

China split amid civil war in 1949, bilateral relations between the two are at an all-time high. Today, China is Taiwan's largest trading partner. Starting in 2008, Taiwan and China signed an agreement to improve direct links between the two countries. This agreement has been a resounding success eliminating barriers to air and sea travel between the two sides. As a result, there are about 600 direct passenger flights that operate each week between Taiwan and China. Cargo ships now transit directly between the two sides. Building upon the successes of the 2008 agreement, in 2010, Taiwan and China signed a landmark trade agreement called the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, which reduced tariffs and commercial barriers between the two sides. The people of China and Taiwan are more connected today than ever before.

Like many of my colleagues in the House, I believe that a strong Taiwan is vital for maintaining stability in the region. Like Congressman ROYCE, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I, too, support the sale of newer, diesel submarines and F-16s upgrades to Taiwan's government, which will serve to protect U.S. national interests in the region. I intend to work closely with my Congressional colleagues to encourage the Administration to expedite the U.S. sale of needed military hardware to Taiwan's government.

Simply put, a strong, prosperous Taiwan serves both our nations' interests. I am certainly thankful to my predecessors who passed the Taiwan Relations Act, which remains the hallmark of the U.S.-Taiwan alliance.

JESUS LOZANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesus Lozano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jesus Lozano is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jesus Lozano 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 to Jesus Lozano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF GLEN DOHERTY, VICTIM OF THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BENGHAZI

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. Glen Doherty, who was tragically killed on September 11, 2012 at the age of 42 in the armed assault against the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. I commend Mr. Doherty's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his dedicated service in protecting our nation.

A desire to push himself and to use his talents to make genuine change in the world led Glen to join the Navy SEALs in 1995, where he served as a paramedic and sniper in the Middle East. Among other missions, his team responded to the terrorist attack on the *USS Cole* in 2000. Following knee reconstruction in 2001, Glen had planned on leaving the military but when our nation was attacked on September 11th, Glen decided to remain with the SEALs.

Mr. Doherty twice deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. On his first tour, he joined the earliest Marine contingents on their march to Baghdad. He was taken from his unit for sniper duty for several days, but returned to them before they took Baghdad and continued with them to take Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit as well. Glen believed that the possibility of liberating a troubled country from a tyrant and making democracy possible for the Iraqi people was something worth risking his life.

In 2005, Glen left the SEALs, but remained focused on the Middle East as a private security contractor. He worked for peace and security in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Lebanon, and other high threat areas in the region.

I again offer Mr. Doherty my sincerest thanks and hope that his family and those who knew him best can find comfort in the outstanding service he gave his nation, as well as the passion and conviction that drove him into a career and life of defending others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Glen Doherty and his selfless sacrifice to a grateful nation.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1287

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R.1287, the Sound Science Act of 2013. Congressman STEPHEN FINCHER and I introduced this bill on March 20, 2013 to ensure the highest level of Scientific Integrity at our federal agencies.

Our bill is a sensible approach requiring federal agencies to develop scientific integrity policies that adhere to the scientific method, therefore maximizing the quality and integrity of science used in the regulatory decision-making process.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is a continuation of the efforts the Administration has put forth on the issue of scientific integrity. In March of 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential memorandum directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to require federal departments and agencies to develop procedures "for restoring scientific integrity to government decision making."

At the beginning of last year, the President continued this work by issuing Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," which stated that each agency "shall ensure the objectivity of any scientific and technological information and processes used to support the agency's regulatory actions."

Since that process began, departments and agencies have developed their own policies to address the President's concerns. Unfortunately, not all agencies have made an equal commitment to scientific integrity.

In fact, earlier this month, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), released a report on the status of such policies—now four years after this process started. Unfortunately, a variety of Departments and agencies have received an unfavorable review from UCS, including the Department of Energy, Health and Human Services, and the USDA to name a few. UCS notes that these departments have developed "policies that do not make adequate commitments to scientific integrity."

This bill attempts to address some of the inadequacies highlighted by UCS and builds on the Administration's initiative by codifying the requirement that the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy compel each federal agency to develop guidelines regarding the scientific information used by federal agencies.

Additionally, this legislation clarifies that scientific information be supported by peer review when appropriate; ensures that scientific studies used in making decisions be disclosed to the public, and requires an opportunity for stakeholder input.

It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method.

Finally, the bill establishes any regulatory action in violation of an agency's internal scientific integrity guidelines be deemed arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill to ensure that government decisions are fact-based and made in sound science.

HONORING ARMY CORPORAL WILLIAM L. McMILLAN III

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, nearly five years ago Army Corporal William L. McMillan III gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was only 22 years of age when he gave his life for this country.