

and I rise today in support and to congratulate this beacon of democracy and freedom.

Taiwan has much to celebrate this National Day. It is a vibrant democracy where individual freedom is given the appreciation it certainly deserves. It is undeniable that Taiwan has moved rapidly toward full democracy. Elections for important posts in the government are held regularly, political parties have reached an established level of maturity, and people actively participate in the democratic process. Taiwanese citizens have a greater control over affairs of state than ever before.

There are so many throughout the international community who sincerely appreciate the political aspirations of Taiwan. Taiwan stands like an obelisk of democracy and hope in the South China Sea. Unfortunately, so many throughout the world have never fully benefited from all that Taiwan has to offer. For example, many of the medical advancements made by Taiwanese doctors and scientists have not been shared with the world because Taiwan lacks WHO membership. Taiwan enjoys one of the highest life expectancy rates in Asia, has relatively low infant and maternal mortality rates, and has eradicated major infectious diseases such as cholera, smallpox, and polio. Additionally, Taiwan's government was the first in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations. The successes of Taiwan's medical experts must no longer remain locked in a chamber of politics, and access to these ideas must be extended to all countries.

The international community must recognize that each country in the world will benefit multi-fold from Taiwan's inclusion in the WHO, even if it is just as an observer. Until then, individuals in need of medical assistance throughout the world will not fully benefit from the wonderful advancements Taiwan has made in the field of medicine.

Mr. Speaker, health has no borders, and certainly neither does disease. Providing Taiwan with observer status in the WHO is long overdue. Taiwan is one of the most dramatic success stories of Asia. I join the people of Taiwan as they celebrate their National Day, and may America's support for the people of Taiwan be everlasting.

HONORING MICHAEL C. CUDAHY,
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ARIZONA AND THIS GREAT NATION

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on behalf of a fellow Arizonan and former colleague, Michael C. Cudahy, in recognition of his dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Arizona and this great Nation. Mike grew up in Southern California and Arizona in a family that had deep roots in the cattle and meat packing industry.

After graduating from Middlebury College in Vermont and receiving his law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law, he served as a law clerk to two justices on the Arizona Supreme Court. Mike spent the majority of his professional career as an attorney

with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, where he progressed through the office ranks from trial attorney to Chief Counsel and Senior Prosecutor, Criminal Division, during his 26 years of service. Through the administrations of numerous Attorneys General, who differed in their management styles and who were often from different political parties, Mike's talents for administration and skills as a litigator were consistently recognized and highly valued.

He is held in high esteem by his colleagues, opponents, and judges for his trial skills, integrity, professionalism, and most of all, his sound judgment. Often he served as lead trial counsel in some of the most difficult and challenging cases facing the Attorney General's Office. A man of courage and conviction, Mike always adhered to the principles of fairness, justice, and the rule of law.

Mike has always taken great pride in mentoring new attorneys, inculcating them with a deep appreciation and respect for the duties and responsibilities of serving as a member of the legal profession, especially those engaging in public service who often bear being held to a higher standard. He often opined that being an attorney was a privilege. Mike exemplified the highest and most honorable attributes expected of an attorney, and those who came under his tutelage were fortunate indeed.

Despite dealing with the frailties of individuals who entered the criminal justice system, Mike has maintained an optimistic perspective about the human spirit and our society. He has always remained positive about the world we live in and about the future of our Nation.

In his personal life, his love and devotion to his family—wife Joanie, daughter Catherine, and son John—are the cornerstones of his life's journey. Despite some recent challenges to his health, which have caused an early retirement, Mike maintains his sense of humor and optimistic outlook.

Every now and again, a special individual intersects with our own life in a profound way, and through his daily example creates a positive beam for us to follow. Michael C. Cudahy is one of these special individuals, and it is for these reasons I want to honor my friend and former colleague today.

IN MEMORY OF ANDREW J.
"JACK" ANDERSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. Andrew J. "Jack" Anderson of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Jack was born in Harrisonville, Missouri on September 27, 1924, son of William Monroe and Prudilee (Mathews) Anderson. He graduated from Harrisonville High School in 1942 and went on to answer his call to duty. Jack served his country by enlisting in the Navy in October 1942. He received a commission as an officer and earned his wings as a Navy Fighter Pilot. After serving in World War II, Jack came home and continued his service in the Navy reserves until 1959, when he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant.

On March 27, 1945, Jack was united in marriage to Dorothea Ann Gaston. Their mar-

riage, which lasted 54 years, was truly a story of love and admiration. Jack and his wife also were the proud parents of two sons, Andrew and Kevin.

After returning from World War II, Jack attended college, receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and his law degree from Cumberland University. In 1951, Jack was admitted to the Missouri Bar. He first began practicing law with his father in Harrisonville in 1951 at the law firm that is now Anderson and Milholland P.C. and continued to work there until his retirement in 2003. Also, Jack was elected to four terms as Cass County Prosecuting Attorney, serving in this position from 1954 to 1962. In 1976, he began serving as my campaign treasurer.

Jack also made significant contributions to the community. He served over 25 years on the Board of Directors of Allen Bank and Trust and over 25 years as Municipal Judge for the City of Harrisonville. Jack also was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Harrisonville.

Mr. Speaker, Jack was a valuable leader in his church and community who was respected by everyone who knew him. He was a dear friend of mine who had a deep faith. He will be missed by all. I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

HONORING MARY MONINGER-ELIA
FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the West Haven Federation of Teachers and School Nurses in honoring a very special member of our community—Mary Moninger-Elia. Teacher, advocate, mentor, and friend, Mary has exemplified all that a community leader should be and through her efforts has made a difference in the lives of many.

Our teachers are a vital resource for all of our communities. By giving our children the tools and skills they will need—the foundation on which our young people will build their future success—the contributions teachers make to our children's lives is invaluable. I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Mary was just that kind of teacher.

Mary began her career at West Haven High School where she spent 25 years teaching Home Economics. During her tenure, one of her most interesting additions to the curriculum was the creation of a very successful preschool program. The program paired 3 and 4 year old children with the high school students and served as a tool to teach students how to interact with toddlers. With many students having aspirations of becoming teachers and parents, this innovative approach was a first step in preparing for what one can expect from such young children. After 25 years with high school students, Mary decided to move to a different age group. She moved to Bailey Middle School where she taught both Study Skills and Social Science until her retirement