I also commend Taiwan's work to tackle many global issues with the United States through the U.S.-Taiwan Global Cooperation Training Framework. Together, we have worked on issues such as women's rights, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, democratization, global health and energy security. Taiwan shares many American values, such as freedom, human rights, and civil society. I look forward to our continued partnership as a staunch ally of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the people of Taiwan on this special day. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Monday, September 26, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 557 and "yea" on roll call vote 558.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 22, 2016 I was absent due to personal reasons and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Number 557 passage of H.R. 3537—Aye.

Roll Call Number 558 passage of H.R. 5392—Aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND CAPOZUCCA, ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S 2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Capozucca, who will be honored by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County as Person of the Year during the organization's 39th Annual Columbus Day Banquet on October 9, 2016.

Raymond was born May 25, 1939 in Pittston Township to Raymond and Emma Capozucca. After the death of his father, he was enrolled in the Hershey Industrial School for Orphan Boys, now known as Milton Hershey School. Raymond returned home, after graduating in 1957, and worked for two local plumbers. In 1962, founded his own plumbing, heating, and electric business. The business's name was changed to Capozucca Bros. when his brother, Albert, joined six months later. Both Raymond and his brother ran their business until they both retired in the early 2000s.

Throughout the years, Raymond has been involved in numerous clubs and associations. He is a member of the Italian American Citizens Enjoyment Club and a charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club. He helped found Pittston Township Little League and went on to serve on its board. He served on the board of United Services Agency. He held offices with the Pittston Township Fire Department and was on the board of directors of the Northeast Fair. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Mt. Carmel, now known as St. Joseph Marello Parish, and the Flag Association of Pittston Township.

It is an honor to recognize Raymond for being named the Italian American Association of Luzerne County's Person of the Year. I thank Raymond for all of the service he has given to his community, and I wish Raymond and the Italian American Association all the best this Columbus Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 557 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3537, the dangerous Synthetic Drug Control Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 558 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5392, the No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BARBARA MAIZIE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime friend and local champion, Ms. Barbara Maizie.

Barbara dedicated her whole life to helping others. After arriving at Contra Costa Arc in 1974, her dogged work was instrumental to the creation, preservation, and evolution of life-enhancing supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Through her hard work and dedication, she helped Contra Costa Arc grow to be the largest provider of services in Contra Costa, serving over 900 of all ages. Her steadfast support for the Lanterman Act, both enforcing it and ensuring that people understood the rights they had been granted under it, were unmatched.

Barbara and I met through her tireless work for those with developmental disabilities and their families. Her leadership in saving the George Miller Center, advocacy at state budget hearings, and work to close Developmental Centers has permanently changed our community and the State of California for the better.

Barbara was not only a colleague, but a close friend. Because of Barbara's hard work, love, and support, the lives of Californians are much improved. She will be sincerely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, myself included.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote No. 557 on H.R. 3537 "To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substances analogues are to be regulated and for other purposes," I mistakenly recorded my vote as Yea, when I should have voted Nay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 26, 2016, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 557 and 558. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote number 557 and "yes" on roll call vote number 558.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is $19,524,762,977,719.62. We've added $8,897,885,928,806.54 to our debt in 6 years. This is over $8.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING JUSTIN SCHROEPFER, RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Justin Schroepfer of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. His life was tragically cut short, but he will always be remembered as a courageous Good Samaritan who put the wellbeing of a perfect stranger ahead of himself.

On July 11, 2016, Justin spotted two women struggling against Lake Superior's strong current. He abandoned his own bachelor party and swam through the frigid water in an attempt to save the lives of two people he did not know. One woman was saved by another