

I was pleased to hear that the Village of Justice will hold its first ever Saturday board meeting, where May 21–27, 2000 will be appropriately named “Bobby Dyer” week. Mr. Speaker, I strongly echo the congratulations of the Village of Justice and I thank Mr. Dyer for his immediate contributions to the 3d Congressional District of Illinois.

IN HONOR OF TAIWANESE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Taiwanese Americans across the United States. As you may know, May 7–14 is designated as Taiwanese American Heritage Week. Today, there are more than one half-million Taiwanese Americans across the United States. From science and education, to politics, Taiwanese Americans have made profound contributions to the strength and diversity of this great nation.

Like many immigrant communities, Taiwanese Americans have maintained a close relationship with their original homeland. Exchanges between Taiwan and the United States have resulted in an ever-closer relationship in trade, culture, and values. As we witnessed in the March 18th, 2000 Taiwanese Presidential election, the people of Taiwan and the United States share a bond in their adherence to the principles of freedom, democracy, and human rights. That bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese American community here in the United States.

Today, as the first member of the U.S. House of Representatives born in Taiwan, I am proud to pay tribute to Taiwanese Americans. During the occasion of Taiwanese American Heritage Week, I urge all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, and indeed all Americans, to celebrate the diversity Taiwanese Americans have contributed to the United States.

HONORING RICHARD N. AFT AS HE  
ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT  
AS PRESIDENT OF UNITED WAY  
& COMMUNITY CHEST OF GREAT-  
ER CINCINNATI

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I honor Richard N. Aft, a valued friend and constituent, who has served as president of the Greater Cincinnati United Way & Community Chest for 13 years. He announced that he will step down as president in December.

In his capacity as president, Dick leads the United Way staff, represents United Way in the Greater Cincinnati area, manages the annual fund drive, and involves community leaders in carrying out the mission of United Way, which is: “To increase the capacity of our diverse community to prevent and alleviate human suffering.” Under Dick’s leadership, our

United Way & Community Chest has been making progress each year in accomplishing this critical mission. The organization has grown to serve approximately 1,500,000 people in a seven country, two-state metropolitan area. And the United Way campaign now raises over \$58 million per year.

Dick has not only expanded the responsibilities of our United Way and increased its annual revenues, he also has taken creative measures to address tough issues facing our community. For example, under his leadership, United Way formed an innovative and successful partnership called “Every Child Succeeds” with Children’s Hospital Medical Center and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency/Head Start.

Dick is a graduate of Knox College, and received an M.A. in social service administration from the University of Chicago. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Organizational Leadership and Development at the Union Institute in Cincinnati.

Actively involved with other organizations, Dick currently serves as a board member for the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati; the Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati; Xavier University Advisors; Leadership Ohio; and Ohio United Way. He is an executive committee member for the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative; Hamilton County Family and Children First Council; and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Council.

Dick and his wife, Mary Lu, live in Cincinnati. They have three sons, David, Rob, and Eric.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate Dick on his extraordinary service to our community. We appreciate his leadership and friendship, and wish him well in his final months as United Way president and with the new challenges to come.

HONORING APPLE VALLEY HIGH  
SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Apple Valley High School for its excellence in arts education. This school has received many awards, but most recently the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences selected this school, out of 18,000 applicants, to be a Grammy Signature School for the second consecutive year.

In 1991 the U.S. Department of Education recognized Apple Valley High School as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and just seven years later, in 1998, the Minnesota Music Educators named AVHS the Minnesota Model Music School. The National Endowment for the Arts has also granted a AVHS a special national commendation for content-rich arts.

The outstanding success of Apple Valley High School graduates has rewarded the school’s commitment to art and music education. Students’ achievements are an apt reminder that arts education should not be minimized but rather embraced wholeheartedly, as Apple Valley High School’s example shows.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL NURSES  
WEEK

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Edward Hines Jr. Medical Center Nurses for their invaluable work caring for our nation’s veterans on the occasion of the National Nurses Week, which is celebrated the week of May 7–13, 2000.

The nursing staff at Hines Medical Center provide nursing care for veterans of all ages and all walks of life. They provide specialty care to patients from Illinois as well as throughout the Midwest. The nursing staff is committed to ensuring that all veterans received the high quality care they so richly deserve.

Approximately thirty-four thousand veterans are enrolled at Hines Medical Center. The nursing staff treat veteran patients during more than four-hundred thousand inpatient and outpatient visits each year.

The Nurses Week theme this year is “Helping, Sharing, Always Caring for Our Veterans.” They have a week of special events planned for Nurses Week. These include a nursing rededication to service program, nursing Olympics, and fellowship programs for all three shifts. Medical media is providing a video that highlights the many contributions of the nursing staff.

I congratulate and recognize Hines Medical Center Nurses and all nurses for their service to patient care, research, education, quality improvement, infection control, administration and the many other areas where nurses make a difference at Hines and at all medical facilities. I thank them for their commitment, dedication and tireless service.

TRIBUTE TO THE HALL OF FAME  
FOR GREAT AMERICANS

**HON. JOSE E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I congratulate and pay tribute to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, which will celebrate its centennial this year.

Located on the campus of Bronx Community College, the hall of Fame for Great Americans is a national landmark honoring American achievements. Along with celebrating the centennial, some prominent American leaders will be honored. This year’s honorees are Bernard Beal, Valerie Lancaster Beal, Wall Street investment bankers, and Elinor Guggenheimer, a major civic leader and philanthropist in the city.

Mr. Speaker, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans is the original “Hall of Fame” in this country. It was founded by Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCraken, chancellor of New York University, in 1900. Last year two significant architectural awards were bestowed on the Hall of Fame, one from the New York Landmarks Conservancy and the other from the Municipal Arts Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals and participants

who are making the Hall of Fame for Great Americans centennial celebration possible.

SUPPORT OF THE MILLION MOM MARCH

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Million Mom March. This weekend, mothers from across the nation will convene on the National Mall to put the U.S. Congress on notice that common sense gun policy—specifically licensing and registration—is the will of the people.

I stand beside and applaud these women. They and many of their families have been devastated by the unnecessary and preventable deaths of their children. Many of them have seen first hand the harrowing effects of too many massacres, too much heart break and too many tragedies, sometimes, even at the hands, of our children.

We promised these moms and the American people common sense gun control legislation. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction—engaging in a war of words only. For more than two months now, the Congress has had an opportunity to act responsibly and at a minimum insist that the conferees to the Juvenile Justice bill meet immediately. Yet our Republican leadership refuses to assert their leadership and do the right thing.

In my district, in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun control. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact hand guns, penalizing firearms “straw sales,” and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms. Yet here in Congress we won’t take even the minimum steps, such as requiring child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children.

As a mother, I too feel that we can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children’s lives remain at stake. All of the moms who will be in Washington, D.C. this weekend want results. They want us to do the right thing. They too want the Juvenile Justice Conferees to meet immediately and they want the Congress to deliver on its promise. Congress must pass common sense gun control legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY MARCHING HAWKS

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and congratulate one of my district’s marching bands. The Gallatin County Marching Hawks from Gallatin County High School in Junction, IL recently won second place in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. They competed against fifteen other bands from the state of Illinois.

Led by Kathy Hanrahan, members of the band include Rhesa Armstrong, Whitney Belford, Brandy Bratcher, Sarah Burtis, Michelle Crayne, Megan Cremeens, Carrie Dillard, Haley Downen, Alex Drane, Wes Duffy, Jaclyn Edwards, Lane Golden, Brandi Hargrave, Sarah Head, Jennifer Holt, Laura Holt, Jennifer Howard, Kareicia Hufsey, Brittney Lane, Natalie Lane, Sarah Lawler, Amanda Lindsay, Racheal Luckett, Allison Maloney, Florence McCue, Abraham Naas, Katy Newton, Katie Noel, Rikki Pritchett, Braxton Raben, Christina Raben, Jessica Rister, Jennifer Roberts, Julia Roe, Chris Sanders, Daniel Sehou, Tabitha Vaughn, Victoria Vickery, Abby Wargel, Andrew Wargel, Benita Wentzel, Becky West, Ella York, Emily York, Kory Newton, Ben Austin, Lindsay Adams, Stuart Aud, Emily Bickett, Justin Brown, Anthony Drone, Brett Drone, Josh Drone, Andrew Fritschle, Phillip Givens, Bryan Hargrave, Brittany Jones, Lacie Jones, Hannah Naas, Natalie Ozee, Jordan Raben, Deborah Roberts, Nick Scates, Lacie Wood, Megan Zirkelbach, Kara Crayne, Kendra Fromm, and Josh Austin.

The members of the Gallatin High School Marching Hawks should be proud of their achievement. I congratulate them and wish them good luck in their future competitions.

CELEBRATING MOTHER’S DAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Mother’s Day, today I celebrate the enormous contributions of mothers all over the country. I want to pay a special tribute to those mothers who have lost their children in the prime of their lives, much too early. One such mother is Ruth Tinsman, who has served as my Congressional Aide for seven years. Ruth served my two predecessors in Congress as well, and did so with the highest level of commitment and honor. Her commitment as a mother, however, has been her truest and most noble calling, as she will remind those who admire her long and devoted public service.

Mr. Speaker, Ruth Tinsman lost her son Robert Tinsman in Miami, Florida last week, his candle burned out all too soon, as the poet E.E. Cummings once said. “Bobby,” as he was known to his friends and family, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, an American hero to those of us who recognize the value of his tremendous sacrifices, and whose service will never be forgotten. Bobby will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, but most lovingly by his mother, whose life has always revolved around her children and grandchildren. My heart is saddened because her heart is heavy, but my sorrow is tempered by the wonderful memories that this devoted mother will always cherish. As a Member of Congress, I am honored to take this opportunity to praise the remarkable women who each day in their own way work to build a society where all of us can be free. Ruth Tinsman is such a woman, such a mother. As I salute all the mothers in this country, it is my special honor to salute her this Mother’s Day.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF TAIWANESE-AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to pay tribute to Taiwanese-American across the country as we celebrate Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

The Taiwanese-American community is the keystone of a strong and mutually beneficial United States-Taiwanese relationship. For decades, Taiwanese-Americans have advocated on behalf of United States-Taiwan friendship, and have contributed immeasurably to American society while maintaining their Taiwanese heritage.

My Congressional District in New York is particularly fortunate to have a vibrant and strong Taiwanese-American community. And New York as a whole has benefitted from the tremendous contributions of this community to the economic and cultural character of the state. The more than half-million Taiwanese-Americans across the United States have made priceless contributions to our country, and organizations like the Formosan Association for Public Affairs have helped further these outstanding accomplishments.

Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human rights. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which formed the official basis for friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. And that bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese-American Community.

I am privileged to represent a strong Taiwanese-American community, and I am proud to pay tribute to their strength and activism during Taiwanese-American Heritage Week.

IN HONOR OF DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MARTIN FROST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I pay honor to the outstanding achievement of students and others associated with Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas.

This school has been chosen by judges of the 17th Annual American Set a Good Example Competition to receive one of three national second place awards. These awards go to a school for a project done by students to influence their own peers in a positive way—away from drug abuse, crime and violence while forwarding commonly accepted moral values such as honesty, trustworthiness and competence. Additionally, Duncanville High School won the \$2,500 Learning Improvement Award for the work students did on researching career information and determining a direction they want to pursue, including making resumes and completing Pell Grant applications, and writing for a minimum of five scholarships. Such projects enhance student opportunities, strengthen character and better prepare our young people for a positive future.