

Justice Taney from the slave state of Maryland, the Supreme Court stated that since a slave was private property, a slave could be taken into the territories and held there—regardless of what Congress or the territorial legislatures ruled. The Supreme Court effectively declared unconstitutional the already repealed but still honored Missouri Compromise which forbade slavery north of 36° 30'.

The Dred Scott ruling did not put to rest the debate over slavery. Instead, the Supreme Court, in Dred Scott v. Sanford, acerbated the tensions between the foes of slavery and the Southern slave holders. Abolitionists challenged the Supreme Court's authority to rule on slavery in the territories while Southerners were incensed by their contempt for the Court's ruling. The bitterness between the North and the South over the issue of slavery intensified in the wake of the Dred Scott decision and four years later the Civil War erupted.

Mr. Speaker, Dred Scott was a slave whose courage helped to forever change the course of this nation's history. Those who visit the Old Courthouse in the City of St. Louis will benefit from a public plaque commemorating his fight for freedom.

#### HONORING CENTURYTEL AND MOTOROLA'S COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, domestic violence is a very serious crime that affects families and communities throughout the nation. That is why I am very pleased to congratulate CenturyTel and Motorola for their Wireless Alliance for Safe Families initiative that will be announced on June 30, 1998 in Lansing, Michigan.

It is estimated that over four million women each year are abused by their husbands or partners, with many victims of abuse struggling to rebuild their lives because of fear.

CenturyTel and Motorola are teaming up in Michigan to provide an extraordinary service for victims of domestic abuse. Through the use of cellular phones donated by Motorola and local cellular service contributed by CenturyTel, Michigan will now have a program which gives victims of domestic violence access to cellular phones in case an emergency develops.

This program will be a very important part of giving countless domestic victims and their families a new sense of security in their daily lives. Without the strong commitment of CenturyTel and Motorola this service would not be possible.

The work of CenturyTel and Motorola is an important local symbol of what can be accomplished through partnerships between the public and private sectors. I applaud the commitment CenturyTel and Motorola have shown regarding the critical issue of domestic violence and I am proud to join in supporting this new initiative in Michigan.

#### FORCED CLOSURE OF CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE IN TURKEY

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the observance of United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

As Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, I am particularly disturbed by the recent forced closure of the Diyarbakir Representation Office by Turkish Authorities. The Office had just opened by the Human Rights Foundation of Turkey on June 13, 1998, with the aim of assisting victims of torture in the southeastern region of Turkey. The Foundation operates similar treatment and rehabilitation centers in Ankara, Izmir, Istanbul, and Adana. Since 1990, these centers have assisted over 3,000 torture victims and have gained national and international respect. The unwarranted closure of the Diyarbakir center by the authorities only four days after it opened is but the latest form of harassment directed against those seeking to provide professional help to victims of torture in Turkey.

I call upon the Government of Turkey to stop its campaign of harassment and intimidation of human rights non-governmental organizations, including the Human Rights Foundation. If Prime Minister Yilmaz is serious about ending torture in Turkey, Mr. Speaker, he should redirect the resources of the state to vigorously prosecute those responsible for acts of torture.

#### COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

#### HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, 100 years ago, Captain J.J. Meyler led a small group from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct a breakwater in San Pedro Bay. From this initial project, the Corps of Engineers helped develop and maintain what is now the busiest port in the United States and the largest port complex in the Western Hemisphere. These unsung heroes helped make Southern California an engine of economic growth for the entire Nation. Their designs and efforts have provided protection to the residents and businesses of this area for the past century.

The construction of the San Pedro breakwater led to a new period of sustained growth for the Los Angeles-Long Branch area. The Port of Long Beach is now the busiest port in the Nation and—if they were combined—the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach would be the largest port complex in the Western Hemisphere. This work led to the establishment of rail links tying Southern California first to San Francisco, and then to the rest of the Nation. It also served as the foundation for the development of industry which would put Los Angeles and the surrounding communities at the forefront of the American economic expansion.

Although the Corps of Engineers has been intimately involved in the ever increasing capacity of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, it has provided—much as it has for the entire Nation—numerous other benefits to Southern California. The Corps has constructed flood control channels and shoreline protection to provide a safer place to live and work for millions of people. The Corps built barracks, medical facilities, headquarters, and other important structures that served hundreds of thousands of servicemen at military bases throughout the State during the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam war, and the cold war with the Soviet Union.

Over time, the national role of the Corps of Engineers in regulatory policy has allowed the Corps to play a broader role in California. The Corps provides valuable assistance in evaluating requests for construction around navigable waters and in the protection of wetlands. The Corps works to maintain safe areas for commercial and recreational boating, including access for passenger service to Catalina Island.

The people of Southern California—and the Nation—owe much to the Corps of Engineers for their dedicated service, hard work, and benefits they provide for all of us. For more than two centuries, the Corps of engineers has served to preserve and protect this Nation. I want to congratulate the men and women of the Corps for their many achievements throughout this country and overseas, and to give particular thanks to the members of the Corps for their 100 years of service to Southern California. Happy anniversary.

#### REVEREND ROBERT O. SIMPSON: A POINT-OF-LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS

#### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I pay tribute to an exceptionally dedicated and benevolent spiritual leader—the Reverend Robert O. Simpson. Reverend Simpson will be honored on Saturday, June 27, 1998 at a gala concert celebrating his 25th anniversary of service to Janes United Methodist Church. Reverend Robert O. Simpson is a great Point-of-Light who has changed the face of Janes United Methodist Church through his moral guidance and unwavering commitment to the community.

"Rev. Bob," as he is affectionately called by his parishioners, was appointed as minister of Janes United Methodist Church on July 1, 1973. During his tenure Reverend Simpson has seen significant change in the church. Through it all, one thing remains the same—his enduring dedication to the church and its members. His commitment to the mission of outreach has brought several distinguished men and women to join the church. Since 1973, under the ministry of Reverend Simpson, the active membership of the Janes United Methodist Church has tripled.

Reverend Simpson's greatest challenge as pastor was the rebuilding of Janes United Methodist Church following the November 10, 1984 fire that destroyed the 100 year old building. Through his dynamic leadership, the

support of the Janes congregation, and many members of the community, the new Janes Church was built and consecrated in April 1991. The story of Janes' rebuilding was the basis of Reverend Simpson's post-graduate work and dissertation in "Church Administration and Liturgies" at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

As a minister, Reverend Simpson is in a unique position to touch the lives and to help mold so many futures. Because of this enormous responsibility, he has initiated a number of programs which contributed to the growth and development of the church and the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. During his pastorate, Reverend Simpson has developed the church's Community Outreach Program, a tutorial program for school aged children; the Senior Citizens' Friendship Club; the Voter Registration and Information Project; referral programs; a Meals-on-Wheels Program; and "God's Sheltering Arms," Janes' ministry to the homeless. Clearly Janes United Methodist Church is in a better position because of Reverend Simpson.

Reverend Simpson's remarkable climb was accompanied by an ever-increasing group of civic, religious, and philanthropic organizations in which he participated. He served the wider community as a member of Community Planning Board #3, District 16 Community School Board and New York Methodist Hospital Board of Directors. He has worked diligently in numerous positions within the United Methodist Church denomination to strengthen the church infrastructure. He has served as Treasurer of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Chair of the Episcopal Committee, and member of the Council of Finance and Administration.

Reverend Simpson began his formal education in the nursery school at Janes United Methodist Church, the church he would eventually pastor for 25 years. He attended both public and private schools in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Yale Divinity School in June 1993 with a Master's of Divinity.

In a recent sermon on "Buried Talents," Reverend Simpson emphasized the importance of using all of the gifts and graces God has entrusted to us. His leadership and pastoring of the church is an excellent example of the strength, fortitude, faith and perseverance needed for an effective ministry in the church or any other leadership position. Reverend Simpson has made Janes United Methodist Church a landmark for families to worship and a dramatic force for good. We salute Reverend O. Simpson and the accomplishments of his ministry. He is a great Point-of-Light for all Americans.

HONORING JOSEPH S. TOLBERT

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a model American who recently passed away.

Born on November 27, 1924 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joseph S. Tolbert (Tolochko) enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942 immediately after this graduation from Taylor Allderdice High School. As one of the young-

est command pilots in the American forces in Europe, he completed his 25th mission over Germany only one day before his 19th birthday.

After his service in Europe, he returned to the United States and, over the next few years, maintained his reserve status in the Air Force. Immediately after his graduation with honors from the University of Pittsburgh, he returned to active duty and went on to serve in several subsequent military conflicts. His many years of reserve training with a broad range of aircraft, as well as his experiences in World War II, served him well during the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Recognized as an experienced and talented pilot, he was enrolled in a graduate program at Maxwell Air Force Base for Command and Staff College. During his years of active service, he also taught aeronautical courses at New York University.

Retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1969, he experienced great success in the automobile sales industry and opened his own dealership in Woodland, California. After several years, he entered the video security market and established several offices of Videoscope Inc. in the Sacramento area. He also participated in several civic organizations, such as the Davis Rotary, the Kiwanis, and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as several professional aviation associations.

He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a successful entrepreneur and an exceptional citizen. I join the residents of the Pittsburgh area in extending our deepest regrets to his family.

**PATRICIA A. FRIEND DISCUSSES  
LABOR RIGHTS IN TAIWAN AND  
THE ABUSE OF THOSE RIGHTS  
IN CHINA**

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as President Clinton is in the People's Republic of China in search of better relations between our two nations, I hope that his efforts will serve to influence the Beijing government to improve its dismal policies on the application of basic international human rights and to respect internationally-recognized trade union rights for workers of China.

China's human rights abuses have been chronicled on the floor of this House and in numerous committee and subcommittee hearings on many occasions. These abuses include arbitrary detention, imprisonment for political views and exercise of trade union rights, abuse of prisoners and denial of its citizens' rights to freedom of expression and assembly.

In direct contrast to the practices of the government of China, the Republic of China on Taiwan presents a completely different picture. Taiwan is a nation with democratically elected leaders, which respects human rights and trade union rights. Taiwan is a country with a booming economy, but unlike China one does not find forced labor, political repression, and abuse of human rights. In particular, Mr. Speaker, Taiwan guarantees political, economic and press freedoms that are an integral part of civic and political life. Taiwan is a society where workers are freely allowed to form

their own unions and to engage in collective bargaining with their employers.

In this connection, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues an excellent opinion article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle written by Patricia A. Friend, the International President of the AFL-CIO's Association of Flight Attendants, and a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

In her article, Ms. Friend accurately reports on the significant gains that have been achieved by Taiwanese workers, and she points up the sharp contrast to the huge difference in the record of Taiwan vis-a-vis China when it comes to democratic freedoms, economic progress for its citizens, and the application of and respect for international human rights, trade unions rights and free expression.

I commend Ms. Friend for her excellent and timely essay on the state of freedom in Taiwan and I urge my colleagues to give this article the thoughtful attention that it deserves.

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TAIWAN, NOT MAINLAND, IS ON RIGHT PATH

(By Patricia A. Friend)

It has been nearly two decades since U.S. airlines began regular service to Taiwan and mainland China, establishing a direct and important link to the Asia-Pacific region. That tie and the many others established since have helped spur pro-democracy efforts and new freedoms of speech and press—but only on one side of the Taiwan Strait.

While the People's Republic of China is notorious for abuses of human rights, Taiwan celebrates respect for human rights and the right of employees to form and join unions. In fact, about 200 Taiwanese flight attendants who work for United Airlines based in Taipei have joined the other 45,000 members of the Association of Flight Attendants, a member union in the AFL-CIO and a group that I am proud to serve as international president. The Taiwanese flight attendants are the only Taiwanese nationals to be members of a U.S. labor union.

This development, as much as any other, underscores the vast differences between mainland China and Taiwan.

On the east side of the strait, the people of Taiwan have made dramatic changes in recent years. The island is now a vibrant democracy under the bold leadership of President Lee Teng-hui, the first directly and democratically elected leader in ethnic Chinese history. Last fall the opposition party, the Democratic Progressive Party, took a majority of seats in local elections, clear evidence of the willingness of the Taiwanese people to exercise their newfound right to vote and their freedom to do so.

Taiwan is home to 21.6 million people and one of the most dynamic economies in the world. The economic crisis that has rocked so many Asian nations in recent months has left Taiwan virtually unscathed. The tiny island boasts a per-capita income of almost \$13,000, status as the world's 13th-largest trading partner and the United States' eighth-largest trading partner.

The United States exports \$18 billion a year of goods to Taiwan, 50 percent more than the United States exports to mainland China.

Taiwan has demonstrated a commitment to expanding opportunities there for U.S. businesses. In February, Taiwan and the United States concluded talks, which have been going on for four years, on the terms of Taiwan's entry into the World Trade Organization. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said the agreement would "dramatically open up Taiwan's markets," particularly in the areas of agricultural products and industrial goods.