

TAIWAN PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU'S SECOND INAUGURATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, this coming Sunday, May 20, Taiwan will inaugurate President Ma Ying-jeou for a second term after his overwhelming election victory earlier this year. Congratulations to President Ma and to all the people of Taiwan. They embody the vision of a representative democracy that founding father Sun Yat-sen imagined.

The value of the United States-Taiwan partnership cannot be overstated. Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States and the sixth largest agricultural market for products grown and produced here in the United States. Additionally, Taiwan has long been an important contributor towards economic and political security across Asia, benefiting the entire region.

Taiwan and the United States uphold a peaceful partnership through both trade agreements and meaningful personal relationships. I was lucky enough to take a trip to Taiwan when I was a state legislator, and it is a beautiful country with a vibrant culture. I hope someday to return.

The strength of Taiwan comes from its people. The people continue to benefit from self-governance and free-elections, and the open society and democracy of Taiwan allows for innovation and growth that puts it on a competitive footing with the most powerful and largest countries in the world.

Congratulations to the people of Taiwan and President Ma Ying-jeou on his second inauguration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WEBSTER TRAMMELL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Dr. Webster Trammell. Dr. Trammell has served in numerous positions in the education field and currently holds the position of Vice President of Development, Community and Government Relations at Brookdale Community College. His efforts to serve and educate students will be recognized during the Long Branch Concordance celebration. His actions are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Dr. Webster Trammell has demonstrated through his work and actions his willingness and dedication to serve others. Dr. Trammell has been actively involved in educational administration since 1969. He served as Assistant Director and Director of Student Activities and Director of Housing before being named Assistant Dean of Students. In 1974, Dr. Trammell accepted the position of Director of the Educational Opportunity Fund, EOF, at Monmouth College, where he succeeded in restructuring the program to become an exem-

plary model for other colleges to emulate. Four years later, he accepted the position of EOF Director at Brookdale Community College successfully raised the quality of service and level of expectation produced by the department. Dr. Trammell was appointed Research and Development Officer for Brookdale Community College in 1984, serving as a member of the President's staff. He was subsequently appointed to the position of Vice President for Development, Community and Governmental Relations, the position which he holds today. In his current capacity, Dr. Trammell is responsible for the institution's governmental relations, resource development, the Brookdale Foundation and Alumni Association as well as external affairs. Dr. Trammell is a proud Alumnus of Monmouth College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art with a minor in Education and a Master of Science in Student Personnel Services. He received his doctorate in Psychology (Psy.D.) from Rutgers University.

Dr. Trammell is a member of several professional and community organizations. He serves as a member of the Legislative Affairs and Governance Committees of the New Jersey Hospital Association and was elected in 2010 to the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association. Dr. Trammell is also the Immediate Past Chairman of the Monmouth Family Health Center Corporation Board of Directors and the Immediate Chairman of the Board of Trustees to Monmouth Medical Center. His impressive involvement in community activities resulted in the presentation of the 1993 Private Industry Council Partnership Award for Education, the 2004 Red Bank Men's Club Excellence in Education Award and the 2008 SCAN John Wanat Leadership Award, among others notable accolades. Most impressively, he currently holds an 8th degree black belt and has trained in the martial arts for 43 years. Dr. Trammell currently resides in Middletown, New Jersey with his wife, Kathleen. He is the proud father of three children, Ian, Heather and Emily and grandfather to Llewelyn and Evan.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Dr. Webster Trammell for receiving the honor bestowed by the Long Branch Concordance. His outstanding service to students and community continue to touch the lives of many throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN'S
PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU ON
HIS RE-ELECTION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in congratulating President Ma Ying-jeou for winning this year's presidential election in Taiwan, the Republic of China, ROC. He will be officially inaugurated as the fifth freely elected president of the Republic of China on May 20, reminding the world once again that Taiwan is a nation to be admired for her unwavering commitment to democracy and freedom.

It has been my joy to watch the success of the Taiwanese people in overcoming great obstacles and I know that President Ma will continue his record of achievement in this, his second term. We admire Taiwan's flourishing market economy and vibrant democracy. Their successes are directly attributable to the wisdom and industry of the people of Taiwan. Today nearly everyone in Taiwan is middle class and enjoys good nutrition, good health, excellent schools, low crime rates and safe neighborhoods. Politically, people are free to voice their opinions. Press freedom and human rights are guaranteed by the ROC's Constitution.

It is my hope that many countries in Asia will follow the example of this great island as a model of democracy and freedom. My colleagues and I greatly admire the accomplishments that have taken place since the end of martial law and the establishment of democracy in the 1980's. I wish the Taiwanese the best in the challenges ahead, particularly in handling cross-strait relations. I hope all of my colleagues here in the House of Representatives will be continually supportive as the Taiwanese pursue a peaceful solution to the China issue. I believe that peace and stability within the Taiwan Strait are in the best interest of the global community.

I have always cherished Taiwan's close friendship with the United States and I admire Taiwan's recent economic and democratic achievements. We look forward to working with the government and people of Taiwan in further strengthening and clarifying the commercial, cultural and other relations between the United States and Taiwan, particularly Taiwan's defense needs and Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations.

Again, congratulations, President Ma.

HONORING PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU OF TAIWAN

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou celebrates his second inauguration on May 20. With determination and courage, he has done what most pundits thought was impossible.

Through his initiatives with China he has achieved lessening tensions between the two governments while maintaining the integrity of Taiwan's people and their free and democratic society.

These strategic steps, assumed by many to fail, have in fact produced excellent results. Taiwan, long a major world trader, has opened up trade channels with mainland China which have been accompanied by tourists from the mainland. All this has been achieved while maintaining Taiwan's security.

Peace in the Taiwan Strait, which President Ma has worked toward, is of great importance to us as a Nation; for peace, among other humanitarian advantages, lessens the need for the United States to deploy more of our military resources to the region.

I congratulate President Ma and wish him well in his second term.