

invitation to prestigious “thought leaders” roundtable.

Hartford Foundation invitation to multidisciplinary “Change AGent” conference of geriatric specialists from across the United States.

Co-presenters with National Institute on Health and ACL at National Association of Area Agencies on Aging conference on Recruiting Older Adults into Research.

Community-based Care Transitions Program, funded by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, achieved milestone of assisting 10,000 patients in reducing hospital readmission in 11 hospitals across 32 counties.

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) “Standards for Long-Term Services and Support and Medical Care” Learning Collaborative, selected as 1 of only 10 organizations nationwide.

Rosalynn Carter Institute on Caregiving National Summit, invited to present showcasing achievements of evidence-based chronic disease telephonic support featuring staff, local caregiver and their care recipient.

The organization’s 40th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Parkview Mirro Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Joan Lunden, a cancer survivor, journalist, television host, and renowned caregiver will be the featured speaker. I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating this organization’s service to the most vulnerable of our citizens in northeast Indiana, and extend our best wishes for their future.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVEN D.
CHAN, D.D.S.

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Steven D. Chan on his upcoming installation as President of the American College of Dentists. I am honored to recognize Dr. Chan’s distinguished career and contributions to the City of Fremont.

Dr. Chan is a third-generation Californian, born and raised in Los Angeles. After receiving his undergraduate degree from UCLA, he earned his dental degree from Georgetown University and completed his residency at Martin Luther King/Los Angeles County Hospital. Dr. Chan has had a practice in pediatric dentistry in Fremont for over 30 years. Dr. Chan’s professional honors include Fellowships in the Academy of Dentistry International, American Academy of Pediatric Dentists, and the International College of Dentists.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Chan is also a dedicated leader in the City of Fremont. His leadership in the community includes serving as Chair of Ohlone Community College’s Oversight Committee and as Commissioner of the City of Fremont Library Commission. He has been honored as the Citizens for a Better Community’s Citizen of the Year, the Asian Business Alliance Business Owner of the Year, and the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Business Leader of the Year.

Dr. Chan’s exceptional leadership will be well-matched for his new role as the President

of the American College of Dentists. He will be the first Asian American to lead this highly respected organization. I know his wife, Sue, and their two sons are very proud of Dr. Chan’s achievement. On behalf of his wonderful family, I want to congratulate Dr. Chan on this tremendous honor.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the American Sokol Organization. As one of the first organized gymnastics and fitness organizations in the United States, I would like to congratulate the American Sokol Organization on this important milestone and applaud them for its continued efforts to provide fitness, educational, and cultural programs to their communities. The American Sokol Organization will celebrate this anniversary on November 14, 2015 at the Women’s Athletic Club of Chicago, and as a Co-Chair of the Czech Caucus, I am pleased to see them mark such an important date.

The anniversary celebration taking place in Chicago will feature two important guests. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Petr Gandalovic, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States, and Kristyna Pellouchoud Driehaus, KMD Foundation, American Friends of the Czech Republic and Chicago Czech Center for taking part in this magnificent celebration as Honorary Co-Chairs.

On March 19, 2015, I attended a wreath laying ceremony marking the 25th Anniversary of Vaclav Havel’s speech to a joint session of Congress and dedicating his bust’s new and permanent location in Freedom Foyer. This event was attended by leaders of Congress, and Czech Ambassador to the United States, Petr Gandalovic.

The first American Sokol unit was founded by Czech and Slovak immigrants, Karel Prochazka, Jaroslav Vostrovsky, and E.B. Erben, in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1865. At that time, large numbers of immigrants were flocking to the United States and these founders created community centers for their children to learn and engage in fitness activities—these centers were the first American Sokols.

During the first 50 years of the organization, many American Sokols were formed throughout the United States, and all of these units were incorporated into the American Sokol Organization on January 1, 1917. Today, well into its second century in service, American Sokol remains an organization dedicated to the physical, mental, and cultural enrichment of its members. American Sokol has been shaping the lives of Olympians, diplomats, artists, athletes, and most importantly, the families in the communities in which we serve.

Sokol is the Czechoslovak word for falcon, and it is an appropriate symbol since the falcon is a bird that has great love for freedom, as well as strength, courage and agility. The Sokol philosophy strives for physical fitness for their members, believing that to maintain a

free nation, its people must be physically and morally strong.

American Sokol members represent a wide age range. Members range from preschool children to retired adults. This diversity allows older members to pass on the benefit of their wisdom and experience to the young people in a personal way. In combining Czechoslovak culture, the American heritage, and American Sokol ideals, this organization has contributed greatly to the welfare of the United States. Many American Sokol members have served their country with distinction, in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam conflict, and beyond.

I am proud to join with American Sokol members in the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, which I am honored to represent, and members of American Sokol Organization in the City of Chicago and all over the United States, as they celebrate their 150 years of excellence, achievement, and contributions to the greatness of the United States.

H.R. 597 “REAUTHORIZING OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES”

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, I rise to speak on H.R. 597, which reauthorizes the Export-Import Bank for four years.

It is unfortunate that it has taken this body so long to get to this point and it was inexcusable that the House Republican leadership allowed the Ex-Im Bank authorization to expire on June 30, 2015 before.

That intransigence made it necessary for a bipartisan majority of this House to resort to a discharge petition as the vehicle to bring this legislation to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, the Ex-Im Bank enables U.S. companies, large and small, to turn export opportunities into real sales that help to maintain and create U.S. jobs and contribute to a stronger national economy.

For more than 80 years the Ex-Im Bank has helped Texas businesses generate over \$29 billion in exports, \$4.3 billion of which originated from businesses in the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

In May of this year I hosted Export-Import Bank President Fred. P. Hochberg for a historic tour of vital and thriving small businesses in the 18th Congressional District.

We toured Frenchy’s Sausage Manufacturing which is a company that currently services over 200 businesses.

Frenchy’s Sausage recently completed an expansion of plant facilities to accommodate the tremendous growth the company has experienced.

We also toured Tejas Tubular, a company that built and opened their casing facility in 2005 to process larger diameter API casings and, which in 2011 opened the ERW tubing plant in Stephenville, Texas, and has processed more than 14 million joints of tubing and casing.

Mr. Speaker, when operating on a level playing field, American exporters can compete against anyone.