

home. In 1980, Paul joined his brother, John W. "Jack" Jr., CEO of Greater Buffalo Press, to serve as company president and COO of the largest printer of Sunday comics in the world and a leader in advertising insert printing. Greater Buffalo Press has seven plants in the United States as well as one in Canada, and, at one point, had 2,100 employees. In 1989 Paul moved to Nashville to serve as vice chairman of Sullivan Graphics, only to return to Buffalo in the 1990's. With Paul's increasing success in business, he gave back to his community. In 2006, his philanthropic foundation gave 40 grants worth close to \$300,000 to Western New York charities, churches, and schools, and he led a \$20 million dollar fundraising campaign for Canisius High School, where he graduated from in 1955.

Paul also served on the boards of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo Venture, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Contract Staffing, Dunn Tire Corp, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, Sisters Hospital Foundation, WNED, and Canisius High School. Paul was also chairman of the board of trustees at Canisius College and received the school's Board of Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award for his significant contributions to the Western New York community.

Paul's role as chairman of the Peace Bridge Authority was a recent testament to his great leadership in Buffalo. Three governors, both Republican and Democratic, have named Paul to the Peace Bridge Authority over the years. Paul's respectful manner, integrity, genuine character, and tenacious spirit made him a great champion for progress in Buffalo. Paul Koessler was widely respected because he was always respectful—to anyone and everyone he came in contact with. Paul was a strong and effective advocate for groundbreaking projects important to Western New York and will be especially missed as a leader and a partner in the effort to construct a new Peace Bridge.

Madam Speaker, Paul Koessler was a dedicated leader and beloved man who cherished his community. His legacy in Western New York is invaluable and enduring. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Niscah, and children, Susan, Joanne, Lana, Gretchen, Joe, Eric, Kimberly, Robert, Theodore, and Brian. I thank you for joining me in expressing to the Koessler family the deepest condolences of the House for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY ALLEN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions and dedication of my communications director, Kimberly Allen, as she leaves to relocate to Richmond, Virginia with her husband, Tom Emswiler. Kimberly has been on my staff for more than 2½ years, and during that time she has demonstrated extraordinary talent, grace under pressure, and the highest ethical and professional standards as my public spokesperson. She has also done a superb job han-

dling the inquiries my office has received from national, State, and local media outlets. Kimberly has a true gift with words, is steadfastly loyal, and embodies the very spirit of teamwork.

Kimberly grew up in Annandale, Virginia and attended Annandale High School. She later attended Boston University's College of Communication and graduated with a bachelor of science in Communication in 2002. Before joining my office, Kimberly worked at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing as their communications assistant and webmaster. She later served as the communications and production manager for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Her previous experience served her well and helped make her a very effective communications director.

In addition to serving long hours as the brilliant spokesperson for my office, Kimberly is extremely involved in community activities and volunteers to help those who are less fortunate. Since 2002, she has annually prepared tax forms at weekend clinics for those who are not able to afford private assistance with their income taxes. She has also volunteered at "We Are Family," which provides groceries to families in need, since 2007.

Madam Speaker, over the past 2½ years, my office has come to know Kimberly Allen well and we will remember her as a conscientious and dedicated colleague, a gifted writer with a great sense of humor, and a loyal friend to her fellow coworkers. She has been a passionate advocate for protecting the freedom of the press, immigration reform, and human rights. Throughout her tenure with my office, Kimberly has provided me with good counsel and effective communication to the people of New Jersey. She has my deep respect and appreciation for all of the contributions she has made to my office and the work she has done. I wish Kimberly the very best and know that she has a bright future ahead of her.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, today, we sadly commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Turkish occupation of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. The legacy of this occupation still weighs heavily on the northern third of the island, which remains occupied by Turkish troops. In fact, the Turkish-Cypriot Administered North Cyprus has the dubious distinction of being one of the most militarized areas in the world, with nearly one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriot.

A devastating consequence of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus is the tragic humanitarian problem of missing persons. Today, there are more than 1,400 Greek Cypriots still missing as well as four missing Americans. A series of UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions condemn Turkey's invasion and call for the tracing of missing persons. As we mark the 34th year of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, I encourage all governments involved to

adhere to humanitarian principles and international practices regarding the effective investigation of the whereabouts of missing persons.

While we commemorate the past and our hearts go out to those suffering continuing hardship due to missing loved ones. Positive steps underway could lead to a brighter future for all Cypriots. We are encouraged that, for the first time in five years, both sides are engaging in constructive dialogue. Since March, leaders from the South and North have taken positive steps towards reunification and have met three times. I urge both sides to continue this positive discourse including at a meeting this Friday. I sincerely hope a solution to the Cyprus issue will soon be reached to reuniting the island under a government that safeguards human rights, completes the investigation into the whereabouts of missing persons, and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER TORY PETERSON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Roger Tory Peterson (1908–1996) and the centennial celebration that will be held at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, NY from August 2008–August 2009.

Roger Tory Peterson was America's most prominent ornithologist and bird artist in the 20th century. Many people have regarded him as being a modern day John James Audubon who introduced millions of people to the joys of bird watching.

Not only was Peterson a world renowned ornithologist, but also photographer, film maker, writer and lecturer as well. Additionally to his credit, his Field Guide to the Birds has sold five million copies in five editions since 1934, and was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. This book was so successful that it led to an entire series of Peterson Field Guides to be developed. Peterson released 50 titles covering practically every aspect of the natural world. This launched a career that made him the most prominent and honored naturalist of our time.

For 60 years Peterson wrote and spoke about, illustrated, filmed and photographed the natural world. His articles, photographs and illustrations appeared not only in widely known magazines such as Life and National Geographic but also in a variety of other popular magazines. This allowed the public to become aware and appreciate nature through his work.

Peterson worked tirelessly in defense of the natural world. He was very outspoken and as a result he helped see through the passage of crucial environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the ban on DDT. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980 and was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, received 23 Honorary Doctorates and scores of other honors including the John Burroughs Award for Nature Writing, the Conservation Medal of the National Audubon Society, Conservation