

Territory on October 5, 1787. Governor St. Clair was based in Losantville, a town he re-named Cincinnati on January 4, 1790.

The first delegate of the Northwest Territory to the U.S. House of Representatives was William Henry Harrison of Hamilton County, who served from March 4, 1799, to May 14, 1800. He successfully promoted the Harrison Land Act, which allowed people of modest means to buy land in the Northwest Territory directly from the federal government. This contributed to the rapid growth in Ohio's population.

The Northwest Ordinance established a process for new states to join the Union, and in 1803 Ohio became the first state formed out of the Northwest Territory.

The Northwest Ordinance also established the township form of government, which continues to be favored by many local communities in Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Ohioans appreciate their state's history and their heritage of equality under the law.

Today, I want to recognize the 225th anniversary of the adoption of the Northwest Ordinance, which resulted in the great state of Ohio and ensured liberty for all its residents.

IN HONOR OF MR. GREGORY M.
SADLEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor Mr. Gregory M. Sadlek who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 7, 2012.

Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, Gregory is a graduate of Padua Franciscan High School in Parma, Ohio. In 1968, following his high school graduation, he moved to Quincy, Illinois to attend Quincy University and later attended the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Gregory holds several degrees including a bachelor's in philosophy and a master's and doctorate in English. He has pursued a career in academia, teaching at the University of Nantes, Hamilton College, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the English Department. Gregory is married to Françoise Rolland; together they have two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.

In 2005, Gregory returned to his native Cleveland, Ohio and became the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Cleveland State University (CSU). At CSU, he has worked tirelessly to establish a Polish Studies program and a partnership with the University of Warsaw.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Gregory M. Sadlek and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S
NATIONAL DAY

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to send my best wishes to President Ma Ying-

jeou and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their National Day this October 10th.

In the last four and a half years President Ma, along with other national leaders, has helped Taiwan's economy thrive. President Ma took a number of helpful steps to take Taiwan out of an economic slump, including guaranteeing bank deposits, lowering interest rates, distributing shopping vouchers and investing in domestic infrastructure. As a result, Taiwan's economy has been rapidly improving, alleviating the problems of unemployment and poverty.

President Ma has also excelled on promoting foreign policy. Apart from the signing of the mutually beneficial Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with mainland China in 2010, President Ma's government is currently negotiating economic cooperation agreements with the governments of Singapore and New Zealand and paving the way for Taiwan to become a member of the multilateral Trans-Pacific Partnership.

President Ma has also significantly reduced tensions in the Taiwan Strait by pursuing a policy of diplomatic truce with the mainland and has ended the dangerous cycle of diplomatic warfare between the two sides.

Taiwan is currently enjoying a robust relationship with the United States. U.S.-Taiwan ties have been the most amicable in 30 years. Communication between our two countries is smooth and friendly. Much of this is due to the capable stewardship of Taiwan's top diplomat in the United States: Representative Jason Yuan. Yuan is a seasoned diplomat and has been working very hard to promote an open discussion between Taiwan and Congress on Capitol Hill.

Again, congratulations to the Republic of China on its National Day.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. 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 \$16,012,971,761,294.54. We've added \$5,386,094,712,381.46 to our debt in 3.5 years. This is \$5.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ACHIEVABLE DREAM TEN-
NIS BALL

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate An Achievable Dream and the Rotary Club of the Virginia Peninsula, a longtime sponsor of the event, on the occasion of the 20th Annual Achievable Dream

Tennis Ball. An Achievable Dream, with the generous help of the Rotary Club of the Virginia Peninsula and other sponsors, offers an extraordinary education program in my home district which provides tremendous promise to young at-risk students.

The motto of An Achievable Dream is "Teaching Kids Winning Ways." The Achievable Dream program is structured to give young people the skills needed to succeed in life. Those skills are taught at An Achievable Dream on the tennis court, in the classroom, on field trips, and in sharing experiences with successful and caring adults in the community.

Often, young people don't think too much about the future, and don't realize that choices made today may limit those in the future. The staff, supporters and sponsors at An Achievable Dream have worked to ensure that their students have every opportunity to be successful in the future, setting and achieving a goal of graduating 100% of students on time in the past, and hope to send all graduating seniors off to college.

As a public-private partnership with Newport News Public Schools, the City of Newport News, the Newport News Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Army, the Rotary Club, Riverside Health System, and the College of William and Mary, An Achievable Dream has received national recognition as one of the most effective urban school programs in the country and has provided a model for integrating support from the business community to support quality educational opportunities for at-risk students. The Achievable Dream Tennis Ball seeks to highlight the community's dedication to these students and to An Achievable Dream.

I am pleased that I have been involved with An Achievable Dream as a supporter since its beginnings. As An Achievable Dream and our community gathers to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the An Achievable Dream Tennis Ball, the community can look forward to the continued success of An Achievable Dream and the programs that have been put in place at these schools. I would like to congratulate the staff, supporters and sponsors at An Achievable Dream on this monumental occasion, and hope to see continued success from An Achievable Dream in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST JOSHUA
L. REED

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Army Specialist Joshua L. Reed, who died at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on August 4.

Josh was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1990 to Lloyd and Tonja Reed. A 2009 graduate of Benjamin Logan High School, Josh participated in football and wrestling and also enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, and quad racing.

Enlisting in the Army in February 2010, Josh graduated from the Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember Advanced Individual Training Course at Fort Sill later that year. He was an ammunition specialist with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, and was