

I wish to offer my congratulations to her people and her leaders. Taiwan has had a remarkable record of accomplishment in recent years, and deserves recognition as a model for other nations and our thanks for its constructive partnership with our nation.

Taiwan is a model for other nations in two ways especially. First, it is living proof that democracy works. Not only were the current leaders of Taiwan elected in free and fair elections, but they have not flinched from the most difficult moments emerging democracies face: turning over offices to others when their own party loses. They have not only allowed open competition for office, but have promoted open discussion of the full range of issues facing their nation. Despite intense pressures, they have insisted that the people of Taiwan have the right to determine their nation's future.

Second, Taiwan is a model of a stable economy. Just two years ago, it was grouped with other Asian nations with successful economies. Today, it stands virtually alone, while those other nations are in turmoil.

Unfortunately, however, when Taiwan's example and its assistance could be most beneficial to the world community, it continues to be isolated from that community. Restoration of its membership in the United Nations would end that isolation. It would make sense to invite Taiwan to be a full and willing partner in international activities. Now more than ever we especially need its economic resources and expertise in dealing with today's crises, and I am convinced that its Asian neighbors and other developing nations could benefit greatly from its counsel.

I also hope that the leaders of mainland China will have the wisdom to learn from Taiwan's example, and to see that democracy works. We must also let them know that aggression and coercion, whether implicit or explicit, do not work.

I wish also to take this occasion to congratulate President Lee Teng-hui on his accomplishments as the Republic's leader, and his success in steering his country through difficult economic and political waters. As we all know, President Lee is an alumnus of Cornell University in my district in Ithaca, New York. The people of Ithaca were delighted to have him as a guest, and would all be delighted to see him again.

Finally, I would like to thank Stephen Chen for his service as Taiwan's chief representative in Washington. Those of us who have had the honor and pleasure of meeting Mr. Chen and working with him appreciate his service in maintaining and improving the bridge between us and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN DORIN,
MAYOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant whose devotion to his community is renowned, Mayor John Dorin of Montoursville, Pennsylvania. Mayor Dorin was unanimously named by the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania as the tenth recipient of the Outstanding Mayor Award.

John Dorin has accomplished much in the 16 years he has served as mayor of Montoursville Borough. A leader in the true sense of the word, Mayor Dorin has been able to bring together service organizations, business people and citizens to undertake and complete necessary community projects. He was instrumental in organizing the Montoursville Chamber of Commerce, Montoursville Crime Watch, the DARE program, and Montoursville Senior Citizens Organization.

In 1996, Montoursville suffered through a tragic loss of family, friends and young people in the crash of TWA Flight 800, which carried members of the Montoursville High School French Club and their chaperones on an educational trip to France. As news of the crash reached Montoursville, Mayor Dorin quickly came forward to help the families of the victims. He tirelessly advocated on behalf of the families to get information and services, and helped coordinate the efforts of the community and the school district as Montoursville mourned and coped with the tragedy.

John Dorin has always been ready and willing to help his neighbors, and his long and successful tenure as mayor has been marked by compassion, leadership and efficiency. His selection as Pennsylvania Outstanding Mayor is well-deserved, and is endorsed by the Montoursville Borough Council and the Borough's police chief, school superintendent, and borough secretary.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor John Dorin has touched the lives of many people in Montoursville and in Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District. I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating John Dorin on being selected as Pennsylvania Outstanding Mayor, and in commending him for his shining example of citizenship and public service.

IN HONOR OF LOUIS ANTHONY
TRANGHESI

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing my friend, Louis Anthony Tranghese, who is retiring after 49 years with the Construction and General Laborers' Local Union No. 999 in Springfield, Massachusetts. A leader in his profession, a devoted family man, a friend to many Louis has served his community with pride and distinction. On Friday, October 16, 1998, a testimonial dinner will be held in his honor. It is a tribute long overdue.

Born and raised in the historic South End of Springfield, Louis Tranghese learned at an early age the importance of organized labor in our society. At age 14, he watched as his father Carlo, Arthur Coia and James Merloni played active roles in a newspaper strike. It was a defining moment, and from that point Louis knew that he wanted to dedicate his life to the concerns of working men and women.

In 1948, the graduated from Technical High School and soon joined Local Union 999. It was the beginning of a remarkable career that would last a half-century. From his humble start as a waterboy to Business Manager, a

position which he held for over twenty years, Louis Tranghese became a leader in an organization he cared deeply about. He was always proud to call himself a laborer.

While Louis was busy with his professional career, he also found time to start a family. In 1956, he married the former Judie Monette, his wife and partner of nearly 40 years. The couple had four daughters: Carla, Gina, Lisa and Trisha who today own and operate the Dance Connection in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. The Tranghese's are equally proud of their six grandsons and three granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all the Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in offering our sincere gratitude to Louis Tranghese. His service, dedication and commitment to the Local Union No. 999 has been extraordinary. He has been a reflection of what is best about America. As he prepares to retire, let us wish him health, happiness and nothing but the best in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GERALD SOLOMON

SPEECH OF

HON. NORMAN SISISKY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, JERRY SOLOMON has been a friend of mine for a long time. We are not friends because we always agree with each other. We don't. Where we do agree is that JERRY SOLOMON has a rock solid commitment to national security.

There have been many times over the last few years when I have gone to him, as the Rules Committee chair, on critical national security issues.

He has stood up for our young men and women in uniform every single time. And I have also had a chance to travel with him overseas.

We have both played a part in the North Atlantic Assembly, the parliamentary arm of NATO.

I have attended North Atlantic assembly meetings for 15 years, and I can assure you JERRY SOLOMON is one of the most highly respected American participants.

And this is coming from members of parliaments throughout Europe. Believe me, one thing I've learned over the years is: our counterparts in Europe have high standards and long memories.

Their respect for JERRY SOLOMON is built on many years of experience in government and diplomacy.

In a world where the most valuable common currency is one's word, one's integrity, and one's honor, JERRY SOLOMON is a very wealthy man.

He has been a pillar of fairness. He has been a staunch advocate of national security. And he will be hard to replace.

My wife and I wish JERRY and his wife the very best as they begin the next stage of their life together.

I am honored to have served with you, and even more honored to have you as a friend.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BLACK HEALTH COALITION OF
WISCONSIN

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, The Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin will celebrate tonight its 10th anniversary and its commitment to improving the health status of African-Americans in the state of Wisconsin.

Since 1988, The Black Health Coalition has dedicated itself to insuring that all people in Wisconsin enjoy equitable and comprehensive health. At its inception, twelve organizations that shared a common commitment bonded together to forge a partnership in health. Their efforts have translated into today's Black Health Coalition which reaches the lives of thousands of people in Wisconsin.

Today's celebration has an appropriate theme: "And Still We Rise." It is appropriate because it speaks to the commitment of the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin to continue its important work. It is appropriate because it indicates the Black Health Coalition's pride in its work. And it is appropriate because it conveys the message that the Black Health Coalition works on behalf of everyone and excluded no one.

I congratulate the Black Health coalition on its ten years of remarkable achievements and fantastic efforts on behalf of the people of Wisconsin, and especially the people of my home city of Milwaukee.

DEICE HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to pay tribute to James J. Deice, the 1998 Person of the year of the Italian-American Association of Luzerne County. I am proud to have been asked to participate in the Association's annual Columbus Day Dinner on October 11.

Jim played both football and track as a student at West Pittston High School. He majored in English at the University of Scranton and graduated with a B.A. in Education in 1969. He later obtained his Master's degree from West Chester University, Penn State University and University of Scranton.

After graduating from college, Jim took a teaching job in Royersford, Pennsylvania but in 1972, he returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania to teach English at Pittston Area Senior High School. Jim also coached Pittston Area's track, football and wrestling teams. He coached the wrestling team to its first-ever District Title in 1996-97. For this achievement, he was honored by his fellow coaches as Coach of the Year. He retired from coaching in 1997. That same year, Jim received the Gerard M. Musto Teacher of the Year Award from the National Honor Society at Pittston Area.

In addition to teaching and coaching, Jim has made his commitment to our community clear by his involvement in numerous activities

outside of school. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, UNICO, and the Serradifalco Society. He is Chairman of the Pittston City Parking Authority and is active with the Pittston Tomato Festival Committee, co-chairing the parade for that yearly event. For five years, Jim chaired the track-and-field events for the Special Olympics of Luzerne County. During the 10 years Jim has been a member of the Italian-American Association, he has served as President and chaired several communities. He is currently the Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the many accomplishments of Jim Deice to the attention of my colleagues. Jim is a community leader and outstanding role model for the youths he helps to shape each day. I applaud the Italian-American Association for their choice of honoree this year and send my best wishes to Jim and his family as he accepts this prestigious honor.

**TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GERALD SOLOMON**

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend and colleague who has served his constituents and the United States well during his tenure in Congress. He has served this great institution for the last 20 years as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, and a total of 31 years as a public servant.

Congressman SOLOMON and I have worked together on many issues sometimes on opposite sides, but we have remained friends and always strived for bi-partisanship on issues of importance to our constituents and to the people of the United States.

My friend, "Closed-rule" SOLOMON's service on the Rules Committee is exemplary and he will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an extraordinary man who has spent his career as a public servant helping others. I will miss him and his wisdom, but I know that he will not be far away. I salute him and his accomplishments. I have enjoyed working with him in the House of Representatives.

**A TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL
DOSIK OF JOHN T. MATHER HOSPITAL**

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my voice with the John T. Mather Hospital community as we honor Dr. Michael Dosik for his many years of outstanding service and leadership, including his tenure as the chief of Mather Hospital's Division of Hematology/Oncology since 1981.

On Friday evening, October 23, hundreds of friends, volunteers and staff will gather for

Mather Hospital's 33rd annual "One Enchanted Evening" fundraising dinner. At this year's gala, Dr. Dosik will be honored with the "Theodore Roosevelt Award" for his dedicated volunteer service to Mather Hospital and the community it serves. This year, in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from Mather Hospital's annual benefit will go to the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment.

It is fitting that Dr. Dosik should be honored on the same evening that Mather Hospital will raise money for breast cancer treatment. Since receiving his medical degree from Cornell University in 1966, Dr. Dosik has dedicated his professional career to the treatment of malignant diseases. As an oncology-generalist, Dr. Dosik is recognized for his continuing efforts to introduce innovative therapeutic interventions to his patients. He is greatly respected by peers and patients alike for his medical insight and compassionate, humane approach to treating the person, as well as the disease.

That Mather Hospital's October 23, benefit for the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment is of particular importance to Dr. Dosik, for he serves as the Center's Co-Medical Director and chairs the weekly breast cancer conference. He has also made significant contributions as an active member of the American Cancer Society and Long Island Cancer Council. He resides in Setauket, Long Island with his wife Lyn and their Daughter Diana. He and Lyn also have a 23-year-old daughter, Lia.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join the entire John T. Mather Hospital community as we honor Dr. Michael Dosik, a very deserving recipient of the "Theodore Roosevelt Award" for his dedicated service to the hospital and our entire Long Island community.

**THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S
NATIONAL DAY**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my congratulations to the Republic of China. Tomorrow, October 10, 1998, is Taiwan's National Day. Taiwan is a country fondly known as the "Little Tiger." Rightfully so, Taiwan has a strong economy and is an excellent trading partner for countries like the United States. In fact, Taiwan is our sixth largest trading partner.

In the last few years, Taiwan's economy has grown at a spectacular rate and has become one of the wealthiest nations in the world. Taiwan's wealth can be seen in their strong manufacturing industry and in their citizens' commitment to make Taiwan an effective trading partner. Taiwan has done remarkably well during the Asian financial crisis, and I hope that Taiwan will continue to prosper.

I wish President Lee Teng-hui, Vice President Lien Chan, Foreign Minister Jason Hu and Ambassador Stephen Chen of the Republic of China continued success in leading Taiwan and their citizens.