurotoxin known to be dangerous to pregnant women and to impair children's ability to think and learn.

The EPA rules are scientific and data driven. These bills would defy science in favor of the regulatory option that is most beneficial to industry, even if another option is feasible, cost-effective, and offers better public health protections. For example, H.R. 2250 would nullify rules that require industrial boilers and incinerators to reduce their emissions, and yet, estimates for the emission reductions required by the rules would yield \$10 to \$24 in health benefits for every dollar spent to meet the standards. The savings from lower health care

costs and higher worker productivity mean tens of billions of dollars more in net benefits and will result in lower rates of illness and death.

At the start of the 112th Congress, the Majority put in place rules requiring that all legislation be offset by new authorizations but that rule is disregarded in these bills. In other words, these bills are not paid for. H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681 would nullify existing EPA rules and require EPA to start the rulemaking process over again—a process the Congressional Budget Office estimates would result in \$1 billion in discretionary spending by EPA.

I oppose these bills that would increase toxic air pollution, cost lives, drive up health care costs, and fundamentally weaken future standards under the Clean Air Act. We must protect our communities from toxic polluters.

Had I been present October 5, 2011, I would have voted "aye" on Amendments #1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, and 21, to H.R. 2681.

H.R. 2250 AND 2681

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in 1990, the Clean Air Act Amendments required EPA to complete and issue regulations on hazardous air pollutants by 2000. This week, we considered two bills that would delay two regulations for at least another six years—with no deadline for EPA to complete these regulations and giving industry no deadline to comply. Enacting these bills combines continued air pollution with true regulatory uncertainty.

H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681 targeted regulations that would reduce emissions from two of the dirtiest industries in the country—cement kilns and industrial boilers—when most other industries already adhere to similar Clean Air Act regulations. Together, the two regulations eliminated by these bills would save 9,100 American lives every year and yield \$17 to \$43 in health care savings for every dollar spent reducing emissions under the new standards. Both bills require EPA to throw out work it has already completed and start over. Both bills add to the deficit and fail to comply with the Republican cut-go policy. Both bills gut EPA's authority to require the most protective standard (MACT—Maximum Achievable Control Technology) and replace it with a requirement to select the least burdensome standard, specifically including "work practice" standards, which are merely a requirement to keep equipment in working order. Both bills sacrifice public health to private industry profit.

I strongly oppose both H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681. Unfortunately, I was unable to be in Washington on October 6, 2011 to vote against them. Had I been able, I would have voted against both H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681.

HONORING CROWLEY COUNTY
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Centennial Celebration of Crowley County, Colorado.

When the State of Colorado was accepted into the United States in 1876, this portion of Southeast Colorado became known as Otero County.

In August of 1911, Crowley County became officially incorporated in the State of Colorado. It took its name from Joseph H. Crowley, a Senator in the Colorado State Legislature.

Crowley County began to flourish with a rich agricultural economy. The plentiful land attracted many to settle in Crowley.

Numerous farmers and ranchers came to Crowley because of ample grasslands for grazing livestock as well as soil able to produce wheat, corn, alfalfa, and sugar beets to name a few.

Many successful ranchers and farmers continue their steadfast love of the land and provide a vital base of revenues and jobs for the Crowley Community. Since 1911, the economic base has added new jobs and industries.

The people of Crowley County continue to be resourceful and seek new ways to drive their economy and the county continues to move forward.

Crowley County continues to hold onto the values that were here 100 years ago. These values, a sense of community, pride, and hard work are still evident today.

It is with this sense of community and pride that I am honored to recognize Crowley County's historic 100 year anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF PULASKI DAY
2011

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio and the Department of Ohio Polish Legion of American Veterans as they unite the community in remembrance and celebration of General Casimir Pulaski, for his legacy and dedication to the people of Poland and United States of America.

Born on March 4, 1747 in Warzka, Poland, General Pulaski achieved great military success in Poland with his focused leadership and strategies in fighting the Russian forces in Poland. By 1777, General Pulaski had become one of the most renowned cavalymen in Europe and was actively recruited by Benjamin Franklin to assist in the American quest for liberation.

Sympathetic to the American cause, General Pulaski sailed to America and was made head of the newly formed American cavalry during the Revolutionary War. General Pulaski had a deep level of commitment to the American cause and spent his own money to feed and equip his troops. General Pulaski was involved in many significant battles during the

Revolution. His ultimate stand took place in Savannah, Georgia on October 1779, where he led a valiant charge against British artillery. General Pulaski was shot and died a few days later.

This year's celebration will be held on October 8th at the Pulaski Memorial and will feature Mr. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., the National President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA). Mr. Drobot has been an active member of PRCUA for more than 50 years and is currently serving as the 27th President of the organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of General Casimir Pulaski, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his fight to secure the ideals of the American Revolution. An American hero, General Pulaski's life and legacy serves as a reminder of the vital contributions and great achievements by Polish immigrants within our Cleveland community, and throughout America.

HONORING JIM DAVIS

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hometown hero and one of the stars of the Bi-Annual Congressional Football Game for Charity, Jim Davis. Jim is currently deployed as a reservist in Iraq where he is the First Sergeant for C Company, 373rd Military Battalion at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

Prior to his deployment, Jim served as a U.S. Capitol Police Officer and K9 Handler. He was also one of the fiercest and most competitive players on the Capitol Police Football Team. Once again, Jim will play for the Capitol Police Team and take on the Members of the 112th Congress. Jim scheduled his leave in order to make this year's game, due to his commitment to the charities the Congressional Football Game supports—The Capitol Police Memorial Fund and Our Military Kids.

Jim was born here in Washington, DC and raised in Northern Virginia. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, VA, Jim joined the United States Marine Corps. He was on active duty for 4 years in the USMC, and then spent 5 years on active duty in the Army.

Throughout Jim's time in the service, he remained active in athletics, playing football for the Marine All-Star team and running track for the All-Army track team at Ft. Hood prior to Desert Storm. While on active duty in Germany, Jim also played football for the NFL feeder team—Frankfurt Galaxy.

Although we hope to beat the Capitol Police in this year's Congressional Football Game, we do wish Jim all the best in his current pursuit of an MBA at Johns Hopkins University and a position as a Command Sergeant Major.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Davis.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mister Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on October 10th, 2011. Despite being a relatively new democracy, Taiwan has established themselves as a beacon of democracy in Asia.

Taiwan's President Ma has been successful in improving the relationship between Taiwan and Mainland China. Since President Ma has taken office, there has been a noticeable decrease in tension among China and Taiwan. Instead of hostility, there has been improved cooperation between the two countries. Direct flights occur daily between the two countries and the demand for Chinese tourists to visit Taiwan has increased exponentially. Also, in the spirit of cooperation, both China and Taiwan are working together to reduce crime along the Taiwan Strait.

Arguably the biggest evidence of their improved relationship, though, is the signing of the historic Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) last year. This agreement allows for China and Taiwan to trade and do business with one another in ways that was not thought to be possible five years ago. It is comforting and encouraging to see two countries pursuing peace and cooperation in this time of worldwide instability and upheaval.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Taiwan on their 100th anniversary, and thank President Ma for his continued efforts in practicing peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, LODGE #158 "LOYALTIES"

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Slovene National Benefit Society, Lodge #158 Loyalties.

The Slovene National Benefit Society (SNPJ) was founded on April 6, 1904 by 12 Slovenian immigrants with the intent of offering life insurance and sick and disability benefits. Today, with more than 125 lodges nationwide, SNPJ is the largest Slovenian fraternal organization in the United States. In addition to its fraternal benefits, SNPJ also offers its members access to a scholarship program, activities for members of all ages and use of its summer campsite, the SNPJ Recreation Center in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

Organized in 1911, Lodge #158 was originally called the Pioneers. In 1954, Lodge #158 merged with Lodge #590 and became the Loyalties. Today, with 1,223 adult members and 328 youth members, Lodge #158 is the largest SNPJ lodge in the State of Ohio and the 3rd largest in the United States. Loyalties

members are active throughout the Greater Cleveland community and can be found volunteering at Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges, SNPJ "Farm," Cleveland Athletic League, Slovenian Society Home "Recher," Slovenian Workmen's Home, and Slovenian Society Home "Holmes," among others.

Lodge #158's centennial celebration will occur on October 8th at their home hall, Slovenian Society Home, and feature a dinner and music by the Don Wójtila Band. Special honors will be paid to members celebrating their 50th, 60th, 70th and 80th year's anniversary of membership.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Loyalties Lodge and those who are celebrating their 50th, 60th, 70th and 80th years of membership with the Slovene National Benefit Society, Loyalties Lodge #158.

TAIWAN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Taiwan Caucus, I rise today to honor Taiwan on its 100th National Day which will occur on October 10th.

The relationship between Taiwan and the United States has developed into a friendship and alliance that I know will continue for years to come.

Taiwan is a paradigm of what true democratic values can bring to a nation.

It has a robust record of protecting individual rights, liberty, representative government, capitalism, and many more democratic values that have furthered the nation's prosperity.

Taiwan has developed an economy that successfully does business around the world and their commitment to economic and political freedom is a model for countries across the globe and throughout the region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Taiwan on its 100 years of principled existence, and on its living example of true democracy against threats that at times might cause others to cower.

TRIBUTE TO CADE SPINELLO

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an incredible young boy, Cade Spinello, from my congressional district who has faced so many challenges in his young life. Cade's story came to me from a family friend of the Spinello's and I am honored to share it here. In 2009, Cade's parents, Michael and Erin, noticed that Cade's eyes were not lining up normally when he tried to focus. The doctor told the Spinello's that little Cade had lazy eye and prescribed a patch over the good eye to strengthen the weak eye. After a year of using the patch, Cade's condition worsened, and after a closer look the doctor realized that Cade's optical nerve was inflamed. After an MRI, the doctor told Cade's