I offer my condolences to the families and loved ones of those who died during the attacks as well as my sympathy and commitment to those who are sick as a result. We must remain vigilant in the face of terrorism, and, Madam Speaker, we must always remember the events that occurred on that tragic day 7 years ago.

ALLOWING TAIWAN TO PARTICIPATE IN UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, when the United Nations General Assembly met earlier today, the Secretariat considered a request by several of Taiwan's diplomatic allies. These countries asked the United Nations to allow the Republic of China (Taiwan) and its 23 million citizens to have meaningful participation in the activities of the specialized agencies of the United Nations.

By excluding 23 million people from participation in UN-sponsored activities, the UN is effectively treating the people of Taiwan as less than equals when compared to citizens of other countries. The people of Taiwan enjoy the benefits of living in a country that has free elections, yet it is certainly unfair for them to be denied access to agencies such as the International Civil Aviation Organization.

In this global economy, no country and no people are an island. Information travels fast, epidemics spread equally fast. For instance, without membership in the World Health Organization, Taiwan is an overlooked area in the global epidemic surveillance network. Continued exclusion will only harm the international community.

Furthermore, Taiwan has the world's tenth largest shipping capacity, but it has no access to the meetings of the International Maritime Organization and can't acquire first-hand information. There are many other instances of the impracticalities of banning Taiwan's membership in the international society.

I am disappointed that the People's Republic of China again blocked Taiwan's request. Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou has taken a number of steps to improve the relationship with Beijing, including permission of direct weekend charter flights between the mainland and the island. It is time for the People's Republic to reciprocate by granting Taiwan the ability to join certain UN agencies.

HONORING KAREN MANNING, MSN, RN, CNA, CRRN PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION NURSES

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Karen Manning, MSN, RN, CNA, CRRN, of Salem State College and president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), a constituent from my congressional district. Ms. Manning will soon complete her year as the 2007–2008 national president of the ARN, a professional organization representing professional nurses who work to enhance the quality of life for those who are affected by physical disabilities or chronic illnesses. During her tenure as president at ARN, Ms. Manning has been a strong leader and advocate for rehabilitation nurses, as well as the patients ARN serves everyday.

Since 1974, ARN has been the leading source for the latest rehabilitation information, resources, professional development and career opportunities for rehabilitation nursing professionals. ARN members are nurses, with a broad range of clinical experience, dedicated to helping individuals affected by chronic illness or a physical disability adapt to their disabilities, achieve their greatest potential, and work toward productive, independent lives.

Presently, ARN comprises a nationwide network of more than 5,500 rehabilitation nurses who practice in many settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, subacute and long-term care facilities, and private companies.

A resident of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Ms. Manning has earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts Boston and her Masters of Science in Nursing, with a concentration in nursing management, from the University of Massachusetts Lowell in 1994. Ms. Manning is currently pursing her Doctorate degree in Education from Nova Southeastern University.

In addition to Ms. Manning's academic achievements, she has also authored chapters in both the Rehabilitation Nursing Core Curriculum and Safe Patient Handling and Movement in Rehabilitation—published in 2007 and 2008, respectively. She has presented numerous times on topics relating to current trends in rehabilitation, the future of nursing, and the future role of rehabilitation nurses.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me today in recognizing the outgoing president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Karen Manning, MSN, RN, CNA, CRRN, for her dedication and exemplary work in the field of rehabilitation nursing. We thank you Ms. Manning for your ongoing service to the healthcare profession.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY AND LAFAYETTE COUNTY C–1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate the Lafayette County C–1 School District on receiving a $37,000 grant and to commend the Citizens Telephone Company for their most generous contribution.

To celebrate the company's 100th anniversary of their first dial tone in Higginsville, MO., the Citizens Telephone Company awarded the Lafayette County C–1 School District a $37,000 check. This grant enables the school district to start offering new classes to Higginsville students that were not available before. Also, the grant establishes a ''Distance Learning'' Program. This allows students to communicate with teachers remotely, from different locations. Citizens Telephone Company has graciously provided monitors, cameras, and other devices to make this technology come to fruition. Now, students and teachers in the district can actually see and interact with each other from different locations.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join me in congratulating the school district and in commending the Citizens Telephone Company on its generosity.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 18, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sunset today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,023 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, ''The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government.'' The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, ''No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.'' Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.