

election in this district, even a primary election, in which the principal issue is the cause of peace." He went on to speak about the importance of Gandhi's accomplishments in India; how Gandhi used non-cooperation to bring his cause to the attention of the world and non-violence to win the hearts of his enemies.

During his time in Congress he had many major accomplishments. Among them was the creation of Ohio's first national park, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and his coauthorship of the War Powers Act. He was elected to and served as Chairman of the Members of Congress for Peace Through Law Caucus. It is reported that he opened his office to Vietnam veterans protesting against the war by allowing them to sleep there.

He was committed to a world that resolved conflict through peaceful means. And as such, throughout his 16 years in the House he prioritized disarmament. When he announced his retirement in 1986 he reportedly told the Plain Dealer newspaper that it was the job of Congress to "maintain a livable world, free of nuclear disaster, a world that we have not polluted to the point where we can't breathe and where we preserve some natural beauty so that we can have the solace and the experience of being out in God's world." Following his retirement he dedicated himself to teaching law at the University of Akron and for a number of years was the head of the university's Center for Peace Studies.

Since his passing on August 2, 2008 he has been sorely missed and will be missed well into the future.

HONORING JACOB FUENFHAUSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Fuenfhausen of Liberty, Missouri. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1320, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Fuenfhausen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency I was absent for the following rollcall votes held on September 15, September 16 and September 17, 2008. Had

I been present, I would have voted as indicated for each rollcall listed.

Rollcall vote 589: "yea"; rollcall vote 590: "yea"; rollcall vote 591: "yea"; rollcall vote 592: "nay"; rollcall vote 593: "nay"; rollcall vote 594: "nay"; rollcall vote 595: "nay"; rollcall vote 596: "nay"; rollcall vote 597: "nay"; rollcall vote 598: "yea"; rollcall vote 599: "nay"; rollcall vote 600: "yea"; and rollcall vote 601: "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL MICHAEL SHUPP, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Colonel Michael Shupp, United States Marine Corps, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to this Nation. I came to know Colonel Shupp well as we travelled together on various Congressional delegations. As a consummate professional, he did an outstanding job representing the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Shupp graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1981. In 1985, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy and was recognized by President Bush and others for his outstanding performance.

In 1990, as a company commander, he deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm where his unit served with distinction. He also deployed twice to Bosnia-Herzegovina in the late-1990s. Since 2001, I have had the pleasure and honor to come to know Michael well during his assignment as the Marine Corps' Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Colonel Shupp assumed command of Regimental Combat Team—1 (RCT—1) on 15 September 2004 at Camp Fallujah, Iraq while deployed on Operation Iraqi Freedom II. There he led the Regiment through counter-insurgency operations, the Battle of Fallujah (Operation Al Fajr), humanitarian assistance efforts and the reconstruction of Fallujah, and the first free Iraqi national election in January 2005. In early 2008, he became Legislative Assistant for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His personal decorations are numerous and include the Legion of Merit with Combat "Valor" Distinguishing Device and gold star in lieu of second award, the Bronze Star with Combat "Valor" Distinguishing Device, and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star in lieu of second award.

Madam Speaker, few can match the dedication and professionalism of Colonel Michael Shupp. He epitomizes the values and traditions of the United States Marine Corps. On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I would thank him for his years of dedicated service. Vicki and I wish him and his family best wishes for continued success.

SUPPORTING TAIWANESE MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, On August 14, 2008, seventeen of the Republic of China's diplomatic allies once again submitted a proposal to the United Nations General Assembly supporting Taiwan's request "to examine the fundamental rights of the 23 million people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate meaningfully in the activities of the United Nations specialized agencies." The 63rd session of the U.N. General Assembly opened yesterday, September 16, and, therefore, my comments today are especially relevant.

I strongly support Taiwan's request because I believe there is a compelling need for the country to add its expertise, wealth, and dynamism to the U.N. specialized agencies. For example, Taiwan has been campaigning for participation in the World Health Organization (WHO) for years, but has been unable to access or communicate with WHO regarding global disease prevention. Membership in the WHO should not be a political matter. Disease and illness know no boundaries, and we must not let political disputes stand in the way of utilizing all tools available to improve basic health care and fight pestilence. This effort to fight disease takes global solidarity, not isolation campaigns.

Fortunately, Taiwan is ready, willing, and able to contribute to the international community. Moreover, Taiwan's international participation might encourage the cross-strait dialogue and contribute to the easing of tensions between Taiwan and the PRC.

I hope that the PRC will show good will and allow Taiwan to participate meaningfully in the U.N. specialized agencies. I believe this will be a step toward peace and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region and greater vitality in promoting the missions of the UN specialized agencies.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, on the following rollcall votes I am not recorded due to a death in the family. Had I been present I would have voted the following way: rollcall No. 589, I would have voted "aye;" rollcall No. 590, I would have voted "aye;" rollcall No. 591, I would have voted "aye;" rollcall No. 592, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 593, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 594, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 595, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 596, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 597, I would have voted "nay;" rollcall No. 598, I would have voted "aye;" rollcall No. 599, I would have voted "nay."