

presidents with the eye towards building an international coalition against Boko Haram.

President Buhari has moved swiftly to combat Boko Haram, commenced efforts to recover the Chibok girls and address the issue of the growing number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To succeed at these objectives, Nigeria must have continued U.S. support in technical training, logistical and infrastructural capabilities and professionalizing its military force to battle Boko Haram.

And we can see substantial gains thus far, with the regional military task force and the Nigerian military closing in and killing members of Boko Haram and rescuing innocent Nigerians and other Africans who have been kidnapped and terrorized by Boko Haram.

I commend President Buhari's commitment to Nigerian security and his directive to local authorities to tighten vigilance in vulnerable places.

With oil being one of the greatest resource and cause of harm and corruption in the country, I commend President Buhari's directive to sanitize the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in order to obliterate inefficiency and corruption in that industry and in Nigeria.

I also commend President Buhari's directive of a complete audit of the country's revenue generating agencies such as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Customs, and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

With all of President Buhari's initiatives to help get Nigeria's house in order, I implore the people of Nigeria to bear with the President even as he works to appoint his cabinet, implement the rule of law, facilitate security in the country, move the country's economy forward and empower the youth of Nigeria.

In the words of President Buhari, I encourage the people of Nigeria to "value order over speed" and precision over mediocrity, unity over division, inclusion over alienation and above all, I ask the Nigerian people to be their brother's and sister's keepers.

I urge the Nigerian people to support President Buhari in his careful strategic and deliberate decision making approach, which hopefully will have positive results on the future of Nigeria and the Nigerian people.

Mr. Speaker, looking ahead of the future of Nigeria, I encourage the Nigerian people to remain committed to visionary change, progress and empowerment of Nigeria at the backdrop of successful democratic elections, under the leadership of a President committed to transparency, peace, coalition building, addressing grievances, negotiations, clear communication, infrastructure building and political intellectual capital building.

Happy Independence Day Celebration to Nigeria and my congratulations to the people of Nigeria.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the upcoming Double Ten Day, the Republic

of China's (Taiwan's) national day, and to extend my very best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

With population of over 23 million, Taiwan has demonstrated its commitment to democracy and is one of Asia's economic engines. Last year, Taiwan went from being our 12th-largest trading partner to our 10th, a position it continues to hold in 2015. Taiwan transformed itself into a vibrant and lively democracy, contributing not only to the global economy, but also to global culture, the exchange of ideas, and the meeting of global challenges, from fighting Ebola to helping to combat ISIS.

I believe a strong Taiwan is an important factor in the peace and security of the region, and I am proud of the role our country has played, through the Taiwan Relations Act, in making it possible for the people of Taiwan to build their strong, prosperous, and democratic society. Our relationship is as strong as ever, as I believe it will continue to be in the years and decades ahead.

Taiwan will remain one of our most important partners in the Asia-Pacific. As a friend of Taiwan, I wish its people a Happy Double Ten Day.

RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franklin County Head Start Program on the 50th Anniversary of the National Head Start Association.

Since it began as a summer program in 1965, the Head Start Program has grown and developed into an innovative early childhood experience offered to children in over 1,500 communities, including those in Franklin County. Thanks to the Franklin County Head Start, countless children and their families in our area have been empowered to reach their full potential.

As of 2013, more than 31 million preschool aged children have participated in Head Start. The continued success of the Head Start Program has been made possible by the dedicated staff and community members like those in Franklin County, who have put an inspiring amount of work into growing and improving its positive impact.

I am privileged to congratulate the National Head Start Association for achieving 50 years of service and to highlight the Franklin County Head Start Program for its commitment to improving the greater Chambersburg area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Philharmonic Orches-

tra's contributions as a major cultural influence in Southeastern Massachusetts for over one hundred years.

Established in 1913 and pausing only for World War II, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is now playing its 100th season. This fully professional orchestra owes its humble beginnings to G. Herbert Clarke, a violin teacher from Kingston. Mr. Clarke served as both conductor and manager of the orchestra until his death in 1932. It was not until 1973 under the conductor and former Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Victor Yampolsky that the orchestra was chartered as a non-profit corporation and began its transition from an amateur to a fully professional orchestra.

Affectionately known as the Phil, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra has inspired America's Hometown and the greater Massachusetts community with its commitment to artistic excellence and music education. It is dedicated to serving the wider community and expanding its repertoire to range from classical to popular music and family-oriented concerts.

To celebrate this historic event, Christopher Theofanidis, a world-class American symphonic composer, wrote a piece specifically for this occasion. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra on its 100th anniversary. May this historic Massachusetts orchestra continue to flourish for another hundred years.

CONCERN FOR CRITICAL NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS UNDER A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern that funding for critical national security space programs will be disrupted under a continuing resolution.

Disrupting funding for essential warfighting capabilities for space protection, assured access to space, satellite communications and missile warning will weaken our national security and risk significant delays in development of these important missions.

General John Hyten, commander of U.S. Air Force Space Command, recently stated that a continuing resolution would delay several new classified and unclassified programs aimed at U.S. space protection.

He also expressed concern that failure to pass a budget would delay the development of a new rocket propulsion system prototype intended to end our dependence on the Russian-made RD-180 rocket engine.

Additionally, due to the uncertainty created by the absence of a full-year appropriations bill for the Department of Defense, the Air Force is purportedly prepared to issue stop work orders on two essential satellite communications and missile warning programs under the Space Modernization Initiative (SMI).

The overall SMI strategy is to invest in creating trade space for future decisions through investments to sustain or improve existing capabilities by exploring technology alternatives and architectures. These efforts ensure affordability, capability and resiliency of our space systems.

For example, the Wide Field of View (WFOV) testbed initiative supports affordability and risk reduction efforts for the nation's critical overhead missile warning capability.

Cuts or delays to funding would risk the ability for the WFOV initiative to support current data exploitation efforts and could delay a commercial launch opportunity. A stop work order under a CR places the WFOV effort and other SMI efforts at significant risk despite full support from the Senate Appropriations Committee for the program.

Unfortunately, our inability to pass a budget has created uncertainty that endangers our national security space programs.

I urge the Department of Defense and the Air Force to leverage the funding levels authorized by law under a continuing resolution to sustain development of these critical national security space systems.

HONORING THE GESELL INSTITUTE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Gesell Institute of Child Development as they celebrate their 65th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful organization!

Dr. Arnold Gesell, a professor at Yale University at the turn of the 20th Century, was a pioneer in the study of early childhood development. Founder of what today is the nationally renowned Yale Child Study Center, he dedicated his life to studying the verbal, motor, social, emotional and cognitive growth of children. Perhaps best known for his use of the cinematographic technologies that were revolutionary for his time to document the developmental stages of 10,000 children, Dr. Gesell's legacy is the extensive archive he created throughout his life-long research that would later enable parents and teachers to better understand children's ages and stages of development.

Dr. Gesell was both a researcher and an educator, training physicians, nurses, and research scholars alike. In 1950 two of his former students and colleagues, Drs. Frances Ilg and Louise Bates Ames, along with Janet Learned, purchased two properties on Prospect Street in New Haven and opened a research institute and nursery school aimed at exploring child development through adolescence. Named in honor of their mentor and respected colleague, the Gesell Institute for Child Development was officially incorporated in March of 1950. In fact, Dr. Gesell served as a research consultant at the Institute until his death in 1961.

Over the course of its sixty-five year history, the Gesell Institute has made several invaluable contributions to the field of child development. The Nursery School served as both a training ground for early childhood educators and pediatricians, as well as a basis for some of the earliest research and investigation into school readiness. Perhaps the most enduring

of its contributions to the field is the development of Gesell Developmental Observation (GDO)—a comprehensive multidimensional assessment system that assists educators, and other professionals in understanding characteristics of child behavior in relation to typical growth patterns. One of Dr. Ilg's most important legacies was the formation of the National Lecture Staff, a nation-wide network of educators that, today, work together to provide a comprehensive program for staff professional development, in-service trainings, and workshops across the country on how to administer the newly updated Gesell Developmental Observation-Revised.

Sixty-five years later, the Gesell Institute continues to be one of the most respected institutions for child development in the nation. Serving as a resource for educators, parents and others as well as an advocate for our young people, it is an extraordinary organization whose work has touched countless lives and helped to shape how we look at childhood development. I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to everyone at the Gesell Institute as they mark this very special occasion.

CONGRATULATING LAURETTE KITTLER ON HER INDUCTION INTO ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. Quigley. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Laurette Kittler, retired Drama Teacher, St. Benedict Preparatory School, on her induction into their Alumni Hall of Fame.

From the 1950's to the mid 1990's, Mrs. Laurette Kittler not only taught several generations of St. Benedict High School students, but inspired them to be better people. In teaching drama, Mrs. Kittler was able to marry her love of theater with her love of teaching, and because of this she was able to bring a strong dedication to the classroom. Mrs. Kittler was always willing to put in the extra effort, staying after hours to help her students flourish. Mrs. Kittler played a big part in her students' lives, instilling them with a dynamism and confidence that would help them succeed in their future undertakings.

Respected by her peers and students alike her classrooms were always full of passion and admiration. The hallmark of a great teacher is the lasting influence they leave on their students, and Mrs. Kittler's legacy is one of distinction. Mrs. Kittler was described by her former students as, a "Guiding light", "a strong positive force", and "the best [teacher] I ever had".

The importance of great teachers cannot be over stated, and so for her decades of service Mrs. Kittler will be inducted in to the St. Benedict's Alumni Hall of Fame on October 24th. She will also have a scholarship set up in her honor that will be given out to a St. Benedict high school drama student.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Laurette Kittler for her invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students she has taught. I ask that

my colleagues join me in congratulating Mrs. Kittler on an accomplished career and a well-deserved honor.

IN TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. Moore. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justice Shirley Abrahamson, former Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. After nearly four decades of service on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Abrahamson will be receiving the National Association of Women Judges' Joan Dempsey Klein Award next week. This prestigious award honors members of the association who have "assisted women judges to become more proficient in their profession, helped to solve the legal, social and ethical problems associated with the judiciary, and worked to increase the number of women serving as judges."

A trailblazer for Wisconsin women, Justice Abrahamson was first appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Governor Patrick Lucey in 1976. She served as the only woman on the Court until 1993, and in 1996 she became the first female Chief Justice in Wisconsin history. In her time on the Court, Justice Abrahamson has been a true powerhouse, serving longer than any other justice in Wisconsin history and authoring over 450 majority opinions. Those who know her best describe her not only as tough as nails, but also as a deeply kind and compassionate person.

In her long and distinguished career, Justice Abrahamson has received countless honors. She serves as an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was elected by her peers as both President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center of State Courts, a testament to her judicial acumen. Justice Abrahamson is a past president of the National Conference of Chief Justices and past chair of the board of directors of the National Center for State Courts. She also has served as chair of the National Institute of Justice's National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. She is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute and the New York University School of Law Institute of Judicial Administration.

The daughter of immigrants, Justice Abrahamson was born Shirley Schlanger in New York City. She grew up across the street from her family's grocery store, dreaming from the age of five of becoming a lawyer. After receiving her bachelor's degree from New York University, she achieved this dream when she earned her J.D. with high distinction from Indiana University Law School in 1956, one of just two women in her class. She then moved to Madison, Wisconsin where she practiced law for 14 years and taught law at both the University of Wisconsin Madison and my alma mater, Marquette University. Over the course of her career, she has received 15 honorary Doctor of Law degrees as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-Madison. Justice Abrahamson has been married to her husband Seymour for over fifty years, and they have one son, Daniel.