

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT J. GARVEY,  
NATIONAL SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Robert J. Garvey, Sheriff of Hampshire County, Massachusetts, who is being honored this year by the National Sheriffs' Association as the "Sheriff of the Year."

The National Sheriffs' Association established the Ferris E. Lucas award in 1995 to recognize an outstanding sheriff each year for superior efforts made to improve the office of sheriff on local, state and national levels, and for involvement in one's community above and beyond the responsibilities required by the job. For his outstanding service and exemplary contributions to the profession, Sheriff Garvey will be presented with this award in June at the Association's national conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

When you look at Bob Garvey's remarkable career, it is clear that this recognition is well deserved.

After his appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Sheriff John F. Boyle, Sheriff Garvey was elected to serve the citizens of Hampshire County in 1986, 1992 and 1998. He is a past President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA), State Director to the National Sheriffs' Association, and Chairman of the MSA Education and Training Committee.

Sheriff Garvey operates the Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections, which in 1990 was the first in Massachusetts to be accredited by the American Correctional Association. At the time, the facility was called a 'showcase-institution' by an Association spokesperson. The jail has subsequently been re-accredited every three years. This is a great accomplishment and a testament to Bob's organizational and leadership abilities.

Sheriff Garvey also spearheaded the development of the TRIAD program in Massachusetts, in particular in Hampshire and Franklin Counties. TRIAD is a crime prevention program focused on addressing the safety and consumer protection needs of seniors. Along with Sheriff Macdonald of Franklin County, District Attorney Scheibel and local police departments, Sheriff Garvey and his deputies work with seniors and protective service agencies to reduce the vulnerability of older citizens to crime. This successful local program led to Sheriff Garvey's being named Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National TRIAD Corporation.

Once again, I am pleased to have the opportunity to commend Bob Garvey on this high honor from the National Sheriff's Association. We should all aspire to his level of professional and civic dedication.

IN HONOR OF PEGGY WAYBURN

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay a final tribute to one of the true heroes of the

environmental movement. Peggy Wayburn passed away recently in San Francisco after a lifetime of environmental activism that saved ecosystems, changed maps, and enriched our lives. A kind, vibrant woman whom I was proud to know, Peggy's work will benefit our country forever, but she will be sorely missed.

Having graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Barnard College in 1942, Peggy Cornelia Elliot moved to San Francisco where she met and married Dr. Edgar Wayburn. Peggy and Edgar created a bond that changed the course of land conservation forever. In Peggy's eighty-five years, she and her husband successfully helped preserve millions of acres. We are so thankful for the efforts that brought us the Redwood National Park, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the greenbelt from the Point Reyes Seashore to Sweeney Ridge along the Pacific Coast, and the expansion of Mount Tamalpais State Park.

Peggy had a national impact as well. When Peggy and Edgar visited Alaska nearly 30 years ago, they were captivated by the beauty of the landscape and dedicated themselves to preserving its majestic vistas, lofty mountains, and free rivers. The national campaign that resulted from that visit, and the hundreds of visits that followed, led to the passage of the Alaska Lands Act, the largest public lands bill in the history of Congress. One of Peggy's five books, *Alaska: the Great Land*, is credited with eliciting national support for the bill.

Peggy Wayburn published four other books through the Sierra Club, all of which built awareness of the beauty of and need for preserving land. *The Edge of Life* offers a comprehensive view of the Bolinas Lagoon; the Lagoon later became a National Natural Landmark. *Adventuring in the San Francisco Bay Area* is a wonderful guide for residents and visitors for enjoying the land we are blessed with.

Peggy served as a trustee of the Sierra Club Foundation, a board member of Audubon Canyon Ranch, director of the Point Reyes Seashore Foundation, and helped found People for Open Space.

I am proud to join my constituents in thanking and praising Peggy Wayburn for her dedication to the forests of California and the wilderness of this nation. Peggy and Edgar Wayburn brought great leadership and commitment to our nation's conservation policy. They are stars in the constellation of environmental pioneers who have inspired us and given future generations a lasting natural heritage.

To Dr. Wayburn and the Wayburn family, Diana, Laurie, Cynthia and William, we share your loss, and we are grateful for every day Peggy had with us.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. This vital piece of legislation serves as the basis of America's strong relationship with the country and people of Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act was signed into law on April 10, 1979. The passage of this act

codified the mutually beneficial political, commercial, and cultural ties shared by our two nations.

Over the past 23 years we have witnessed the transformation of our Asian ally flourish into a multiparty, pluralistic democratic government respectful of its citizens' political and human rights. Taiwan stands as a model nation to its neighbors.

I wish to also recognize and thank Taiwan for its support and assistance immediately following the tragic events of September 11.

On this anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I feel certain that the strong relationship between our two nations will continue for many more decades to come.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND  
TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to introduce a House resolution condemning violence and terrorist attacks in the Israel and the Palestinian Territories. As I come to the floor today, it is with a heavy heart for the families of the more than 400 Israelis and 1,200 Palestinians who have lost their lives over the past year to continuing violence in the Middle East. I also come to call attention to those who will undoubtedly lose their lives to future acts of violence if the United States fails to intervene today.

In the past year, more than 1,500 people have had their right to live stripped from them as a result of unending violence in the Middle East. Since January 22, Israel has fallen victim to more than 35 suicide attacks, or more than an attack every day for the past 9 weeks. Just last week, 43 innocent Israelis were murdered in multiple suicide bombings, while another 125 were wounded. Moreover, more than 1,100 Palestinians have been killed since violence erupted less than one year ago. As violence in Israel continues, the total number of Israeli and Palestinian deaths and casualties continue to increase every day.

Clearly, the need for immediate U.S. leadership in the region is critical. The President's recent decision to send Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region is obviously a step in the right direction. However, I fear that while Secretary Powell's presence in the region may help in temporarily curbing the violence, a permanent solution to this ongoing conflict is impossible without the President's personal intervention and absolute commitment to the peace process.

The past four Administrations have shown that, when determined, the President can succeed in bringing together Israel and her neighbors. Whether in Egypt or in Jordan, we see the fruit of past Administration's labor in the permanent peace accords that Israel signed with both of these countries in 1978 and 1994, respectively. Subsequently, we see in the Madrid Conference, Oslo Accords, Wye River Memorandum, Sharm el-Sheikh Memorandum, and the Camp David II negotiations, that a historical willingness for peace and coexistence exists among Israelis and the Palestinians.

Furthermore, the international community has historically looked to the United States as the guiding light for peace in the Middle East. Precedent shows that when a U.S. administration is actively and publicly engaged in the region, peace agreements between Israel and her neighbors occur. Unfortunately, in the weeks preceding Secretary Powell's trip to the Middle East, the Administration—at the highest of levels—appeared to remain largely dormant.

Now, don't get me wrong, Mr. Speaker. I remain as ardent of a supporter of Israel, her right to exist as a Jewish state, and her right to protect herself, as I did the day I was first elected to Congress. At the same time, the idea of a Palestinian state is one that has already been accepted in Israel, the United States, and every country in the world. Nevertheless, achieving a Palestinian state cannot and will not be done by means of terrorist attacks on Israel. Palestinian radicals expressing their desire for an independent Palestinian state by blowing themselves up in a Jerusalem cafe is counter productive to the Palestinian nationalism they are fighting for. Rightfully so, Yasser Arafat must be held accountable for the agreements that he has already made. If he cannot deliver, then we must find someone who can.

Mr. Speaker, while some have turned pessimistic that a peaceful solution is possible, I remain hopeful that with direct presidential involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a peaceful solution is indeed plausible. Like so many of my colleagues, I remember vividly the handshake on the White House south lawn between the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat showed us then that peace was possible. Today, it is time for all of us to show Israel and the Palestinians that peace remains the only real solution.

I urge the House to move swiftly and pass this needed resolution.

#### TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the twenty-third anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (P.L. 96-8) to reaffirm our commitment to the security of Taiwan.

First, I believe it is important to remember that this law was enacted "to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan, . . . to declare that peace and stability in the area are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States, and are matters of international concern; . . . to make clear that the United States decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means; . . . to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character, . . . and to maintain the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people of Taiwan."

Even though we do not have official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, we have many "unofficial" contacts. Taiwan and the United States share common interests in many areas, such as trade and investment, science and technology, education, culture and security. The recent legislative elections in Taiwan shows that it shares our commitment to true democratic values and serve as a model for other nations in the region. We also share a respect for the freedom of the press, which I hope continues.

On the twenty-third anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, I hope we will continue our cooperation with the democratically elected government of Taiwan by taking a number of steps; such as allowing Taiwan officials and our officials to meet freely in Washington and Taipei, improving Taiwan's access to our government agencies, and helping Taiwan become a member of appropriate international organizations such as the World Health Organization. The officials of Taiwan were chosen by the twenty-two million people of Taiwan to represent them and we should respect their choice. Taiwan is our seventh largest trading partner, and there are many critical economic, trade, health, security, and other issues which its officials need to discuss with our government officials as well as officials of international organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the recent formation of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus shows our support for the Taiwan Relations Act and our commitment to maintaining the military balance across the Taiwan Strait to counter the buildup on the Mainland. Therefore, I rise today to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the Act, to restate our commitment to the security of Taiwan, and to show our support for cooperation between Taiwan and the United States. Thank you.

#### QUALITY CHILD CARE ACT OF 2002

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to help New Mexican children and their parents access quality, affordable child care. My bill would provide federal funds to help day care centers cover the costs of getting accredited. For many children, child care centers are an introduction to the world of learning. It's critical to start a child off on the right foot. That's why I am focusing on federal child care programs for low-income families and people working their way off welfare. We need to make sure that all children in child care have access to high quality, affordable programs.

This bill will make a real difference for childcare centers that rely, at least in part, on federal block grant funds. It will help day care centers provide the quality of care that children need. In New Mexico we have more than 22,000 children in federally subsidized child care programs.

The Quality Child Care Act of 2002, will increase funding to help child care centers pay for the cost of accreditation. Currently, federal law requires that 4% of Child Care and Development Block Grant funding is used for child care quality programs. The bill will increase

the current 4% funding requirement to 8% and would require that 4% be set-aside to help child development centers and homes pay for the costs associated with accreditation.

CCDBG is a federal program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that provides grants to states to subsidize the child care expenses of low-income families with children under age 13, as well as for activities intended to improve the overall quality and supply of child care for families in general.

Education is my personal passion. In the coming weeks I intend to introduce two more bills focused on early childhood education.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of thousands of students across the United States today. These students are participating in the National Day of Silence that calls attention to the treatment that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students encounter each and every day. In my home state of New York there are 167 schools participating.

Since 1999, the Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network has conducted surveys to document the experiences of LGBT students in high schools across our nation. In the 2001 survey, over 900 LGBT students were surveyed in 48 states and the District of Columbia. What they found should send a shiver up the spine of every member of the House of Representatives. The sad fact is that LGBT students face taunting, harassment, and physical violence. 85% of these students reported hearing homophobic remarks, such as "fag-got" or "dyke." 24% reported hearing such remarks from faculty or school staff, 65% reported being sexually harassed. And most disheartening, 42% were physically harassed because of their sexual orientation.

Our children go to school for one reason! To learn! As a former educator, I can guarantee you that if a student is worried about being harassed or beaten up, he or she is not paying attention in class—he or she is not learning. We have an obligation to make sure that our schools are safe. Anything else is a failure on our part as a Congress and as a society.

The students participating in today's National Day of Silence deserve our strong support. They are taking a stand for themselves, their families, and their friends. Schools, such as the Horace Mann School and Yonkers Middle High School, are leading the way in teaching our children to respect each other, to appreciate differences, and to ensure that all our children have the opportunity for a safe and fruitful education.

National Day of Silence is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network and the United States Student Association. I want to congratulate these organizations and the hundreds of schools and thousands of students for a job well done.