the Bruno Walter Orpheus d'Or Prized for Best Opera Conductor by the Academy of Lyric Recordings for his live recording of Mascagni's Parisina. His 1993 recordings of the music by Revueltas, Chavez, and Moncayo was honored with the Golden Record Award and was a top ten seller in Mexico for over a year.

As a composer, Enrique Diemecke's work commands international respect. During the 1998 World Cup, he was commissioned by Radio France Festival to compose a work in honor of the soccer spectacular. His composition, Die-Sir-E, was heard around the world and has been performed at other venues since the World Cup. His compositions are increasingly presented to the public by orchestras in several countries.

It is an honor to ask my fellow members of the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Maestro Enrique Diemecke for his collaboration with the Flint Symphony Orchestra. During the past fifteen years, Maestro Deimecke has inspired a spirit of joy and enthusiasm with each performance, enriching the life of the greater Flint area with his talent and blessing our community through his continued association with the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

IN REMEMBERANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre of 1940. A Memorial Service sponsored by the Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee of the New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress was held on Sunday, September 21, 2003, at the Katyn Monument in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Service is a tribute to the bravery of the Polish people who fought valiantly during World War II. Over sixty-three years ago, during the Soviet invasion of Poland, over 15,000 Polish military officers, intelligentsia, prisoners of war, clergy, and Polish civilians were attacked and killed by Soviet military and secret police. Over 4,500 bodies were discovered in the Katyn Forest in a single mass grave.

This year, the Katyn Massacre Memorial Service will also pay special tribute to the brave men and women who perished in the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Although more than 60 years apart, the loss of innocent lives in both tragic events have had a profound effect on our society. To lay wreaths and flowers in memory of all of the victims is a fitting tribute, as the site of the Katyn Monument in Exchange Place in Jersey City once looked upon the towers of the World Trade Center just across the Hudson River.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering the victims of the Katyn Massacre and the September 11th attacks, and honor their sacrifice and courage. May we continue to honor the memories of those who were lost, so we will not be destined to repeat the horrors of the injustices suffered by these innocent victims.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1588. NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave men and women of our armed services who are carrying out the mission to provide hope and freedom to the Iraqi people. I would also like to commend Representative CROWLEY for his leadership and advocacy for our men and women in uniform.

Like many of my colleagues, I am concerned with the increasing frequency and duration of Reserve component deployments. During the Cold War era, the Reserve components were a manpower pool that was rarely tapped. However, this resource has become increasingly important to our peacekeeping and counterterrorism missions. As a result, the demands placed on Guard and Reserve families are quickly growing. Not only do these families often have to adjust to life on much smaller salaries, they may have to worry about maintaining their health coverage. This situation is unacceptable, and we need to provide our Guard and Reserve with this coverage from the start so that the stresses of deployment are not compounded by worries about healthcare. I believe offering the guarantee of long-term health coverage would not only help the families of activated Guard and Reservists, but also increase recruitment and retention of some of our most valuable personnel.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I firmly believe that members of our National Guard and Reserve should have benefits commensurate with those of active duty forces. With the announcement that the Reserves' total commitments could now be in excess of a year in some circumstances, this problem must be remedied immediately, and if not by the Pentagon then by Congress. We place enough burdens on these families as it is, I want us to make every effort to remove at least this one. I urge my colleagues to support the Crowley motion to instruct.

HONORING PAUL DEVAUL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Paul DeVaul, a decorated veteran and past County Commander for the Suffolk County American Legion. On October 5 2003, the American Legion will be honoring Mr. DeVaul for his service to veterans on Long Island.

After entering the United States Army in December of 1961, Paul was assigned to the United States Army Special Warfare School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. During this time Paul was awarded numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal upon his discharge on December 16, 1984.

Paul has been an active member of the Bay Shore Post, #365, of the American Legion since 1990 including serving as County Commissioner in 2001. Paul is one of the few Legionnaires who has served as County Commissioner for two years. One of his more notable accomplishments was when he took it upon himself to gather the names of all Korean and Vietnam War veterans from Bay Shore to create an Honor Roll to recognize their sacrifices for this country.

Paul also developed recognition programs for community groups, individuals, and students who support Veterans and American Legion programs; such as the Spirit Of American Award, which honors individuals for their efforts on behalf of veterans or for their community work. On September 11, 2001 Paul coordinated seven local American Legion posts to serve as shelters for the emergency workers at Ground Zero.

Paul continues to play an active role in the American Legion community and he serves as a role model for all Legionnaires. I commend Paul DeVaul for his dedicated service to our country during his time in the Army and in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center, and for his hard work on behalf of veterans on Long Island.

TAIWAN'S BID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of Taiwan's bid for membership in the United Nations (UN).

For the 32nd consecutive year, the U.N. convenes its annual General Assembly without the membership of Taiwan and once again its 23 million citizens will be denied a voice in vitally important global matters. Although Taiwan has long been a significant player in world affairs with a GNP and population larger than three quarters of U.N. member countries, it has repeatedly been denied membership.

The transformation of Taiwan from an impoverished State into an industrial powerhouse, and from a one-party dictatorship into a multi-party democracy, is among the most impressive economic and political marvels of our time. Free and fair elections are held at all levels of government. Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of the press and it is a strong supporter of human rights.

Already, Taiwan is an active participant in international organizations as exemplified by its membership in the Asian Development Bank, its admission as a full member to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group, and its membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Taiwan has also used its successes to become an active contributor to international humanitarian efforts. It has made significant donations to countries devastated by natural disasters and war including relief efforts in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Iraq, to name a few. Taiwan is well prepared and quite willing to actively support U.N. endeavors.

Furthermore, it is not uncommon to have parallel representation of divided countries in