

a cure for breast cancer even faster. Proceeds from the sale of the coin will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. These two organizations have spent more than \$450 million and \$790 million, respectively, on research funding. But more needs to be done to find better treatments and a cure.

Our mothers, our sisters, our daughters, cannot afford to wait. I encourage you to support this new legislation.

COMMENDING UZBEKISTAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, as the Chair of the Congressional Central Asia Caucus, I rise today to commend Uzbekistan on its ongoing efforts to strengthen relations with the United States. In August 2012, Uzbekistan's legislature approved a foreign policy concept submitted by President Islam Karimov which is intended to strengthen the country's independence and sovereignty, ensure Uzbekistan's role in international affairs, create security and stability in Central Asia, and sets Uzbekistan on a path of joining the ranks of democratic countries.

The United States and Uzbekistan belong to a number of the same organizations, including the United Nations, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank. Uzbekistan is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnership for Peace and an observer to the World Trade Organization.

Home to more than half of the population of Central Asia and located at the center of regional trade and transport networks, Uzbekistan is a potential Central Asian regional power. For more than a decade, I have worked closely with the country and I am pleased by the developments that have occurred in such a short time since Uzbekistan gained independence at the end of 1991 with the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Uzbekistan has supported North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) troops in Afghanistan through provision of electricity, development of rail infrastructures and the Northern Distribution Network. Uzbekistan was also one of the United States' main regional partners in the war on terrorism.

Under the leadership of President Karimov, our relationship with Uzbekistan has now developed beyond Afghanistan. The United States and Uzbekistan are cooperating on security, economic relations, political and civil society issues, agricultural development, transnational crime, and the threat of infectious disease. Although we have a ways to go, we are in the process of strengthening our bilateral relations.

This is why I am pleased to welcome President Karimov's delegation to the United States which is visiting Washington, D.C. from December 8–12, 2013. Uzbekistan's delegation is led by my good friend, Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov, who served previously as Uzbekistan's Ambassador to the United States. The delegation also includes my good friend, Senator Sodiq Safoyev, who served previously as Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister

and also as Ambassador to the United States and State Advisor to the President.

Other members of Uzbekistan's delegation include the First Deputy Minister of Defense, First Deputy Minister of Justice, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, the Chairman of the Committee on Democratic Institutions, the Head of America's Department, and a member of the National Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan. H.E. Bakhtiyar Gulyamov, Uzbekistan's Ambassador to the United States, will accompany the delegation.

While in Washington, the delegation will be hosted by Members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Having traveled to Samarkand in late August of this year, to Tashkent more than once, and in tribute to my long-standing friendship with Foreign Minister Kamilov and Senator Safoyev which spans nearly a decade, it was my sincere hope to personally host a Members Only meeting for them. But, in my absence, I thank my esteemed colleagues for doing so.

The people of Uzbekistan are, as President Kamilov said, "a creative people who deeply realize their identity, take pride of the fact that they live on the sacred land and are the descendants of great ancestors, capable to subdue any peaks." I agree.

And so, once more, it is my privilege to welcome Uzbekistan's distinguished delegation to Washington and extend my kindest regards and best wishes for a successful dialogue.

HONORING SCHIMPPFF'S CONFECTIONARY OF JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, small mom-and-pop businesses are an integral part of local economies, especially in the State of Indiana. Schimpff's Confectionary, located in Jeffersonville, Indiana, is a prime example of a small, family-owned business that has maintained a tradition of community involvement and devotion to a quality product. Schimpff's is not only a vital part of the community, but also an important Jeffersonville landmark.

Schimpff's Confectionary is a world-class candy maker, confectionary store, and museum located within the Old Jeffersonville Historic District. This candy store is one of the oldest in the country. It has kept the same atmosphere throughout the years and continuously draws large crowds. In addition to selling candy, Schimpff's Confectionary gives tours to visitors of the shop, providing an interactive experience and insight into how the finest candy was and is made.

Schimpff's Confectionary contributes mightily to the town of Jeffersonville. Not only do they reliably provide delicious treats to the families of Southern Indiana and beyond, but they maintain local jobs, and their outstanding presence is a source of deep pride for the entire community. Residents of Jeffersonville have grown up with Schimpff's Confectionary, and the store has faithfully maintained its high quality standards, and friendly atmosphere,

since the day it opened. For these reasons and more, I am proud to recognize Schimpff's in this installment of the 9th District's Small Business Spotlight.

Although the Schimpff family had been making candy in Louisville, Kentucky, since 1850, the Jeffersonville store was established in 1891 by Gustave Schimpff, Sr. and Jr. The shop continues to be run by his family and is now run by the third generation of Schimpff's. Gustave's great-grandson, Warren Schimpff, continues the family legacy of exceptional candy making with his wife, Jill. Through their leadership and labor, Schimpff's has expanded their operations and developed a distinguished international reputation.

While Schimpff's has been based in Jeffersonville since 1891, the family has traveled to Sweden to participate in the Candy Championships, the international candy competition in Gränna. Jill and Warren Schimpff are the first Americans to have ever participated in this competition. While visiting Sweden, they met European candy makers, and learned some new and creative techniques to share with their many customers. Such initiatives have brought people from across the globe to Jeffersonville for the purpose of visiting their fine establishment.

The confectionary has gained its fair share of local and national attention as well, including recognition by "Louisville Business First" as one of the area's top twenty for-profit attractions. Additionally, the business has gained national media attention from the Food Network, the History Channel's "Modern Marvels," and American celebrity chef Paula Deen.

The Schimpff's dedication to customers and quality has sustained the family legacy, and is responsible for the longstanding success of their business. This confectionary has been a Jeffersonville treasure since its opening over 120 years ago, and it will continue to be a recognized landmark for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on December 5, 2013, my vote on the House floor was not properly registered. Had my vote registered, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 625.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF DR. WILLIAM WEST THOMPSON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. William West Thompson, who passed away on December 2, 2013. Throughout his long and distinguished career in medicine and public service, Dr. Thompson served as an inspiration to countless individuals and left a lasting impression on the Okaloosa County, Florida community. All those who have been blessed by his