

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE 165TH AIRLIFT WING OF THE GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard, marking their tenth anniversary of mobilization for wartime missions.

Since 2003, the 165th Airlift Wing has served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, with more than 80 percent of the wing's 900 airmen deploying during that time. Over the last ten years, the eight C-130H2 aircraft operated by the wing have seen 11,363 flying hours and 7,441 combat sorties.

When the 165th Airlift Wing was activated for the first time since the Korean War, its unit members responded admirably. Their first unit aircraft dispatched within 72 hours of notification. In 2004, the 165th Airlift Wing was the first C-130 unit to deploy and operate out of Iraq, flying under the famous "Red Tail" markings of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing.

In 2005, the 165th Airlift Wing had the solemn honor of supporting the rescue mission of the 16 Navy SEALs and Army Special Operation Aviation Regiment troops whose MH-47D was shot down while attempting to reinforce four SEALs under attack by the Taliban.

The 165th continued its tradition of excellence in 2011 as a part of the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, during which time the 774th was recognized as the only squadron in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility tasked at 100 percent. All 15 squadron aircraft flew every day for over 60 days.

In tribute to its outstanding service during wartime mobilizations, I am honored today to recognize the 165th Airlift Wing and its contributions to the United States of America.

102ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, October 10th marked the 102nd Anniversary of the Wuchang uprising, which led to the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1912. National Day of the Republic of China marks a significant day for the Taiwanese people as they celebrate each year with parades, fireworks and military regalia. The United States and Taiwan have been fortunate to share such a dynamic friendship that I believe will only continue to grow.

As the U.S. seeks to rebalance our comprehensive foreign policy strategy, and we

look to pivot to the Asian Pacific region, I feel that National Day deserves an appropriate commemoration from Congress. I believe it is vitally important for the U.S. to continue to bolster Taiwan's efforts as they are one of the most promising democracies in the region. Such stable regional partners should be valued and held in the highest regard.

This significant anniversary also provides an opportunity for this Congress to reflect on the current state of our bilateral relationship with Taiwan and to take proactive steps to enhance it.

As the 10th largest trading partner with the United States, Taiwan's economic importance is continuing to rapidly increase in a growing 21st century global economy. As longstanding friends and allies, I am pleased to add my voice to congratulate Taiwan on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of one of my district's finest institutions: the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire. For one hundred years, the BIA has represented and protected the interests of New Hampshire's business community as the statewide chamber of commerce. Over that time, it has helped to strengthen the Granite State's robust economy, and it has played an essential role in creating and upholding the state's unmatched pro-business climate.

First known as the New Hampshire Manufacturer's Association, the BIA was born in 1913 from the minds of several small business leaders concerned about government legislation and over-regulation of business. Since that time, the Association has grown to represent more than 400 businesses across New Hampshire's strongest industries. Together, those businesses employ more than 86,000 workers across the state's manufacturing, technology, health care, and financial services sectors, among many others, and they contribute more than \$4.5 billion each year to the state economy.

Through the strength of its advocacy, the BIA has helped to shape public policies that encourage businesses to succeed and the community to prosper, now and into the future. On October 23rd, the Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a dinner and awards ceremony. As New Hampshire business leaders mark this special occasion, I urge all Granite Staters and all Americans to join them in honoring this essential community institution.

CONGRATULATING UNITED NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ALEXIS, IL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate United North Elementary School in Alexis, IL, which has been recognized as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School and will be honored next month at a ceremony here in Washington.

As the mother of three sons who were educated by our public schools, I know firsthand the importance of a high-quality education and I am proud that students in our community are learning at one of the best schools in the nation. United North Elementary has implemented several programs that identify struggling students early and provide them with individual attention to make sure all students have an opportunity to succeed. They have seen great results in students' math and reading abilities and I am happy they have been recognized for their achievements.

United North also succeeds in involving the whole community in education. Along with regular parent-teacher conferences and an active PTO, the school hosts classroom visits during American Education Week and recently started a Very Special Person Day for students to bring adult visitors to the school.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate United North Elementary School and Principal Sue Wilson for this remarkable achievement and I thank them for their service to students in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF YVONNE WRIGHT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Yvonne Wright, who celebrates her 100th birthday on October 23, 2013.

Yvonne Angelle Vigeant was born on October 23, 1913 in Brookline, Massachusetts. Growing up with twin sister Helene, she graduated from Brookline High School and was working at Boston State Hospital when she met Lewis Wright, who she married in 1935. A twin himself, Lewis and his brother were local entrepreneurs, purchasing English's Dairy and establishing Wright Brothers' Sports Center, the popular Holbrook bowling center and golf driving range. Together, Yvonne and Lewis raised four children, and went on to welcome nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wright has expressed a lifelong passion for art, having become an accomplished

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