

Taiwan as well as invitations to distinguished women throughout the Pacific regions to come to Taiwan to discuss women's issues.

Best wishes to the Taiwan chapter of the Democratic Pacific Union on their upcoming conference.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 8, 2006*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, on yesterday, June 7, 2006, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast votes. On rollcall No. 227, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 228, I would have voted "no"; on rollcall No. 229, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 230, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 231, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 232, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 233, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall No. 234, I would have voted "yes."

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COMMENDING AMERICAN CRAFT  
BREWERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2006*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of America's craft brewers. Our culture, our economy, and our communities have all benefited from the contributions craft brewers have made. The craft beer segment includes more than 1,300 small, traditional and independent breweries.

We have seen a boost in sales and growth for these small business entrepreneurs in recent years. This consumer appeal has created thousands of quality jobs in our country,

helped stimulate a demand for American beer exports, and promoted our agricultural economy.

In recent years, breweries and brew pubs have flourished across the Nation. And, as the Representative from Oregon's fourth district, I have enjoyed seeing the diversity that craft brewery has fueled across the Nation. They bring with their craft a healthy dose of friendly competition and a loyal clientele base that appreciates their craft-made lagers and ales.

The pioneering spirit of Oregon lives on with its craft brewers. Oregon continues to enjoy more breweries per capita than any other State in the Nation. Even with Oregon having only 1 percent of the Nation's population, it is home to 7 percent of America's breweries and brew pubs. Five of those breweries are among the 50 biggest in the Nation.

In addition to their sales success, many of these small businesses support innumerable community-based charities, public institutions, local events and charities. Small craft brewers successfully balance that dedication between the quality of their beer and the quality of their community.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 753 in recognition of America's Craft Brewers.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. HERBERT E. SMITH OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

**HON. MICHAEL E. SODREL**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 8, 2006*

Mr. SODREL. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sympathy I announce the passing of Dr. Herbert E. Smith on June 2, 2006 at the age of 76. Dr. Smith was an educator and spent most of his life in the teaching profession to help young people build the foundation for future success. He was also a dedicated Hoosier who gave back much to his community.

Dr. Smith was born in Sterling Township in Crawford County, Indiana on July 12, 1929.

He graduated from English High School in 1947. He went on to earn a Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate Degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington. Following completion of his own studies, he taught at all different levels ranging from Junior High through the college level in Indiana, Nebraska and Iowa.

Many Universities were honored to have Dr. Smith as an educator. He was an instructor at the University of Nebraska, Indiana University, I.U. Kokomo, I.U. Southeast at New Albany, and IUPUI in Indianapolis. He spent an astounding 34 years at Indiana University and 20 of those years serving as Assistant Dean of Students.

Besides his dedication to teaching, Dr. Smith was an active member of the community. He was a long time member of many local organizations. Dr. Smith was a 50-year member of Crawford Lodge #470 at English, Indiana, the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, and the Shrine of North America.

Dr. Smith never stopped trying to help his community. In 2000, he created a Public Radio Station, WBRO in Marengo, Indiana, to provide the best Public Radio programming available. WBRO broadcasts many public affairs, news, and discussion programs along with local sporting events.

The work put forth during his life did not go unnoticed. Dr. Smith was recognized by many for his contributions including the Key to the City of Indianapolis, "Distinguished Hoosier" award and the highest honor in Indiana, the "Sagamore of the Wabash." In addition, Dr. Smith was appointed a "Kentucky Colonel" by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, "Aide De-Camp, Governor's Staff" by Tennessee and "Admiral, Great Navy of Nebraska".

Indiana lost a hardworking and honorable man. Dr. Smith's dedication and commitment to helping others should be an example for others to follow. He led a successful life personally and professionally. I know he will be missed by those around him and the people he touched.