

"tear down this wall." And it's that voice that ended the Cold War through his policy of "peace through strength."

So, we're not marking the end of one name for this park and beginning of a new one. Instead, we're celebrating the passage of title from one Cold War messenger of freedom to another. Ronald Reagan recognized what an effective and influential tool the Voice of America was in our battle to end the Cold War. In fact, in 1983 he delivered an address via Voice of America, in which he outlined his vision for long-term negotiations with the Soviet Union. He recognized the vital role Voice of America played in our struggle against the Soviets, and he used it to the advantage of our nation and our fight for freedom.

Last week, another American President—George W. Bush—spoke in that park. He spoke of a different battle—this time against the evils of terrorism—in which we are currently engaged. Just like the Cold War, it will be a long struggle—but one which we know we will win. Why? Because we have the same message of freedom on our side that we did when Reagan and the Voice of America led us to victory against communism. And so that message of freedom and the Voice of America continues, in that park and across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friends back home in Butler County who were involved in the effort to place President Reagan's name on the park. In this year of tributes to a man I know as a hero, I can think of very few higher than this one.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED
CHURCH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 120th anniversary of the United Church in Walsenburg, Colorado. Through good times and bad the church has stood the test of time, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing the Church and its long tenure of service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

The United Church, a Methodist congregation, was founded in 1884 by miners in Walsenburg. On a plot of land sold to them by the town's namesake for one dollar, the church built its first building. In 1929, the United Church built its current building with funds from its membership, a local bank, and the Methodists' Board of Church Extension. Although the Church struggled to survive during the depression and poor economic times, they were able to pay off all debts by 1944. In 1961, the United Church merged with the Community Congregational Church, and today has a membership of about 80 people.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize the United Church in the year of its 120th anniversary. For over a century it has provided compassion and spiritual guidance to the community, and I am honored to congratulate them on their anniversary before this body of Congress and this nation.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS OF LOWER MERION AND NARBERTH, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Volunteer Medical Services Corps, VMSC, of Lower Merion and Narberth, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating 60 years of service to their community.

In 1944, during the height of World War II, the residents of Narberth Borough felt it was their duty to provide routine transportation for those involved in the war to and from the ports of Philadelphia. The group quickly became incorporated as the Volunteer Medical Corps of Narberth with the main goal was to provide first aid care to those in need and to facilitate non-emergency transports.

In 1951, the corps leased property from the Borough of Narberth and built a new building that could accommodate their needs and growing business. Since 1951, times have changed and medical services have continued to grow in size and scope, and VMSC of Lower Merion and Narberth has proven itself versatile as it has grown with the times. In the 1960's and 1970's when EMS became a specialty, the State health department and the Lower Merion Police Department recommended that VMSC expand its role and provide all emergency care for Lower Merion Township. VMSC quickly became the provider of emergency medical services not only to Lower Merion Township, but Narberth Borough as well.

In the 1990's, the VMSC again grew considerably thanks to its paid staff and volunteers. The company moved to a new headquarters in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and, during that time, it integrated another ambulance company into its own. In 1999, Pleasant Valley Ambulance was integrated in to VMSC, providing ALS services to the Conshohocken Area. This move also helped to reduce response time and the volunteers were able to provide a more timely service. The integration of Pleasant Valley Ambulance also gave VMSC the ability to bring advanced life-support units to those in need.

In 2002, VMSC founded a bike patrol unit. The bike patrol teams consist of two EMTs or medics who can help reduce responder time in large or crowded medical emergencies. The state-of-the-art equipment includes a full range of cardiac medicine, bandaging and splinting supplies, oxygen, and a defibrillator. The bike patrol is extremely important because the EMTs on bikes have the capability of arriving at the scene of an accident well before an ambulance and they can provide life saving care.

Today, VMSC prides itself on providing high-quality, cost-effective emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services to the ill and injured citizens of Lower Merion and Narberth, Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lower Merion and Narberth for their commitment to providing quality care, mutual respect, and open communication with their community. It is an honor to recognize an organization that selflessly provides for its

community each day and in turn creates a better quality of life for the citizens of Narberth and Lower Merion Township.

TAIWAN AND THE UNITED
NATIONS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has been excluded from the United Nations since 1971 and since then, Taiwan's 23 million people have had no representation in the United Nations. Exclusion of Taiwan is a violation of the United Nations principle of universality.

I, therefore urge my colleagues and friends of Taiwan to support Taiwan's return to the United Nations because Taiwan's political reforms should be recognized by the international community. Taiwan's return to the United Nations will not hinder the eventual reunification of Taiwan with the Chinese mainland as long as such reunification has the approval of the 23 million people of Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Taiwan's ambassador, Dr. David Lee, to Washington. Prior to his Washington assignment, he was Taiwan's premier diplomat in Europe and Taiwan's Political Vice Foreign Minister. I had the pleasure of having Ambassador Lee and his wife at my table during the Congressional Black Caucus' dinner during the Annual Legislative Conference. Ambassador Lee struck me as highly intelligent, poised and well-mannered. My colleagues and I look forward to working with him and his deputies.

Finally Mr. Speaker, my best wishes to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian for his well-received Inaugural speech on May 20. His conciliatory attitude toward mainland China is most laudatory. President Chen should be recognized for his work towards permanent peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PEGGY LUE
REECE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Peggy Lue Reece, a truly amazing woman from Gunnison, Colorado. Peggy Lue spent nearly half a century working to better the Stockgrowers industry. She amassed an impressive record of accomplishments during her tenure, and I am honored to recognize her service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Peggy Lou Reece began her service in the agriculture industry as Secretary for the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association in 1963. For the last 41 years, she has held the post under the leadership of 21 presidents. In addition to secretarial duties, Peggy Lue also served as the organization's treasurer. She came from an agricultural family, and brought with her a great passion for the industry. Even in her retirement, Peggy Lue plans to help whenever she is needed.