

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTER FROM INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL GREG ZOELLER

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LEVIN AND RANKING MEMBER CAMP: I write to express my serious concerns about H.R. 4976, the "Internet Gambling Regulation and Tax Enforcement Act of 2010," and the legislation it implements, H.R. 2267, the "Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act." The "optimum" revenue effects of these bills can be achieved only by massive and unprecedented expansion of gambling and by preempting the powers of the States to regulate gambling within their borders.

Gambling regulation has traditionally been conducted by the States and Indian tribes. H.R. 2267, the substantive proposal that underlies the revenue provisions of H.R. 4976, creates an Internet gambling licensing system that vests regulatory authority in the United States Treasury Department. While H.R. 2267 allows the Treasury to partner with States to carry out regulatory and enforcement activities, the bill also provides all Federal licensees with a "complete defense against any prosecution or enforcement action under any Federal or State law." This "safe harbor" provision effectively nullifies existing State laws by placing all Federal license-holders outside the scope of the States' own gambling enforcement powers.

H.R. 2267 also preempts current Federal laws that are vital to State gambling and regulatory frameworks. State laws are reinforced by Federal statutes that either rely on substantive State provisions or prevent interstate incursions on State-level public policies. The Federal Wire Act of 1961, for instance, supplements State gambling controls by barring interstate wagers. The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 is structured, in part, around State gambling laws. By exempting licensees from laws such as the Wire Act or UIGEA, H.R. 2267 severely impairs this long-standing, complimentary relationship between Federal and State regulatory systems.

Importantly, the revenue-generating power of H.R. 4976 depends almost entirely on the Federal preemption made possible by H.R. 2267. H.R. 2267 does provide a restrictive opt-out mechanism through which the States may decline to participate in the Federal licensing system. However, the Joint Committee on Taxation's most expansive of four different estimates—\$42 billion—is based on discarding even these State opt-out rights in favor of complete Federal preemption. In that estimate, the Joint Committee explicitly assumed that "no State or tribal government will be permitted to limit federally licensed Internet gambling operators from providing online gambling services in their jurisdictions." In other words, H.R. 4976 will generate \$42 billion only if H.R. 2267's opt-out procedure—its principal State-protective provision—is eviscerated.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that is most clearly based on the texts

of H.R. 2267 and H.R. 4976 indicates that the bills will generate approximately \$10 billion in Federal revenue. This much more modest estimate appears to assume that many States will choose to opt-out in order to prevent the expansion of gambling on the Internet. While we realize that H.R. 4976 provides license fee revenue and grants to the States, these incentives do not assuage my concerns. Thank you for considering my view.

Sincerely,

GREGORY F. ZOELLER,
Indiana Attorney General.

CONGRATULATING MVP DIANA TAURASI

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diana Taurasi on being voted the 2009 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Most Valuable Player, the 2009 WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player, and the recipient of the 2010 ESPY Award for Best WNBA Player.

During Ms. Taurasi's 2009 MVP campaign, she ranked among the WNBA's top ten leaders in nearly every statistical category, including points per game, three point field goals made, three-point field goals attempted, three-point field goal percentage, free throws made, free throws attempted, free throw percentage, field goals made, field goals attempted, blocks per game and defensive rebounds per game.

In 2009, Ms. Taurasi became the fastest WNBA player to reach 4,000 career points, while leading the WNBA with 20.4 points per game. Ms. Taurasi also ranks 13th in WNBA history for points scored and third in all-time points per game. Ms. Taurasi is one of two players in WNBA history to win an MVP Award, a WNBA championship and the finals MVP in the same season.

I am truly privileged to honor Ms. Taurasi for her accomplishments. Her commitment to excellence should serve as an inspiration for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Diana Taurasi as she is honored as being the 2009 WNBA Most Valuable Player, the 2009 WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player and the 2010 ESPY Best WNBA Player.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM
PRIORITIES ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5114) to extend the authorization for the National Flood Insurance Program, to identify priorities es-

sential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of this bill.

This issue of great importance to my constituents, as multiple counties in New Jersey—including several in my district—have frequently been declared Federal disaster areas over the last decade because of severe, frequent floods. From Kingwood to Trenton to South River, thousands of central New Jersey residents have seen their homes and businesses ruined by these floods, which are undoubtedly being driven in part by global climate change that is producing more frequent and severe weather across our country.

The bill before us would ensure that the National Flood Insurance Program is reauthorized through 2015, and it includes many homeowner-friendly provisions. For the first time since 1994, raises the maximum coverage limits for flood insurance policies for residences from \$250,000 to \$335,000. The bill also delays for five years requirement mandating the purchase of flood insurance for homeowners in a neighborhood newly classified as a flood zone—so that these homeowners are not suddenly burdened with unexpected insurance costs. I regret that the House Committee on Rules refused to make in order an amendment I offered that would have frozen annual premium rate increases to no more than 10 percent annually, but I will continue to argue for such a freeze during conference negotiations on this bill.

More broadly, Congress needs to take further steps to help communities mitigate potential flood damage.

Last year, I secured \$314,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to continue Flood Mitigation in the Raritan River Basin. The funding supports the work of the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the region from flooding. As a result of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act, the Army Corps has begun preconstruction on flood mitigation projects that were recommended in the Corps feasibility report completed in September 2002. The project includes the construction of a storm surge barrier, floodwalls and levees, interior drainage facilities, and ecosystem restoration. The project benefits the communities of East Brunswick, Old Bridge and South River. Additionally, I secured \$300,000 for the City of Trenton to implement measures to protect its water filtration plant from flood events. Flood damage to the plant could cause devastating service interruptions and have an adverse impact on the drinking water supply. I will continue to support such preventive measures, even as I work to enact policies that will halt the kind of harmful climatic changes that are at least in part fueling the storms and flooding that perennially threaten our communities.

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WHAT IS WRIGHT—A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO, LANCE CORPORAL RANDAL WRIGHT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American Hero from my state of Idaho, Lance Corporal Randal Wright of Cottonwood, Idaho, of the 1–2 Marine Division. On May 23, 2010, Corporal Wright almost lost his life in an I.A.D. explosion that took his two fine legs and arm. Against all odds he survived, and now courageously goes forward with his new battle to rebuild his life. His faith and his courage is a lesson to us all, about to what heights a heart can soar. In less than three months, Randal has come so far, so fast in his recovery. On Friday July 23, Randal plans to marry the love of his life, Vanessa Hylton. In honor of his courage, and selfless sacrifice, and his family and the upcoming wedding on this Friday, I submit this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Carey Caswell for the RECORD. And may they have a wonderful life together.

WHAT IS WRIGHT

What Is Wright?
 What is bold? What is bright?
 To fight the darkness, for hearts to hold . . .
 to bring the light!
 Who evil must fight!
 And what is true, to make all hearts believe
 in . . . ignite!
 Is but a man who will go off to war, all for
 his country such burdens bore . . .
 Who'll walk through the valley of death, all
 for our nation to so bless . . .
 A man who wears the uniform, of a United
 States Marine so very warm . . .
 What Is Wright?
 Are all of these magnificent's, who evil must
 fight!
 Is but a heart, that will bring its light!
 For in that moment Randal, when you
 looked down. . . .
 And saw, all of what you had lost . . . that
 you had found!
 How easily you could have given up, let
 down!
 As the tears, broke upon your fine face so
 now . . .
 As when Marine, your fine heart began to
 pound!
 And told you, that you have to cover some
 ground. . . .
 For you have a life to live!
 So much more to give!
 To Besech Us! To So Teach Us! To So Reach
 Us!
 As you Marine, do so now!
 For all in this world of darkness,
 and wrong. . . .
 Your fine life Randal, is but a bright light
 . . . a song!
 Of what is Wright, to take with us into those
 darkest of all nights . . . so now!
 To lead the way, but with your light!
 Of, all on God's green earth . . . of what is
 Wright!
 And if ever I but have a son. . . .
 May he shine Randal, as bright as you fine
 one!
 Of What Is Wright!
 Thy will be done!

CONGRESS SHOULD SUPPORT
 ETHANOL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Members of Congress are working to remedy the current economic imbalance, immense unemployment, job creation and both domestic and international energy based issues. As we look to the future; we must confront the many dimensions of these complex challenges to create solutions that will have a lasting positive benefit for America. I believe investing in renewable energy sources, including ethanol, is an efficient and effective economic stimulus. Ethanol serves as an aid to meet energy policy goals by promoting domestic production of renewable energy, reducing green house gas emissions and providing financial support for the agriculture sector.

Nationwide, ethanol has increased tax revenues for both State and local governments by over \$5 billion. Ethanol production and use today reduces green house gas emissions compared to gasoline by 59 percent. According to the Congressional Budget Office report as of this July, Argonne National Lab concluded corn based ethanol produced 20 percent less green house gas emissions in its life cycle compared to gasoline and petroleum diesel. Ethanol production contributed \$53.3 billion to the Nation's gross domestic product and created over 200,000 jobs in all sectors of the economy. The state of Illinois produces over 1.5 billion gallons of ethanol annually and is ranked third in ethanol production with 14 facilities. Just as ethanol has been a valuable tool for the state of Illinois, I strongly believe support for this renewable energy source can be a great benefit to the Nation.

Our current energy economy is not sustainable. It is imperative we restructure our energy infrastructure in a sustainable manner while simultaneously reducing our green house gas emissions. Investing in ethanol and other renewable energy sources are an important piece of our Nation's economic and energy future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 448, I was not present due to my flight being delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues

in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Twenty years ago, I proudly supported the passage of this landmark legislation in the House of Representatives along with 376 of my colleagues.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is often described as the most sweeping non-discrimination legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Act's purpose is to "provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public services, and public accommodations to enable millions of disabled Americans to fully function in society.

As a result of this Act, employers are no longer allowed to single out disabled individuals in hiring, firing or advancement practices. State and local governments must now follow specific design standards when constructing or altering new buildings to accommodate individuals restricted to wheelchairs, and restaurants and retail stores are required to make reasonable accommodations for disabled individuals. The Act also requires that telecommunication services be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week for individuals with hearing or speech impairments.

Twenty years after its inception, Americans across the country continue to benefit from this legislation. Many of the everyday services and accommodations we now take for granted are a direct result of this ground-breaking law.

For example, mass transit systems are now equipped with voice messages to help the visually impaired independently navigate their daily routines, and new stadiums feature accessible seating for those in wheelchairs and their guests.

The Americans with Disabilities Act's footprint can be strongly felt throughout my district in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Whether it is access to handicapped parking spaces at the Steamtown Mall, or sidewalk ramps around the public square in Wilkes-Barre, my constituents continue to benefit everyday from this legislation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is my sincere hope that in the coming years we continue to remove barriers that prevent our fellow citizens from fully functioning in society.

CONGRATULATING THE PHOENIX
 MERCURY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Phoenix Mercury for their championship victory during the 2009 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Finals.

On October 9, 2009, the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever in a best-of-five series. The Phoenix Mercury has won the

WNBA Championship twice in the last three seasons and they are now set to solidify their mark in women's basketball. The Mercury proved to be the best team in the WNBA from start to finish, ending with the best record in their conference and in the league.

The Mercury succeeded through the dedication, hard work, and passion of the players, coaches, and staff. More importantly, this team owes a great deal of its success to their fans, which have demonstrated their support in record numbers. Arizonans and WNBA fans across the world share in the excitement and pride that the Phoenix Mercury displayed both on and off the court during this inspiring victory.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Phoenix Mercury team, including Head Coach Corey Gaines and his Assistant Coaches, Julie Hairgrove and Bridget Pettis; and players Dawanna Bonner, Candice Dupree, Sequoia Holmes, Tameka Johnson, Taylor Lilley, Nicole Ohlde, Brooke Smith, Tangela Smith, Ketia Swanier, Penny Taylor, and Diana Taurasi.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable success of this team, whose achievements and camaraderie should be models for other teams across the country. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury on an impressive season and best of luck in continuing your championship stride.

RICHARD J. WILDING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard J. Wilding. Richard will be retiring July 31 after 19 years on the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Directors.

Richard has served as Director of Libraries for the past four years, providing the leadership and vision that has provided the Kansas City area with a fiscally sound library program and expanded the Mid-Continent Public Library system into the largest in the State of Missouri. Richard has also taken an active part in the construction and renovation of libraries throughout Clay, Jackson and Platte Counties throughout his many years serving as Business Manager, Assistant Director and Director of Libraries.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard J. Wilding for his accomplishments with the Mid-Continent Public Library System and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

HONORING SIERRA NO. 3

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers upon their diligent work and commitment to restoring the famous Sierra No. 3 locomotive. The restored Sierra No. 3 made its debut at

the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown, California on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Sierra No. 3 is an 1891 vintage steam locomotive built by Rogers Locomotive Works in Paterson, New Jersey. The locomotive was originally purchased in 1891 for use on the Prescott and Arizona Central, a railroad owned by Thomas Bullock. Due to the failure of the Prescott and Arizona Central railroad, Sierra No. 3 was transported to California and used in the building of the Sierra Railway from Oakdale, California.

In the early 1900's, Hollywood producers first discovered Tuolumne County and its historic trains. Since then, Hollywood has been filming Sierra No. 3, the photogenic steam locomotive along the Sierra Railroad's scenic route, to satisfy America's love affair with Western movies. Starring in more than 100 movies and television productions, Sierra No. 3 has appeared in more motion pictures, documentaries and television productions than any other locomotive. It appeared in *The Virginian* with Gary Cooper in 1929, the first sound movie filmed outside of a Hollywood sound stage. Shortly after it appeared in *The Texan*, Sierra No. 3 was derailed from the movie business as the depression hit and the Sierra Railway was struggling with bankruptcy and reorganization. In 1948, repairs were made to Sierra No. 3 and the locomotive hit the movie scene once more, appearing in *High Noon*, *The Great Race*, *Bound for Glory*, *Back to the Future III* and *Unforgiven*. The locomotive also appeared on numerous commercials and television shows, including *Lone Ranger*, *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *Petticoat Junction*, *Rawhide*, *Death Valley Days*, *Lassie*, *Gunsmoke*, *Bonanza*, *The Wild, Wild West*, and *Little House on the Prairie*.

After sitting idle for many years, Sierra No. 3 was overhauled and returned to service in 1948. It operated for many years pulling special excursion trains and starring in movies. It was Sierra No. 3's use in the movies that preserved the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse when most railroads were scrapping their locomotives and demolishing the old railhouses. In 1995, the Federal Railroad Administration implemented new requirements to ensure the safe operation of the aging American steam locomotives. The 110-year-old Sierra No. 3 was assessed and it was determined that major repairs were required for it to be in compliance with the new regulations. In early 2000, a crew began to disassemble the locomotive, but the project was put on hold until a major fundraising effort was initiated in 2007. The restoration process took almost three years and cost 1.5 million dollars to complete.

Today, Sierra No. 3 is fully repaired, restored and ready for its debut. The locomotive is housed at the original Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse (now Railtown 1897 State Historic Park). Railtown 1897 operates, preserves and interprets one of just two remaining, fully intact and still functioning steam-era shortline railroad roundhouse complexes in the United States. With the dedication of many volunteers and partnerships, Sierra No. 3, originally built almost 120 years ago, will be available to carry passengers along the historic gold country route.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers and the partners involved upon their success in bringing back Sierra No.

3. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing all involved many years of continued success.

HONORING JACK SAUM FROM
MARYLAND AS TRUCK DEALER
OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently honored by his peers within the trucking industry. Mr. John "Jack" Saum was named the 2010 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Orlando, FL. The award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service. The winner was chosen by a panel of distinguished professors from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Mr. Saum is Chairman of the Board of Beltway Companies, LLC, which is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland in my Congressional district. Beltway Companies LLC is a truck dealership with six locations in Maryland which provide sales, parts and service to a large number of trucking companies and their truck fleets. Two of Jack's dealerships are in the Sixth District. Central Maryland International Truck is in Hagerstown, Maryland. Central Maryland International Truck and Idealease is in Frederick.

Mr. Saum has been involved in the truck business for more than 40 years having begun his career with International Harvester as a sales trainee in 1969. He held a series of management positions with International Harvester in the Northeast region of the country before joining Beltway International in 1984. Mr. Saum initially served as general manager at the Beltway dealership and assumed the role of dealer principal in 1997 when he purchased the dealership.

Under his leadership, the dealership grew exponentially from a single point location in Baltimore to six locations throughout Maryland.

Mr. Saum is also a strong supporter of green technologies both in commercial trucks as well as dealership fixed operations. His innovative business approach is exemplified in his "A New Truck is a Green Truck" initiative which focuses on environmentally friendly truck technologies. With support from the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Navistar, Mr. Saum has led efforts to educate public officials about the environmental and fuel efficiency advantages of new truck design improvements with a focus on new diesel-powered trucks, diesel-electric hybrid trucks, auxiliary power units, APUs, and retrofit programs. Another example of Jack's commitment to being a green truck dealer was his incorporation of "green" features at his newest dealership in Frederick. Jack installed a recycled oil heating system at this state-of-the-art facility that reduces the carbon footprint of Beltway's operations.

As part of his education outreach, Jack contributed a new class 8 18-wheeler "green truck" as an exhibitor at the second annual Go

Green Conference that I hosted in Frederick, Maryland on June 7, 2010. This free community service event featured more than 125 exhibitors including over 25 energy efficient, low emissions green vehicles. These exhibitors were mainly small and local businesses, like Jack's, committed to help homeowners and small business owners discover practical ways you can save money, use less energy, protect our environment and go green on any size budget.

Jack has been a winner of multiple awards from International for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. More importantly, Mr. Saum was named International Dealer of the Year for 2004 which is the highest honor an International dealer can earn.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and many of his employees at Beltway Companies, LLC. I ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his fellow customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders. I wish him the best for continued success in the future.

HONORING LEIGHTON STUART

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leighton Stuart. Leighton 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Leighton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Leighton has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and 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 Leighton Stuart for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1974, a heavily armed Turkish invasion force landed on the beaches of its sovereign, independent neighbor—Cyprus.

While ostensibly on a peaceful mission to restore order, the Turkish military carried out a brutal campaign against Greek Cypriots, called "Operation Atilla".

Over five thousand Greek Cypriots were estimated to have been killed; an additional sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing; and over two hundred thousand

Greek Cypriots were evicted from their homes, never to return.

Demetris Drakos, who was a child during the invasion, recently recalled his impressions to the BBC: "Fear and confusion as the Turks invaded, running out under the cover of night with nothing but the clothes on our backs, leaving behind our ancestral homes, our lives and in some cases our loved ones."

Subsequently, as part of an "ethnic cleansing"-style campaign, as some have deemed it, the occupying Turkish forces converted churches to mosques and brought Turkish squatters to settle in homes from which Greek Cypriots had been forced to flee.

The violent military occupation that began in July 1974 and the subsequent illegal actions by Turkey on Cyprus have been repeatedly criticized by the international community.

The United Nations Security Council has passed seventy-five separate resolutions calling for Turkey to allow Greek Cypriots to return to their homes and to withdraw its troops from Cyprus.

In 1976, 1983 and again in 2009, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Turkey was illegally occupying Cyprus and must return all seized properties to their Greek Cypriot owners.

Turkey continues to ignore such condemnations of its actions.

While both the United States and the United Kingdom have unequivocally stated their support for a Cypriot-authored solution for the reunification of the country with a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation enjoying a single sovereignty and citizenship, to date no similar commitments or comments have been issued by the Turkish government.

Turkey has a moral obligation to grant the Turkish Cypriot community full autonomy in the reunification negotiations and to clearly commit to abiding by any terms agreed upon in a Cypriot reunification agreement.

Above all, Turkey must withdraw its occupation troops from Cyprus.

Those actions would go farther toward achieving peace and stability in Cyprus than all the rhetoric of good intentions we have heard over and again from Ankara.

On this 36th anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting Cypriot efforts to establish a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict that has ravaged their country and divided their people for far too long.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF TOM CALIPER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career of Tom Caliper as he retires as business manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and as executive director of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council.

Tom Caliper is the son of Frank and Lola Caliper. Frank, in addition to serving as Mayor of the Village of Colp, Illinois, for 52 years, was the owner of Caliper Plumbing and Heating. Tom undoubtedly learned the plumbing trade from his father, but Tom says his father

also taught him a great deal about leadership and about caring for others, qualities that Tom has put to good use both as a labor leader and through his extensive charitable work.

Through 29 years in leadership for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and 25 years at the head of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council, Tom Caliper has made an indelible mark on the labor landscape of Southern Illinois. One of his most effective achievements was the implementation of a project labor agreement whereby all publicly funded projects in Southern Illinois would be constructed by Southern Illinois tradesmen and women. This led to increased economic and community development in the region as wages earned by Southern Illinois workers were re-invested within Southern Illinois communities.

Not only was Tom Caliper a driving force for organized labor but he was also responsible for improving the lives of countless area families through his volunteer and charitable efforts. Tom was instrumental in starting the "Coats for Kids" campaign which, through his tireless fund-raising and organizational efforts over the years, has provided needed warm-weather clothing for area children. It was important to Tom that the children who were the beneficiaries of the "Coats for Kids" program received only new, good-quality clothing, nothing second-hand.

Tom Caliper has been the model of leadership throughout his career. He has worked effectively in representing and advocating for his members, he has helped create additional opportunities for job creation and he realized the importance of giving back to his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Tom Caliper for his years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Southern Illinois and to wish him the very best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 450, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1219, had I been present for the last vote of the series.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER BAKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Baker. Christopher 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.

Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and 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 Christopher Baker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Social Security as its 75th birthday nears.

Social Security is among the most important programs ever created by our Government. Older Americans have worked hard and made sacrifices to ensure a better, stronger country for future generations. They deserve a secure, healthy retirement.

Without Social Security, one out of every two seniors would fall into poverty, and the disabled and survivors—including millions of children—would find themselves without this critical safety net in their time of need.

In my district alone, over 120,000 people received Social Security benefits in 2009, including over 77,000 seniors and nearly 13,000 children who receive benefits because a family member has retired, become disabled, or died. Today, as we approach its 75th anniversary, Social Security is once again under assault by Congressional Republicans.

The ranking Republican member on the House Committee on the Budget introduced H.R. 4529, the Roadmap for America's Future, which purports to rescue and strengthen Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, allowing them to fulfill their missions and making them permanently solvent—all while putting the federal budget on a sustainable path. If this were true, I would be the first in line to cosponsor the legislation.

However, independent analysis of the bill revealed the plan would raise taxes for most middle-income families, privatize a substantial portion of Social Security, and replace Medicare with a voucher system that would cover fewer and fewer health care services as the years went by.

What I find most disturbing about this proposal is the failure to acknowledge a connection between the recent volatility of the stock market and the effect that would have on privatized Social Security accounts.

When a trillion dollars of wealth can disappear in 30 minutes, as it did on May 6, 2010, we know that the stock market is not the place for seniors' life savings. Privatization, or partial privatization, of the Social Security system would have been disastrous for millions of senior citizens that depend on their Social Security checks every month.

Too many seniors in this country saw their retirement savings decimated by President Bush's economic crisis. I rise today to assure

seniors that I and the Democrats in Congress will continue to stand firmly opposed to any and all efforts to privatize Social Security. Seniors can count on us to preserve Social Security for both current beneficiaries and generations to come.

TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, today marks the 35th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The 1974 invasion claimed the lives of approximately 5,000 Greek Cypriots, while 200,000 were forcefully expelled from their homes. This is a dark chapter not only for Hellenes, but for all of Europe.

As this occupation continues, nearly 43,000 Turkish soldiers—nearly one soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots—are embedded in Cyprus, occupying over 35 percent of the island. This occupied area is one of the most militarized areas in the world.

Yet despite this military presence, Turkish and Greek Cypriots live in relative harmony. Since Ledra Street was opened, connecting occupied Cyprus to the south, over 13 million Greek and Turkish Cypriots have crossed the partition without incident. One can't help but wonder whom the Turkish military is protecting.

While Turkey's influence continues to wreak havoc on reunification negotiations, Cypriot President Demetrius Christofias continues to make the solution to the Cyprus problem his top priority. Having met with him in Nicosia last year, his commitment to finding a solution greatly impressed me. There was certainly no lack of will on the Greek Cypriot side.

To conclude, as we remember the invasion that split Cyprus in two, it is important to note that there are concrete efforts underway by the heads of the respective communities to reunify. Greek and Turkish Cypriots alike want to see a solution. What stands in the way is Turkey. If it still cares about ascending to the European Union, Turkey would be wise to remove its troops and stop impeding progress. For the sake of Cyprus, I hope Turkey wakes up.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall vote No. 448 on H. Res. 1472, rollcall vote No. 449 on H. Con. Res. 126, and rollcall vote No. 450 on H. Res. 1219. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

HONORING ZACHARY AULGUR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Aulgur. Zachary 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and 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 Zachary Aulgur for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate once again the anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, beginning in 1974, lasting up to the present time. The division of Cyprus has wreaked havoc on the island nation and left its Turkish-occupied section in disarray. It is cruel that the Cypriot people should continue to be subjected to this conflict.

This anniversary is particularly troubling, given Turkey's role in recent events in the Mediterranean. In May, the Turkish government supported a flotilla of boats attempting to run Israel's blockade of Gaza. Those so-called "peace activists" attacked the Israeli soldiers with bats, clubs and bricks, demonstrating their real intent: to harm Israel, rather than to help the people of Gaza.

In the aftermath of these events, Turkey had the audacity to criticize Israel's behavior toward Gaza, as though they themselves had "clean hands." Before they criticize Israel, the world must remember that Turkey has occupied and continues to occupy Cyprus, for no apparent reason, other than to increase their own sphere of influence in the region.

I hope Turkey will do in Cyprus as Israel did in Gaza: remove their troops and grant the people there a chance to govern themselves, without foreign interference. Unfortunately, the people of Gaza turned to violence rather than peaceful coexistence with their neighbor. By contrast, I believe the people of Cyprus are truly ready for peace, as has been demonstrated by the millions of incident-free crossings between the two sides. It is time for Turkey to remove their troops from Cyprus. That way, the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—can make the decisions affecting their future.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th Anniversary of the Turkish invasion of the Republic of Cyprus. In 1974 Turkey illegally invaded the northern part of the island nation Cyprus, and that occupation continues today. As a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I recognize and support the Republic of Cyprus as the sovereign political government of the island. This position is supported by the United Nations, and since 1974, more than 75 resolutions have been adopted by the U.N. Security Council calling for the return of the refugees to their homes and properties and for the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Cyprus.

In 2006, I cosponsored H. Res. 603, which urged the U.S. government to advocate for the immediate withdrawal of Turkish forces from the territories of the Republic of Cyprus. I will continue to support Cypriots as they seek a peaceful solution to the conflict dividing the island. It is my prayer that these two countries can find a solution to serve the best interest of all the people in the region, and one day live in peace.

HONORING THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization—one committed to special needs children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction and visionary leadership of president Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun and executive vice president Yehuda Kaploun deserve high praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children, an all-volunteer organization, is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities, or, as the Foundation prefers to recognize them, "Outstanding Children." The organization provides these children and their families with a wide range of programs, including social, physical, financial and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions; collects, purchases and distributes clothing for children in need; and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized.

The Foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in other institutions and has distributed gifts to thousands of children during the holiday season—including hundreds of toys given to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots and local law enforcement agencies' programs.

The corporate and individual supporters of the Foundation include concert chairmen Mr.

and Mrs. Richard Gans, Mr. Avi and Dr. Laura Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Rothman, the Jelly Belly Candy Company, Metropolitan Lumber Company, Mr. Robert Gans and the Croton Watch Company, as well as Ms. Rachel Sapoznik, Mrs. Janice Lipton, Mr. and Mrs. Yakov Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Rubin, Ms. Patti Shlesinger and Esther Kaploun, who heads the Division of Volunteers.

On July 24, 2010, at the Sullivan County Community College in Lock Sheldrake, New York, the Moses and Aaron Foundation, under the Honorary Chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will sponsor its 14th annual Summer "Chazak-Strength" Concert honoring and paying tribute to Special and Outstanding Children and their families.

The Guests of Honor will be the Special and Outstanding Children, many of whom will join the entertainers on stage to perform. More than forty organizations, camps and schools serving the physically and mentally disabled children will be represented.

The Chazak Concert, like all the Moses and Aaron Foundation's programs, demonstrates a caring and compassionate concern for others' quality and dignity of life and merits the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut, and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation as an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American society.

HONORING NATHAN SCHLAUD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Schlaud. Nathan 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and 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 Nathan Schlaud for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TERRY WEIDEN

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished veteran, an amazing community servant, a true patriot. Terry Weiden selflessly worked for the residents of LaSalle County, not the least of which were his fellow veterans. Mr. Weiden passed away Tuesday, July 6th, leaving a deep void in our hearts.

Born in Utica in 1954, Terry Weiden would eventually serve his country in the Armed Forces. As a military police officer in the United States Army, he rose through the ranks to become a Sergeant and served with distinction for thirteen years.

After his distinguished military career, Mr. Weiden became an active member of the Utica American Legion Pierce Davis Post 731 and the LaSalle Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4668. He is perhaps best known for his work as chairman of the Utica Veterans Day Parade, the largest Veterans Day parade in north-central Illinois.

Mr. Weiden's reach in LaSalle County was broad and extended beyond the veterans community. Mr. Weiden also served as the commissioner of the Utica Emergency Medical Training program for four years and led his local Knight of Columbus chapter, which helps make up one of North America's largest Catholic charities.

Mr. Weiden made his community and our country a better place. For the generations of Americans to come, his service and philanthropy stands as a splendid example.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH PEACE OPERATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Turkish peace operation which prevented an attempt by Greece to annex the island of Cyprus. Although peace prevails in Cyprus today, the social, economic and political development of the Turkish Cypriots has been restricted for more than four decades.

Despite their continued commitment to achieving a just and lasting settlement that respects the political equality of the two peoples on the island, the Turkish Cypriot people are still waiting for the international community to honor the promises it made to them that their isolation would be lifted. While the Greek Cypriots were given full membership in the European Union, despite rejecting a United Nations plan to unify the island, Turkish Cyprus is still largely isolated from the international community.

Madam Speaker, if the process is to move forward toward a lasting settlement it is important that the United States Congress recognize the unwavering commitment of the Turkish Cypriot people to unify the island and encourage the lifting of their isolation.

The current opportunity for a settlement arises from the ongoing negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General. The Turkish Cypriot side needs to be commended for the seriousness and commitment it has displayed in the negotiations. I would particularly like to applaud the new Turkish Cypriot president, Dr. Dervis Eroglu, who wasted no time after his election in resuming negotiations. It is time that this positive stance of the Turkish Cypriots be reciprocated. The Greek Cypriots should be encouraged to respond in kind to these gestures of good will.

We now find ourselves at a critical juncture in the history of Turkish and Greek Cypriot relations. It is vital that the United States joins a number of other voices in the international community who hope that a mutually acceptable settlement might be reached. In order to promote the spirit of good will generated during the recent meetings, I encourage this body to seize this opportunity to support the two Cypriot leaders as they work toward reunification.

RECALLING THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recall the tragic anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus that occurred on July 20, 1974.

Thirty-six years ago, Turkey attacked the Republic of Cyprus. Tragically, the legacy of that brutal act continues to this day. To this day, approximately 40,000 Turkish troops continue to occupy Cyprus. Turkish troops, in blatant disregard for the Rule of Law and the basic rights of the Cypriot people, continue to illegally divide the island into two areas. As a result, the Republic of Cyprus is one of the most militarized areas in the world.

I strongly urge both sides to fully comply with the guiding principles of the July 8, 2006 agreement. This agreement sought to establish working groups to operate together to reunify Cyprus into one bizonal, bicomunal federation with political equality. The July 8 agreement is an important achievement that has given both parties the framework to work toward a permanently unified and free Cyprus. Since September 3, 2008, the leaders of the two communities have held direct talks that are continuing regularly.

On March 5, 2010, President Demetris Christofias of the Republic of Cyprus sent a letter to President Obama and other world leaders to assist him in moving forward a proposal that would allow experts under the umbrella of the United Nations to enter the city of Famagusta and conduct a study to plan for the restoration of the city and refurbishment of its infrastructure, among other things, so that its inhabitants may return.

These are positive steps toward liberating the Cypriot people. A lasting and equitable solution for the people of Cyprus, the goal of a united Cyprus, and the restoration of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots is too important to abandon.

While the international community should support the Cypriot and Turkish leaders as they work toward a solution, the solution to the illegal occupation of Cyprus must be solved by the Cypriots themselves. Any solution must serve the interests of the people of Cyprus and must not be imposed by outside parties or subject to arbitrary timeframes.

Madam Speaker, I remain committed to the goal of a united and free Cyprus. After 36 years of illegal occupation, the Cypriot people deserve to be free from division and oppression at last.

INTRODUCING THE INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Investing In Our Future Act. This bill will discourage currency speculation while investing in future generations here at home and in vulnerable communities around the world.

The world's largest financial institutions regularly buy and sell world currencies for a quick profit. In fact, the global currency transaction market has a daily trading volume of \$4 trillion. A significant amount of these trades are purely for speculative purposes. These speculative trades make wealthy individuals and companies even richer, but add no value to our economy. On the contrary, speculation distorts markets, increases market volatility, and destabilizes our economy.

The Investing in Our Future Act will place a 0.005 percent tax on the trillions of dollars of currency trades that take place each day. The revenue generated would go into three separate trust funds: one to provide domestic long-term, sustainable funding for child care; another for global health funding; and a third trust fund for climate change mitigation in the developing world.

A tax of 0.005 percent on all currency transactions is a trivial amount for those who engage in trades for legitimate purposes. One study estimated a worldwide tax on currency transactions involving the dollar would decrease currency speculation and shrink the volume of the market by 14 percent. This legislation would, in the words of the late Nobel laureate James Tobin who first proposed such a tax, "throw some sand in the well-greased wheels" of speculation.

The imposition of a currency transaction tax is a minor inconvenience to a financial institution, but could represent a major step forward to meet and exceed our commitments to our children and to impoverished nations and communities.

A Child Care Assistance Trust Fund will receive 20 percent of the revenue generated by this tax. In our own country only one in seven children eligible for subsidized childcare actually receives it. The fund will help working parents of the 15.3 million children under the age of six find affordable childcare.

The Multilateral Global Health Trust Fund will receive 40 percent of the revenue generated by this tax. Dozens of poor countries lack the basic medical infrastructure to diagnose, treat, and prevent diseases like malaria

and tuberculosis. With funding towards these major diseases in developing nations, we can save lives and eliminate the threat of many of these illnesses within a generation.

The Global Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Trust Fund will receive the other 40 percent of funds generated by this tax. Climate change brings the side effects like hunger, poverty, and natural resource exhaustion to many developing countries. Conservative estimates are that \$100 billion is needed annually to help developing countries adapt to climate change and this fund will bring much needed assistance to them.

By contributing revenues from this bill towards these causes, we would be investing in the future of the residents of the developing world, and ours as well. I urge my colleagues to support the Investing in Our Future Act.

RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, Social Security is the most successful and important antipoverty program for seniors in our nation's history. It has helped millions of American seniors achieve retirement security and live with dignity in their old age. At Social Security's 75th birthday, we must increase our efforts to ensure that this critical government program is strong for future generations. We can leave no better legacy for our children and grandchildren than a commitment to eradicating poverty among senior citizens, the men and women who fought our wars, educated our children, and built our bridges and interstates.

We have all heard Minority Leader Boehner's comments on his plan to take Social Security benefits away from the men and women who need it most. Democrats are committed to stopping any Republican efforts to gamble away this bedrock program. Democrats led the efforts to establish Social Security in 1935 and strengthen it in the 1950s and 1960s. Democrats will continue to stand by Social Security. We are committed to ensuring this program's long-term solvency so that future generations will be guaranteed basic level of security in their old age. Social Security is a promise made to the American people that old age will not force hard-working Americans into poverty and destitution. As we have for 75 years, we intend to continue delivering on that promise.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the division of the Island of Cyprus.

Thirty-six years ago, Turkish troops invaded and occupied the island of Cyprus and divided

a community. While time may heal all wounds, the wounds of the division of Cyprus remain fresh today with thousands of Turkish troops continuing to occupy the northern third of the Island, with continuing support from the Ankara based government.

The Republic of Cyprus is a member of the European Union, a strong ally of the United States and a stable democracy in the Mediterranean. The Republic has opened the benefits of EU citizenship to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots on both sides of the divide. Since 2003 there have been confidence building exchanges and partnerships between the two communities and the residents have the ability to travel freely between the Republic of Cyprus and the occupied North.

With all these positive developments happening, some things still remain intractable.

The Turkish troop levels continue to be at the level present thirty-six years ago and Greek religious sites in the North still suffer from neglect. Communities may be free to travel but the Island is still divided based on ethnicity.

Bringing the Greek and Turkish communities together in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation is the goal of President Obama, the European Union and most importantly it is the goal of the Cypriot people. On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the division of Cyprus, I urge both Cypriot President Demetrius Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu to re-double their efforts to insure the removal of Turkish troops, free movement between the Greek and Turkish communities and for a final end to the division of the Island. The time is now for us as a Congress and with our President's commitment to move Cyprus to a future of peace and prosperity.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
LT. FRANK W. FOUTS V

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Lieutenant Frank W. Fouts V, a hero of his community, a proud father, and a loving husband. Lieutenant Fouts served the people of Kankakee as a firefighter and paramedic with honor and courage. Lieutenant Fouts passed away in the line of duty on July 1st, leaving behind an unimpeachable record of service to his fellow citizens and a deep love for his family.

Frank Fouts V was born on October 29, 1972 in Chicago Heights, IL. As a kid, Frank greatly admired his maternal grandparents, who were an active part of his upbringing. He attended local schools and enjoyed playing with his brother. When Frank Fouts graduated from Bloom Trail High School, he volunteered with the Grant Park Fire Department. Frank eventually was hired by the department and was certified as a paramedic. Frank continued to improve himself, attending Southern Illinois University and earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fire Science.

Frank then joined the Kankakee City Fire Department, where he literally wrote the book on responding to medical emergencies. A testament to his skill and knowledge, his texts on

the subject are required reading for all incoming Kankakee firefighters. Frank would build an impressive career, achieving the rank of Lieutenant in the Kankakee City Fire Department.

Frank Fouts was more than a firefighter. He was a family man, who cared deeply for his two young boys, Grant and Parker, and his loving wife, Kathy. A dedicated father, Frank set aside time each week for a boys' night, where he would spend time with his children. When his wife became ill, Frank was at her side, through the hardest hours of illness and recovery.

Lieutenant Fouts' commitment to community and deep affection to family are reasons why he was so adored and why his loss has brought such deep sadness. His service is in keeping with his profession's highest traditions of integrity and courage. We are forever in Frank's debt.

RECOGNIZING SNAP-ON
INCORPORATED

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Snap-on Incorporated, headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the celebration of the company's 90th anniversary.

The company was formed in 1920 by Joseph Johnson and William Seidemann as the Snap-on Wrench Company. Johnson and Seidemann used the new concept of interchangeable sockets and wrench handles to start the company.

Snap-on products are the foundation for many technicians throughout the state of Iowa and America who earn a living working their skills. Snap-on Incorporated has exported their business and ideals across the country and the world, including a manufacturing facility located in Algona, Iowa. Snap-on also continues to be a supplier to the U.S. Government since World War II. At the present time, Snap-on directly supplies the Armed Forces of the United States of America and NASA. Tools from Snap-on can be seen throughout the military operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

I congratulate Snap-on Incorporated and current chairman and CEO, Nicholas Pinchuk on this historic anniversary. I am proud to have a Snap-on facility located within my district and wish them great success in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the anniversary of the Turkish invasion of the Republic of Cyprus. Thirty-six years ago today, Turkish troops entered the country in violation of international law, and have since maintained, and even increased their occupation of the Northern portion of Cy-

prus. Besides turning over Greek Cypriot property to new Turkish immigrants it is widely reported that there are currently roughly one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots that they are claiming to defend.

Over the past 36 years, the occupation of Cyprus has grown to the point where Turkish troops can be found in almost 37 percent of the country's territory. This increase in occupation has occurred despite the fact that countless resolutions have been adopted by the U.N. Security Council and the U.N. General Assembly discouraging Turkey's continued occupation. These resolutions, which call for the return of refugees and the withdrawal of Turkish troops, have been blatantly ignored.

Turkey's invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus represents a violation of human rights and creates an unnecessary ongoing situation of tension and uncertainty throughout the island. It has resulted in ethnic segregation and a noticeable division between the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. Most notably, the Turkish occupation has provoked the forcible expulsion of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots from their homes, leaving nearly one-third of the country in an ambiguous state of homelessness waiting to see if an agreement will ever be reached and their land will ever be returned.

Just weeks ago we celebrated America's Independence Day. We celebrated our freedom and thriving representative democracy. Please join me in taking a moment today to remember and recognize the country of Cyprus as they continue to push for a restored democracy and a safe resolution to Turkish occupation.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the thirty-sixth anniversary of Turkey's invasion, and subsequent occupation, of Cyprus. It is deeply concerning to me that every year we are compelled to gather in this chamber to remind the world of the devastating events that led to the division of Cyprus, and to remember those who were killed, injured, or displaced when Turkey invaded the island in 1974. It remains very clear to me, and to most of my colleagues, as well as the vast majority of the international community, that Cyprus must be made whole again and Turkey must be held accountable for its reprehensible actions in dividing the island.

Just fourteen years after gaining its independence from Great Britain, Cyprus was illegally invaded by 6,000 Turkish troops and 40 tanks. These troops swept over the northern section of Cyprus, occupying nearly 40 percent of the island, and forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes. To date, more than 1,600 people remain unaccounted for, including five American citizens.

Thirty-six years after the invasion, we gather to honor and remember those who died. The world does not forget that Cyprus remains a nation divided and that over three thousand Turkish troops still illegally occupy almost half of the island in violation of international law.

As Cyprus is a member of the European Union (EU), a strong ally of the United States, and a stable democracy in the Mediterranean, we need to continue to send a clear message to Turkey that the illegal and immoral occupation of Cyprus will not be tolerated.

In an effort to move forward, Cyprus has extended the benefits of EU citizenship to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots on both sides of the divide, and there have been subtle exchanges and partnerships between the two communities since 2003. Residents now have the ability to travel freely between Cyprus and the occupied North.

Even with these positive developments, some aspects of the division remain intractable. The number of Turkish troops in the North is the same as thirty-six years ago. Greek religious sights in the North continue to suffer from neglect. Communities may be free to travel, but the island is still divided into ethnic enclaves.

I am optimistic that President Obama has identified bringing the Greek and Turkish communities together in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation as a priority, along with the EU. Most importantly, this is also the goal of the Cypriot people. On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the division of Cyprus, I encourage Cypriot President Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat to strengthen their efforts to remove Turkish troops, free movement between the Greek and Turkish communities, and end the division of Cyprus. It is time for us in Congress, with President Obama's commitment, to move Cyprus to a future of peace and prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with my colleagues in standing against Turkish oppression in Cyprus. Thirty-six years is a long time to wait, but it is my sincerest hope that our actions will persuade Turkey to end its unlawful occupation of Cyprus.

RECOGNITION OF HONDA'S MARYSVILLE PLANT AS IT PRODUCES THE 10-MILLIONTH ACCORD

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone for central Ohio auto manufacturers. On the morning of July 20, 2010, the ten millionth domestically-produced Honda Accord was manufactured at Honda's Marysville Auto Plant. The production center, located near Marysville, Ohio, has created thousands of jobs and brought billions of dollars in capital investments to central Ohio and the country as a whole.

In its 28th year of production, the Marysville automobile plant has undergone expansion along with continuous innovation and improved efficiency. It is one of the most flexible and efficient plants in North America, achieving top quality performance. In fact, the Marysville plant ranked among the top five in North America in the 2010 Initial Quality Survey conducted by J.D. Power and Associates.

The factory has evolved from its completion of 967 Accords in its first year of business to its current production capacity of 1,800 vehicles per day. Nearly all Accords sold in North America are now manufactured at the

Marysville plant. The success of this plant represents the achievements of the hard-working Ohioans who run its daily operations as well as our country's continued strength as a major global manufacturer.

Honda partners with 530 suppliers in the U.S. and 160 in Ohio in the production of passenger cars and light trucks. These purchases totaled \$12 billion last year, with \$5.5 billion in parts coming from suppliers in Ohio. The Accord has achieved considerable success in the United States, where it has remained a top-5 overall seller for the past twenty years. Numerous tests, past and present, rate the Accord as one of the world's safest and most reliable automobiles.

Honda has provided key investments in our community. Central Ohioans have demonstrated their skills and work ethic and have made the Marysville Auto Plant a leader in the region and world. I am proud to recognize this accomplishment as they produce the ten millionth Honda Accord in the United States, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Honda and the Marysville Auto Plant on this achievement.

THE 36TH COMMEMORATION OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, 36 years ago today, Turkish forces invaded the sovereign nation of Cyprus, killing 5,000 Greek Cypriots and displacing nearly 200,000. This blatant violation of international law and lack of respect for a country's right to self-determination is made worse by the fact that Turkish occupation of the northern area of Cyprus continues to this day.

This is a dark anniversary to mark, one that represents an entire generation of Cypriots expelled from their homes—their property confiscated, family members missing and religious artifacts vandalized and destroyed. This occupation desecrates the basic freedoms and rights of the Cypriot people. Nearly 37 percent of the island of Cyprus remains under Turkish military control insistent on an illegitimate sovereignty that is unrecognized by any nation but Turkey. This is completely unacceptable.

In the past 36 years, there have been more than 75 resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council—a council of which Turkey is a member. These resolutions call for the return of refugees to their homes and withdrawal of troops from Cyprus. President Demetris Christofias has followed through on his election promise to make the solution of this problem his top priority and has had several full-fledged negotiations with the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community. Yet, the negotiations' success has been consistently thwarted by Ankara, which has not given great freedom to the Turkish Cypriot leaders to negotiate within the agreed-upon framework.

The legitimate, internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus stands firmly for peaceful resolution of the conflict. This path to a resolution calls for a single citizenship, a single sovereignty, and two politically equal communities. The solution to proceed with a bi-zonal,

bi-communal federation is, most importantly, Cypriot in design.

Cyprus must be the author of its own path forward. Yet, the United States can and must do more to encourage Turkey to support the process and the reunification of the island. We should use our influence with Turkey to urge it to actively support the reunification of the island and to withdraw its troops from the island. We must provide support and assistance to the process and those working to move it forward.

As a Greek American and as a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I could not feel more strongly about the reunification of Cyprus. Cyprus is a nation that has endured occupation long enough. For us, the issue is straightforward and clear: we must do all we can to aid our ally, the Republic of Cyprus, in righting the wrongs of the past 36 years and in so doing, to promote peace and security in the Mediterranean.

HONORING THE STATLER CENTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Statler Center, a program of the Olmsted Center for Sight, on its tenth anniversary of service and commitment to blind, visually impaired and disabled individuals across the nation to achieve their highest level of independence.

The Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D. Center for the Visually Impaired was founded in 1907 to serve the needs of blind and visually impaired individuals of all ages who reside in the eight counties of Western New York. It remains the only agency within its region specifically mandated to provide comprehensive blind rehabilitation, health-related and human services to this highly specialized population.

Consistent with the agency's mission to assist blind and otherwise disabled individuals achieve their highest levels of independence in their homes, communities and places of work, the Olmsted Center founded the Statler Center program in response to a critical need to create meaningful career opportunities for blind and physically challenged working age adults who are capable and motivated to live productive self-sufficient lives.

Now in its tenth year of operation, the Statler Center remains the first and only program of its kind in the nation, annually drawing students from throughout the United States and world. It offers an intensive ten-week curriculum that includes classroom instruction, technology training, job readiness skills and comprehensive and continuous placement and career advancement services upon completion of the program.

While the national unemployment rate for people without disabilities is upwards of 9%, physically or visually impaired individuals suffer at a strikingly higher rate of 70%. The Statler Center is instrumental in combating this disparity as their job placement rate is currently 82% with a starting salary that is well above minimum wage. In addition, the staff works intensively with Statler students and graduates throughout the entire application,

job search and employment orientation process. Its active and extensive network of corporate partners in both the public and private sectors has resulted in this unprecedented job placement rate in a variety of positions in hospitality and customer service.

A cost-benefit analysis conducted by the State University of New York at Buffalo concluded that the "benefits of training blind and physically disabled persons for employment in the hospitality industry far outweigh the costs." The analysis found that "Statler Center graduates have employment rates significantly higher than national averages for persons with disabilities" with a return on investment for training the disabled found to be as high as \$51 for every \$1 invested.

A member institution of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, The National Statler Center for Careers in Hospitality Service is located within this exciting 1200 acre world-class location in downtown Buffalo, New York where the focus is on clinical care, research, education and entrepreneurship.

On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the generous support of the center's contributing national and local foundation, community partners, staff, faculty, and most of all our dedicated students will be deservedly recognized as the 10th Anniversary of the Statler Center is celebrated. The festivities will begin with the graduation of the 34th Statler Class. These graduates will then join the more than 340 alumnae who are working in an array of jobs including: front desk clerks and managers in New York, night auditors in Michigan, PBX operators in California, customer service agents in Florida and a proprietor of a new hotel in Costa Rica opened by a truly entrepreneurial graduate.

The Statler Center's job-readiness training and follow-up advisement helps students become, and remain productive, valued employees and it is my honor to pay tribute to this outstanding program for ten years of exemplary service to individuals and their families. The efforts of this organization continue to make a difference in people's lives and are deserving of the highest recognition.

ON THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE TURKISH INVASION AND
SUBSEQUENT OCCUPATION OF
CYPRUS

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, today marks the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Turkish invasion and subsequent occupation of Cyprus. Since the late 1970s, the UN, with US support, has promoted negotiations aimed at reunifying the island. Despite high hopes for reconciliation in 2008, and despite some progress in that direction, the normalization process appears stalled.

We have a moral and ethical obligation to stand with Cypriots to reunify their island as a single sovereignty, with a single citizenship based on human rights, democracy and fundamental freedoms. It is time to acknowledge and rectify abuses against Greek Cypriots whose rights have been ignored or violated over these many years. It is time to find com-

mon ground and help Cyprus build a unified economy. According to the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, a successful federalist settlement could lead to an additional ten percent GDP growth within seven years.

I have spoken out on this issue before, and will continue to press for the day in which we have a reunified and prosperous Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live together in peace, security and stability, free from foreign aggression and intervention.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
RICHARD M. DAWSON, USA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a fallen hero. Private First Class Richard M. Dawson of the United States Army served this country proudly and with the highest level of honor. He gave the ultimate sacrifice to this nation by paying with his life while fighting for freedom in one of this country's most trying conflicts, World War II.

PFC Dawson grew up on a farm in Haynesville in Richmond County, known affectionately by his family as "Norris". He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1938 and was one of a select few chosen to join the Allied effort to regain control of Burma from the Japanese. In 1944, his Army Air Force unit was stationed in Dinjan, India, flying transport missions over "the Hump" of the Himalaya Mountains to supply American, British and Chinese forces fighting the Japanese in China and Burma. Despite reported bad weather conditions, his aircraft commander demonstrated extreme courage and elected to carry out its vital cargo-drop mission in the northern most portion of Burma. The Army reported the twin-engine C-47 Skytrain and its crew of seven took off to drop ammunition at Myitkyina in the mountains of northern Burma. Tragically, the aircraft never reached the drop zone and all seven crewmembers perished. Efforts to find the cargo plane were unsuccessful until late 2002 when a missionary provided U.S. officials with a data plate from a C-47 crash site approximately 31 miles northwest of Myitkyina. A Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command team excavated the crash site in 2003 and 2004, recovering additional remains and crew-related equipment which included an identification tag for Dawson.

The remains of the Richmond County airman were buried July 15, 2010 in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

PFC Dawson is survived by his 78 year-old sister Christine King, who remembers the day in 1944 that a telegram arrived to tell the Dawson family that their son and brother was missing. He was 25 years old at the time. Dawson was a loving son who wrote frequent letters to his mother, beginning each one imploring her not to worry about him. This is a prime example of Dawson's selflessness which was exemplified throughout the duration of his service.

I extend to PFC Dawson's relatives my sincere condolences and deep appreciation for his service to our nation. We are forever ap-

preciative of the sacrifice he made to further the cause of freedom. We hope that his remaining family will find comfort in knowing he will rest in peace among America's finest who answered our nation's call to duty and who did so with bravery and valor.

HONORING JAMES R. WALKER,
CRNA, DNP, PRESIDENT OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NURSE ANESTHETISTS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to James R. Walker, CRNA, DNP, of Pearland, Texas, in my congressional district. Dr. Walker will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am very pleased that a fellow Texan was elected by his colleagues as the 2009–2010 President of this prestigious national organization.

Founded in 1931 and celebrating its 79th anniversary, the AANA is the professional organization that represents more than 40,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and nurse anesthesia students nationwide. As you may know, CRNAs are advanced practice nurses who administer more than 32 million anesthetics in the United States each year. CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons; in the U.S. military, Public Health Service, and in Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities. CRNAs also specialize in the management of pain. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and in some States are the sole anesthesia providers in the vast majority of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services.

Dr. Walker was educated in the art and science of Nurse Anesthesia, at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In addition, Dr. Walker holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, and he is currently working on a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing at the Texas Women's University in Houston, Texas. Currently, he is the Director of the Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia at the Baylor College of Medicine, where he also serves as an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Walker has held numerous leadership positions in the AANA as Regional Director and President-elect before becoming the National President of the AANA in August 2009. In addition, he has served terms as President, President-Elect, Vice-President, and Federal Political Director, for the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TANA).

While at the Baylor College of Medicine, he was awarded the J. David Holcomb Achievement Award for Allied Health Sciences Education, Research, Faculty Development, and

Scholarship; the Fulbright & Jaworski Faculty Excellence Award for Educational Leadership; and has been named Outstanding Academic Instructor numerous times. In 2004, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists named him Program Director of the Year. Dr. Walker has been a Member of the Texas Nurses Association; a Member of the American Nurses Association; a Member of the American Academy of Pain Management (AAPM), and served as an On-site Team Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. Adding to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Walker has been recognized for speaking on anesthesia- and sleep apnea-related topics over the years.

During his AANA Presidency, Dr. Walker advocated for CRNAs and patients before the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Health Resources Services Administration, and other federal agencies. In addition, Dr. Walker represented the AANA before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, testifying about the contributions of CRNAs in the Veterans Affairs and military health systems. Finally, Dr. Walker has been an invaluable advocate for the value of CRNAs in the environment of health reform, as the attention of the Nation and this Congress has been upon making high quality healthcare more accessible and less costly to patients, households, employers and our country. In particular, he has demonstrated leadership in promoting provider non-discrimination, supporting equity in anesthesia payment in educational settings, advancing patient access to rural CRNA services, and in reversing Medicare Part B cuts for anesthesia and physician services. Through his leadership, a landmark study on the cost effectiveness and quality of anesthesia professionals was published this summer in the journal *Nursing Economics*, showing specifically how CRNA services contribute to cost-effective and well-managed healthcare delivery in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers.

Madam Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the outgoing President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Dr. James R. Walker, CRNA, DNP, for his notable career and outstanding achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PERSONALIZE YOUR CARE ACT OF 2010 WHICH WOULD PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FOR VOLUNTARY ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CONSULTATIONS; MAKE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT "PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT" TO SUPPORT PATIENT AUTONOMY ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE; REQUIRE ADVANCE CARE PLANNING STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS; AND ALLOW PORTABILITY OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES ACROSS STATES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Personalize Your Care Act of 2010.

Advances in healthcare have led to increasingly complex health care decisions and more treatment options than we have ever had the benefit, or the burden, of choosing between. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that individuals should be fully involved in decisions related to their health care, making informed decisions that reflect their values and their needs. We also agree that when people have expressed their wishes, those wishes should be known and respected.

While there is widespread agreement in these principles, too often this is not the reality. Most adults have not completed an advance directive; if documents are completed, they are not regularly revisited and can be difficult to locate. Because these issues are difficult to discuss, surrogates can feel ill-prepared to interpret their loved ones' written wishes.

These shortcomings often leave families and health care proxies faced with the burden of determining their loved ones' wishes in the midst of crisis, sometimes with little or no information about how best to direct care. This adds not only stress and anxiety to an already difficult situation, but studies show that lack of advance care planning actually prolongs the grieving process after losing a loved one.

One of the greatest misconceptions about advance care planning is that it is a one-time event. Attempting to plan for all possibilities in a single document or within a single conversation is both overwhelming and impossible. Early advance care planning is important because a person's ability to make decisions may diminish over time and he or she may suddenly lose the capability to participate in his or her health care decisions. Ongoing conversations are also necessary.

For advance care planning to be successful, it must become less about legal documentation and more about facilitating ongoing communication about future care wishes among individuals, their health care providers, and surrogates. This approach recognizes that advance care documents like advance directives are not the "ends", but the "means"—the tools for documenting care preferences based on informed decisions that incorporate an indi-

vidual's values, personal goals, and current circumstances.

This process not only provides higher quality care, but personalized care.

The Personalize Your Care Act aims to support advance care planning by providing Medicare and Medicaid coverage for voluntary consultations about advance care planning every 5 years or in the event of a change in health status. This periodic revisiting of advance care documents and goals of care recognizes that individual's preference may change over time. More so, should an individual develop a serious or chronic illness, additional curative and palliative treatment options may be available and the advance care plan should be updated to reflect the individual's current circumstances and preferences.

Honoring the expressed wishes of individuals must also be a priority and for this to occur, advance care planning documents must be accessible where care is provided. To this end, the bill would ensure that an individual's electronic health record is able to display his or her current advance directive and/or physician orders for life sustaining treatment (POLST), so that his or her wishes would be more easily accessible and respected. Furthermore, advance directives would be more portable to help individuals ensure that advance directives completed in one state are honored in another state in which the individual needs care.

And lastly, the bill provides grants to states to establish or expand physician orders for life sustaining treatment programs. These programs have a track record of promoting patient autonomy through documenting and coordinating a person's treatment preferences, clarifying treatment intentions and minimizing confusion, reducing repetitive activities in complying with the Patient Self Determination Act, and facilitating appropriate treatment by emergency personnel.

These investments in advance care planning will reinforce patient-centered care—engaging individuals in planning and decision-making about their future care and ensuring that those preferences are documented, accessible, and can be honored in any state and care setting.

I am proud to introduce the Personalize Your Care Act with the support of patient advocates, physicians, nurses, and the faith community who see everyday how advance care planning improves individuals' and families' peace of mind and the quality of their care.

I would like to submit for the RECORD letters of support from the AARP, Supportive Care Coalition, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and American Hospital Association.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
RETIRED PERSONS,
July 19, 2010.

Hon. EARL BLUMENAUER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BLUMENAUER: AARP is pleased to endorse the Personalize Your Care Act of 2010. Your bill ensures that more Americans have the opportunity to better plan and prepare for their future health care needs. Early advance care planning informs physicians, other health care providers, and family members of an individual's treatment preferences should he or she become unable to direct their own care. This planning and informed decision-making between patients,

families, and their health care providers aligns treatment with patients' wishes.

To help encourage advance care planning, the Personalize Your Care Act would provide Medicare and Medicaid coverage of voluntary advance care planning consultations between individuals and their doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Such consultations would occur no more often than every five years unless there is a significant change in the health, health-related condition or care setting of the individual.

Honoring the expressed wishes of individuals must be a priority regardless of where the care is provided. To this end, the bill would ensure that an individual's electronic health record would include their current advance directive and/or physician orders for life sustaining treatment (POLST), so that their wishes would be more easily accessible and respected. Furthermore, advance directives would be more portable to help individuals ensure that advance directives executed in one state are honored in another state in which the individual needs care.

Finally, the bill would also authorize grants to establish statewide programs for physician orders for life sustaining treatment or to expand or enhance existing POLST programs. POLST translates the wishes of patients with advanced chronic progressive illness into medical orders that health care systems understand.

AARP supports your bill to help give Americans peace of mind knowing their wishes for care are understood and respected. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me or have your staff contact Rhonda Richards on our Government Relations staff at (202) 434-3770.

Sincerely,

DAVID P. SLOANE,
*Senior Vice President,
Government Relations
and Advocacy.*

SUPPORTIVE CARE COALITION,
July 15, 2010.

Hon. EARL BLUMENAUER,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

Re: Personalize Your Care Act of 2010

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BLUMENAUER: The Supportive Care Coalition is pleased to endorse the "Personalize Your Care Act of 2010" which promotes advance health care planning and provides individuals the opportunity to fully participate in decisions related to their health care or the care of a person for whom they are the proxy or surrogate. The Coalition supports providing a Medicare and Medicaid benefit for voluntary patient-physician consultations regarding advance care planning. These consultations will ensure that an individual's values and goals for care are identified, understood and respected. This legislation also provides grants to states to create Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment programs, allows portability of advance directives across states, and requires standards to include completed advance care planning documents within a patient's electronic record, increasing the likelihood that these documents are kept up-to-date and available.

The Supportive Care Coalition, comprised of 19 Catholic health organizations with approximately 425 acute care hospitals and 150 long-term care facilities nationwide, works to assure excellence in palliative care in all Catholic health care settings.

We envision a society in which all persons living with or affected by a chronic or life-threatening condition receive compassionate, holistic, coordinated care. This will include relief of pain, suffering and other symptoms from the time of diagnosis

throughout the process of living and dying. Such excellent care will be provided according to need, respecting the values and goals of individuals, their families and other loved ones. It will assist them to live fully in community and will support survivors in their bereavement. Through such care, we believe that God's healing love is revealed.

The Coalition commends you on your leadership in promoting advance health care planning and we look forward to collaborating with you to facilitate available and accessible high-quality palliative care services across the continuum of care.

Sincerely,

JAMES SHAW, MD.,
Chair, Board of Directors.

TINA PICCHI, MA, BCC,
Executive Director.

NATIONAL, HOSPICE AND
PALLIATIVE CARE ORGANIZATION,
Alexandria, VA, July 6, 2010.

Hon. EARL BLUMENAUER,
*Rayburn House Office Building, Washington,
DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BLUMENAUER: On behalf of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and its more than 30,000 provider and individual members, I am writing in support of the Personalize Your Care Act of 2010. While research shows that a large majority of Americans would prefer to die at home, more than seventy-five percent die in hospitals each year. At the same time, additional research shows that when people facing a life-limiting illness have discussions with their physician about end-of-life care preferences, they experience less physical and psychological distress and overall, a better quality of death.

Your proposed legislation recognizes that with appropriate Medicare and Medicaid coverage for voluntary advance care planning consultations, grants for programs in support of Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST), advance care planning standards for electronic health records and portability of advanced directives, the American healthcare system can meet the complex needs of our aging population.

The Personalize Your Care Act would empower patients, decrease the burden on families, and produce end-of-life care outcomes, while increasing care quality and adherence to patient wishes. Enactment of your legislation would mean the realization of many long-time NHPCO goals, especially the provision of coverage for voluntary advance care planning consultation between a patient and their health care practitioner. Discussing advance care planning before a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary finds him or herself in a medical crisis will help ensure the patient gets the care that he or she wants. One of the most frequent comments from family caregivers that hospice providers hear is "Why didn't we know about this sooner?" Coverage for advance care planning consultations would ensure patients and family caregivers knew all of their options earlier.

NHPCO commends your leadership on the advancement of end-of-life care planning. We strongly support passage of this important legislation, and look forward to working with you on this and future legislation that meets the need for all Americans to have access to quality end-of-life care.

Sincerely,

J. DONALD SCHUMACHER, PSYD
President/CEO.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2010.

Hon. EARL BLUMENAUER,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. BLUMENAUER: On behalf of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and the physicians and other practitioners that work in hospitals, I commend you for introducing the Personalize Your Care Act of 2010.

Your legislation recognizes that today's fast-paced health care environment often impedes effective communication between patients, families and caregivers—physician visits and hospital stays are shorter, medical care more complex, and more patients want to take an active role in care decisions. Hospitals have been doing ever more to foster clearer, more frequent and more satisfying communication during the hospital experience, and these discussions add quality and value to patient care. Your legislation rightly addresses the need for Medicare and Medicaid to recognize the time and training required of physicians and other practitioners to talk with patients in advance to clearly articulate their wishes for treatment if they suffer a life-threatening medical crisis.

Three years ago, the AHA joined in a campaign designed to encourage patients to articulate their wishes for care—a campaign we called "Put it in Writing." Your bill would ensure that patients could draw on the knowledge and perspective of a trusted clinician as they seek to articulate their desires. We look forward to working with you toward enactment of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

RICK POLLACK,
Executive Vice President.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 463
OF NORTHFORD, CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 463 for its forty-five years of service to our community, and to congratulate them for being chosen to represent Connecticut, the Connecticut Yankee Council, and the Boy Scouts of America by carrying the Council's flag in the Centennial Parade in Washington, D.C.

Originally chartered in March of 1965 and sponsored by Northford Acres Volunteer Fire Department Company #3, Troop 463 of Northford, CT, was established to provide character development and citizenship training and promote mental and physical fitness among the youth of the community.

The boys of Troop 463 have dedicated at least forty weekends a year to Scout related activities. Community Service is a fundamental part of the Scouting Program, and the Troop has volunteered with organizations such as Relay For Life, Habitat for Humanity and Town Leaf Recycling. They have also participated in food drives, clothing drives, and community and church cleanups.

Since 2007, six Scouts have achieved scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout, bringing Troop 463's total to an impressive 23. Recently, Life Scout Joseph L. Parisi completed the Troop's latest Eagle Scout Project, the planning and construction of a 200 foot long pedestrian bridge on a town hiking trail.

I share Troop 463's pride in being nominated as a "Super Troop" for four years, three of which have been consecutive. The Super Troop honor is bestowed upon the Troop which exemplifies the best in Scout Spirit, competitive edge, good attitude and demonstrates a positive example to others.

Madam Speaker, the young men of Boy Scout Troop 463 have shown dedication to their peers, their community, and their cause. The Troop's accomplishments reflect the best values of Scouting and should not go unnoticed.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL R. STEVEN WHITCOMB

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Lieutenant General R. Steven Whitcomb will retire after 40 years of service in the United States Army on October 1, 2010. He has served his country well and will be sorely missed.

Lieutenant General Whitcomb graduated from the University of Virginia in 1970 with a Bachelor's degree in History. From there, he went on to receive degrees from the California University of Pennsylvania, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. He was commissioned through ROTC and entered the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer.

First stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, he steadily rose through the ranks and excelled at each assignment he was given. From combat operations in Desert Shield/Desert Storm to Operation Joint Forge to Operation Iraqi Freedom, he effectively led our men and women into battle and never forgot that the Army's most precious assets are those who wear the uniform of our Nation's military. Throughout his career he consistently showed his dedication to the youngest members of the U.S. Army. As a professor and a mentor for ROTC, he made sure the young cadets of the U.S. Army were well-trained with high morale and in excellent physical condition.

At the Pentagon, Lieutenant General Whitcomb served several roles including Executive Officer for the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. He ended his forty years of distinguished service as the Inspector General for the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

Madam Speaker, throughout his lifetime of service, Lieutenant General R. Steven Whitcomb has shown uncommon professionalism and dedication to the mission of the United States Army. I wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during yesterday's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 1472, H. Con. Res. 126, and H. Res. 1219.

RECOGNIZING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S ILLEGAL INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, tonight I join my colleagues on the House floor to remember the 36th anniversary of Turkey's illegal occupation of Cyprus.

On July 20th 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus in violation of international law and at great cost to the citizens of Cyprus. Turkish troops established a heavily-armed force which occupied the northern part of Cyprus and continues to occupy close to 37 percent of Cyprus' territory. The invasion forced nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots to flee their homes—making one-third of the Cypriot population refugees in their own country.

Today, Turkey continues to illegally occupy northern Cyprus with a force of 43,000 troops. This unbelievable number of troops amounts to almost one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots. This military occupation flies in defiance of international pressure to achieve a peaceful settlement.

Beyond the military occupation of northern Cyprus it is important to consider the mass colonization which has resulted in 160,000 Turkish mainland settlers illegally living on property owned by Greek Cypriots or even U.S. citizens. Once again this illegal colonization comes despite international pressure on Turkey to take action to stop the illegal occupation and ensure the return of properties to their rightful owners.

In fact, since 1974 more than 75 resolutions have been adopted by the U.N. Security Council and more than 13 by the U.N. General Assembly calling for a withdrawal of Turkish troops and the return of refugees to their rightful homes. However, the Turkish government continues to remain defiant, plainly ignoring these calls to withdraw.

In recent months we have continued to see Turkey pursue policies that not only hurt its relations with nations that should serve as true democratic allies, but also policies that hurt regional relations and stability. I have been an outspoken opponent of Turkey's irresponsible regional relations, which in many ways negatively affect the U.S. Whether it is the illegal blockade on its border with Armenia, the failure to take proper recourse to investigate a domestic group that incited a deadly incident with Israeli troops, their continued violations of Greek airspace or their illegal occupation of northern Cyprus, Turkey disrespects international law and regional partners of the United States.

There comes a time when the United States must say enough is enough and take principled steps to prevent further destabilizing actions. As a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I have long advocated for the withdrawal of Turkish forces from northern Cyprus and called on Turkey to support a settlement that comes from the Cypriots themselves.

The United States must do its part to foster a united Cyprus. It is in the best interest of the

United States, and I believe all involved parties to ensure that the goal is a reunified Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots live together in peace and security. A successful settlement effort must build on the work towards a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality that represents U.N. Security Council resolutions. In the end, Cyprus must have a single sovereignty and single citizenship which all Cypriots can enjoy.

Now is the time for Turkey to show that they are willing to take a sincere approach to allowing a peaceful resolution to the dispute. The leadership in Ankara must show that the will and support behind a peaceful settlement is in the best interest of Turkey and that it is fully supported. Without such a signal by the government of Turkey, a final settlement will continue to dwindle as Turkish settlers pursue the policies of their home nation.

It is now thirty-six years since the illegal Turkish invasion and subsequent occupation of Cyprus. However, the resolve has never been greater to ensure that Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots alike benefit from a united nation that affords them the stability and security that all citizens deserve. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has shown their willingness to work constructively with the Cypriots towards a reunified island. It is time for Turkey to do the same.

Last Congress, I introduced the bipartisan American Owned Property in Occupied Cyprus Claims Act. Through this legislation, Americans who are being denied access to their property and even their ancestral homes will finally be able to seek restitution. I am currently working with different stakeholders to strengthen this bill before reintroduction.

Madam Speaker, as we remember the 36th Anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, I remain hopeful a united Cyprus can become a reality. However, the United States can not be complacent in this goal.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on the thirty-sixth anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, to sadly commemorate this tragic event. Turkey's illegal occupation has continued for far too long. After decades of stagnation, the situation in Cyprus demands a just and comprehensive solution.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have passionately, aggressively, and persistently called for an end to the devastating artificial division of the island of Cyprus. I have been an outspoken critic of Turkey's obstinate belligerence on this issue and a supporter of what seems like countless bills and resolutions pleading, urging, and demanding a just and peaceful resolution.

My voice has been just one in a rising chorus of international leaders asking Turkey to end its occupation and help facilitate a solution that is amenable to all Cypriots. Since Turkey's 1974 invasion, numerous United Nations resolutions have condemned Turkey's

actions and called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Cyprus. Turkey remains the only nation to recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The consensus of the world community is apparent—Turkey's control over the island's future is unjust and must end.

As we and other nations work to forge a path towards a free and unified Cyprus that fulfills the needs of all its citizens, we should give special attention to the refugees who have been yearning to return to their homes in safety. A solution must be found that respects the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and provides to all Cypriots the dignity to which they are entitled. Difficult problems rarely have easy solutions—and Cyprus is no exception. Only a Cypriot state that reflects the needs and consent of all its people will be able to thrive. The international community—including Turkey—must help facilitate this transition. I hope Istanbul will find the political will and courage to at last be part of the solution.

Thirty-six years is far too long for this tragedy to continue in search of a solution we know is possible. We who live every day in a nation of different ethnic backgrounds and divergent religious beliefs know coexistence and self-governance is possible, and that pluralism is no pipedream. The citizens of Cyprus yearn for a government of, by, and for the people and deserve it as much as any of us.

HONORING GEORGE
STEINBRENNER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George Steinbrenner. While he is readily associated with the accomplishments of the New York Yankees under his ownership, I would like to recognize his incredible contributions to the Tampa Bay area.

In the 1970s, Mr. Steinbrenner chose to call Tampa his home, but he did much more than just reside there. While George Steinbrenner's name is apparent throughout the Tampa Bay area—prominently displayed on the Yankees spring training stadium—his generosity and contributions reach much further than the eye can see.

Much of Mr. Steinbrenner's generosity revolved around bettering the lives of youth. In 1981, he developed the Gold Shield Foundation to assist dependents of fallen law enforcement officials and firefighters both in their immediate time of need and with higher education costs.

He is also widely known for his contributions to the Boys and Girls Club, youth baseball organizations, the Pediatric Emergency Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, and numerous other organizations across the region.

I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Steinbrenner, and his impact on our community is immeasurable. Through his contributions, countless lives have been changed for the better. The effects of his generosity are sweeping and the effects will likely be visible for generations to come.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Steinbrenner before the House of Representatives for his

great generosity in building Tampa Bay communities.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOYCE
ROGERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Mrs. Joyce Rogers.

A long-time Brighton, Michigan, resident until her passing late last year, Joyce Rogers was a tireless public servant, devoting much of her time to the betterment and economic development of the Brighton community. As executive director of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Joyce Rogers played an integral role in rebuilding the business organization into the area's most important political and business networking organization. Through her efforts, Brighton was able to transform into a thriving business community, attracting new residents and customers to the area. Joyce Rogers was a pioneer in Michigan, forging the way for what we know today as economic development.

In addition to her work as a small business advocate, Joyce Rogers always remembered her role as a woman leader, taking time to serve her community by acting as a mentor to Brighton business women. Joyce Rogers not only supported women in small business, but also encouraged them to become involved in public service and politics in the Brighton community.

Joyce raised 5 successful sons, was an active participant in area charities, touched countless lives and helped change our community for the better. She lived every day believing that you could make a difference through hard work, respecting others and believing if you set your mind to it you could accomplish it. She was a leader in every aspect of her life and leaves a strong legacy of accomplishment and kindness to others. She is to be commended for her contribution to her family, her community and to the State of Michigan.

LA COUNTY VETS RESOLUTION
INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution with my California colleague Representative MCKEON and members of the Los Angeles delegation to honor the service and sacrifice of Los Angeles County soldiers and their families.

In the midst of two of the longest engagements of U.S. forces in American history, our troops are enduring some of the most challenging and dangerous conditions imaginable.

More than 6,000 Angelenos are now deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, serving with honor while enduring hardships and lengthy separations from their loved ones. Since the two wars began, more than 100 county resi-

dents have been killed in battle. More than 1,200 have suffered physical wounds, and many more suffer from PTSD.

They fight a war unlike those of their predecessors, against an enemy who targets and brutalizes its own citizens—innocent women and children—to advance its agenda.

While the enemy is cruel, our troops practice restraint. Where the enemy levels schools, clinics and businesses to demonstrate its power, our troops show even greater strength by helping to rebuild them. They do this to build trust and win the confidence of the people of Iraq and Afghanistan—the people who must ultimately stand up and fight for their own countries.

This generation of troops shows a level of bravery and discipline every day few of us possess in the face of grave danger, and they face those risks to protect their fellow Americans.

Thousands have returned home with physical and emotional wounds. Some heal, but other wounds remain with them and their families for a lifetime.

We declare our support for providing veterans and their families with the best medical care, and our support for veterans' continuing education, vocational training, and opportunities to enter new careers as civilians.

We support efforts to break the cycle of homelessness that haunts so many veterans, and to prevent more from suffering the same fate.

We encourage all Americans to show their support and enduring gratitude for our returning troops, many of whom face a difficult adjustment to a life not at war.

They answered a call for service in the midst of two brutal wars. We owe them and their families a great debt. Our resolution today is but a small testament to their dedication and valor.

HONORING THE LATE ARNOLD
FRIBERG

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the late Arnold Friberg, a proud Utah and world-renowned artist. Mr. Friberg passed away July 1, 2010 at 96 years young, just nine days following an agreement to create the Arnold Friberg Museum of Art. The Utah Cultural Arts Foundation will manage the museum and ensure the masterpieces of Mr. Friberg will be enjoyed by generations to come.

Mr. Friberg's patriotic depictions of General George Washington, his sketches for the famed "The Ten Commandments" movie, and his paintings of individuals and events from The Book of Mormon will forever be remembered in this newly created Museum.

In preparation of what became Mr. Friberg's defining artistic moment, Mr. Friberg traveled to Valley Forge, in the dead of winter, to identify with the bitter conditions General George Washington and the Continental Army experienced during the winter of 1777–1778. As Mr. Friberg put it, "Art to me is a service, to bring enrichment to people's lives. That's why I want my art to be perfectly understood. One of the

things I work for is clarity." The completed piece was released during an American bicentennial ceremony and captures the very essence of American pride and patriotism. For those of you who have seen "The Prayer at Valley Forge", the suffering, the pressure, and General Washington's faith in America is perfectly understood and visualized.

In the 1950's, Mr. Friberg partnered with Hollywood producer Cecil B. DeMille to serve as chief artist and designer for DeMille's epic motion-picture, "The Ten Commandments." Mr. Friberg's 15 paintings for "The Ten Commandments" served as the pictorial basis for the scenes, characters, and costumes of the legendary film. For his efforts, Mr. Friberg earned an Academy Award Nomination in 1956.

Other famous works include Mr. Friberg's work for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mr. Friberg painted and designed covers for the children's magazine, The Friend, and has depicted well-known scenes and moments from The Book of Mormon. These paintings are loved and celebrated by members of the LDS Church around the world.

Mr. Friberg was born in a Chicago suburb, but by the 1950's, he was an established resident of Utah. Utah Governor Gary Herbert recently called Mr. Friberg Utah's "adopted son." His Utah family will miss him, but his memory and his artwork will live on forever.

CHECHNYA A YEAR AFTER THE
KILLING OF NATALYA
ESTEMIROVA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, a year ago this month Natalya Estemirova, the leading human rights defender in Chechnya was abducted near her apartment building in the capital city of Grozny by unidentified men, transported to the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, and brutally killed. She led a courageous life of denouncing corruption, calling for a fair judicial system, and standing up for human rights. For that she was cut down. While her killers may have ended her life, they will never silence the voice she brought to these issues. Ms. Estemirova's work was well known to the Helsinki Commission, which I co-chair, and colleagues there recall her 2006 visit to discuss the situation in Chechnya. Like Estemirova, all too many of her fellow human rights defenders and journalists are targeted because they have the temerity to speak out about human rights abuses.

Today, inspired by Estemirova's work, I introduce a measure expressing solidarity with human rights defenders in the Russian Federation; urging the Russian authorities to take appropriate steps to end the harassment, persecution and attacks against activists; and calling for an end to impunity for those responsible for such acts, including through the conducting of timely, transparent and thorough criminal investigations into the unresolved murders of human rights defenders, journalists, and political opposition members and the prosecution of all of those responsible for these crimes.

The Helsinki Commission has been at the forefront of drawing attention to the human rights situation in Chechnya and elsewhere in the North Caucasus region of Russia, having held numerous hearings and briefings. Notwithstanding the assertions by the powers that be in Moscow that the situation in Chechnya has returned to normal, the reality on the ground reveals otherwise. The recently released 2009 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, issued by the Department of State, found that the Russian government's already poor human rights record in the North Caucasus worsened during the reporting period, with a marked increase in extrajudicial killings by both government and rebel forces and politically motivated disappearances in Chechnya as well as in neighboring Ingushetia and Dagestan. The Helsinki Commission remains deeply concerned over ongoing human rights abuses, legal impunity, and the permeating climate of fear in the North Caucasus.

While one cannot discount that terrorist elements are responsible for some of the rights violations in that region, many of the reported abuses are perpetrated by federal and local security forces in Chechnya, including the private militia of Chechen strongman Ramzan Kadyrov, the republic's Kremlin-backed president. While it remains unclear what, if any role Kadyrov had in Estemirova's killing, his contempt for her and other human rights defenders is palpable. Earlier this month Kadyrov publicly labeled independent journalists and rights activists as "traitors and enemies of the state." Among those targeted by the Chechen leader is the respected Russian rights organization Memorial.

Madam Speaker, as Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission I remain concerned over the deterioration of the human rights situation in the North Caucasus generally, and Chechnya specifically. I am not alone in this regard, as the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly adopted a resolution late last month on the North Caucasus. The measure pointed to a series of specific concerns in Chechnya against the backdrop of what it characterized as "a climate of pervading fear" nurtured by the current authorities: recurrent disappearances of government opponents and human rights defenders still remain widely unpunished; continuing threats and reprisals, including abductions of relatives of persons suspected of belonging to illegal armed factions; and ongoing intimidation of the media and civil society, among others.

Ramzan Kadyrov's utter contempt for human rights and fundamental freedoms was again manifested recently in his reaction to paintball gun attacks against women on the streets of Grozny apparently because they were not wearing headscarves. Instead of condemning the assaults, the Chechen president reportedly praised the perpetrators. While Kadyrov has largely been given free rein in Chechnya, that does not absolve his backers in Moscow from responsibility for the deteriorating human rights situation in that part of the Russian Federation.

As a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, it is incumbent upon the Russian authorities to ensure that fundamental freedoms are respected throughout the country, including in the North Caucasus. Turning a blind eye to human rights violations is unacceptable. I urge President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin to

take effective measures to stop the harassment, persecution and attacks against human activists and journalists in the Russian Federation and to end the impunity for those responsible for the murder of Natalya Estemirova and others. Only then will there be hope that the situation in Chechnya will return to anything approaching normal.

IN HONOR OF PENNSYLVANIA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN
BARBIN AND HIS EFFORTS TO
RAISE AWARENESS OF TRAUMATIC
BRAIN INJURY

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CRITZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hundreds-of-thousands of U.S. service members and veterans impacted by traumatic brain injuries.

Earlier this morning, Congressman BILL PASCRELL and I welcomed Pennsylvania State Representative Bryan Barbin to the U.S. Capitol. Representative Barbin completed a seven-day motorcycle ride through seven state capitals to raise awareness of the impact of traumatic brain injuries, and to deliver the following resolution that was adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on June 23, 2010. It reads:

Whereas, More than 1.5 million United States military personnel have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan since the start of military operations in 2001, and military statistics show that at least 115,000 troops have suffered brain injuries related to IED explosions since the Iraq and Afghanistan wars began; and

Whereas, Brain injury has been labeled a signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and brain injuries occurring among soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are strongly associated with post-traumatic stress disorder and physical health problems after soldiers return home; and

Whereas, Concern has been emerging about the possible long-term effects of combat-related brain injuries. Significant numbers of undiagnosed injuries and the failure by medical personnel to include such information in soldiers' permanent medical files has been identified as serious in studies prepared by medical and army experts; and

Whereas, Without diagnosis and official documentation, soldiers with head wounds have struggled to receive appropriate treatment, sometimes receiving psychotropic drugs instead of rehabilitative therapy that could help retrain their brains; and

Whereas, The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, DVVIC, in Johnstown has been assisting returning veterans with rehabilitative therapy since 2006; and

Whereas, In January 2009, Congress mandated DVVIC to establish an assisted living pilot program to determine the best practices to rehabilitate soldiers with mild, moderate or severe traumatic brain injuries to enable them to return to their own communities, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate July 7, 2010, as "Combat-Related Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to promote public understanding and encourage all citizens to help bind the wounds of our returning soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend State Representative Barbin for his advocacy on behalf of this important cause.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, today marks the 36th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of the Republic of Cyprus. July 20, 1974 began the Turkish occupation of the northern part of Cyprus and to this day 43,000 Turkish troops occupy nearly 37 percent of Cyprus' territory.

Since 1974, the people of Cyprus have endured mass violation of their human rights and fundamental freedom along with forcible ethnic segregation. The people of Cyprus also witnessed the destruction of their culture and their religious heritage destroyed.

The international community has been actively involved in developing a solution for the people of Cyprus. However, Turkey has repeatedly ignored all international pressure including 75 resolutions that have been adopted by the United Nations Security Council and more than 13 by the United Nations General Assembly since 1974.

Members of Congress along with the international community must continue to work diligently to reach a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem. We must strongly urge Turkey to respect human rights and ultimately withdraw its forces from Cyprus.

Cyprus and the U.S. share a deep commitment to uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. I believe the international community has a moral and ethical obligation to stand with the Cypriots to reunify their island and end the military occupation.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER J. MOON

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Specialist Christopher J. Moon, who passed away on July 13, 2010 from wounds sustained during an IED attack in Afghanistan.

Originally from Tucson, Chris was a natural athlete and stand-out baseball player. While attending Tucson High Magnet School, he received many accolades including 2006 Southern Arizona Player of the Year and a scholarship to the University of Arizona.

Known for his outstanding personality and attitude, Chris was always willing to help out anyone who needed it.

"Specialist Moon was the type of person we have all heard of but have very seldom ever met," said First Sergeant Derek Gondek, Moon's company First Sergeant. "He was one

of those men who, no matter what he put his mind to he became a star at it, whether it was on the baseball field or on the battlefield. He will truly be missed by his fellow warfighters."

Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, Chris was on a combat mission in the Arghandab Valley when he triggered an IED device, wounding him severely. Chris succumbed to his injuries at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany on July 13, 2010.

We remember Chris and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Chris made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Specialist Chris Moon leaves behind his mother Marsha, his father, Brian, and his sister Sunday.

This body and this country owe Chris and his family our deepest gratitude, and we will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

A GENOCIDE SURVIVOR FROM PIRAN: SARKIS SARYAN'S STORY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize and record a courageous story of survival of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. As the U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau documented at the time, it was a campaign of "race extermination."

The campaign to annihilate the Armenian people failed, as illustrated by the proud Armenian nation and prosperous diaspora. It is difficult if not impossible to find an Armenian family not touched by the genocide, and while there are some survivors still with us, it is imperative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

This is one of those stories:

TRANSLATED BY LEVON A. SARYAN, PH.D.

In January of 2008, I traveled to Beirut to participate in the International Symposium on the Culture of Cilician Armenia, which was held under the sponsorship of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. One morning, as I took my seat in the meeting hall, I turned around and introduced myself to two women scholars seated behind me, Dr. Verjine Svazlyan and her daughter Knarik Avagyan. Both were among the contingent of academics from Yerevan who were participating in the symposium. As

we got to talking (the usual "where are you from, where are your parents from" questions that Armenians are so fond of), Dr. Svazlyan removed from her briefcase a small book that she had written and opened it to a page containing several photographs. After searching for a moment, she pointed to one of the photos. It was a picture of my father, whose account was one of several hundred that Dr. Svazlyan has been collecting over the years. Dr. Svazlyan transcribed my father's story in July 1999 at the Louvre Museum in Paris, when they were both attending the Sixth International Conference of Armenian Linguistics. My father's account was not contained in the small book she showed me, but it is recorded in Armenian in Dr. Svazlyan's major work, Hayots Tseghaspanutian: Aganades Verabroghneri Vgayutiunneruh (Armenian Genocide: The Testimonies of Eyewitness Survivors), published in Yerevan by the Republic of Armenia National Academy of Sciences in 2000. After returning to Yerevan, Knarik kindly sent me a scan of the relevant pages from this book, enabling me to prepare this translation.

The village of Piran is located on the southern slopes of the Taurus mountain range, approximately midway between the towns of Palu (to the north) and Diarbekir (to the south). Kharpert is to the west, and Sassoun is to the east. Piran was a relatively small village, with probably less than 1,000 inhabitants. It does not appear on most maps. As we will see, it did not escape the fate of other Armenian towns and villages in the region. In 1915, through murder and deportation, Piran was nearly emptied of its Armenian inhabitants.

I present here an English translation of my father's account as transcribed by Prof. Svazlyan. Some additions and clarifications are noted in brackets. I have also made a few minor factual adjustments based on our personal family knowledge.

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For the most part, the inhabitants of our village were Kurds; there were a few Turks, and the rest were Armenians. Our village was not far from the source of the Tigris River. The Tigris begins at Dzvok Lake; Dzvok is where Nerses Shnorhali was born. Dzvok was one and one-half days away from us. In the spring, the Tigris River flowed so swiftly that it would carry trees with their roots in its current. I have seen how, if the trees became tangled in the river, some swimmers would enter the water and straighten the trunks so that the water could flow unimpeded. Four or five miles from Piran, our village, there was a red rock outcropping, where wild bees made honey which would collect in a hole [in the rock]. Our villagers would go [to this place] with pans to collect the honey, fill their pans, and take it home.

I was born in 1911. My father's name was Krikor, my uncle's name was Garo, my grandfather, Sarkis. Three months before the Great Catastrophe, I awoke to find myself on my grandmother's back. My father had been taken in handcuffs to the police house. The last time I saw my father he was tied with handcuffs. All of the Armenian men in the village were taken from the prison and driven to the northeast. Later, the Kurds told us that all of them had been killed.

It was a hot day in the month of July, 1915. The Kurds had come; they were sitting in the shade of a tree watching the proceedings. The command for deportation had arrived and everywhere there was confusion. The Turkish gendarmes were saying to each other: "Firman geldi, bir giavourn kafa kalmaichak." (Turkish for "an official

command has arrived, not one infidel (Armenian) head shall remain.”)

Although at that time I was only 4 years old, I remember it well. I did not want to go into exile. Our family was put onto the road before noon. They were taking the road toward the nearby Kurdish village of Kalbin, the one we used when taking our herds to graze. The flocks went, the dust rose and our family went. My mother, my older sister Haygouhi (seven years old), my younger sister Esther (2 years old), and my four-month old brother Haygaz. My little sister and my brother became tired on the road to exile, and began to cry. The gendarme [accompanying the caravan] took Esther and Haygaz and threw them into the Tigris River. My mother fled and my older sister Haygouhi was kidnapped. My father's brother's son was small; they killed his mother with a dagger, and they also killed little Ghevont since his mother would not obey the soldiers. Hermig, one of our neighbors, had escaped from the caravan. She returned to the village and told us what had happened to them.

I did not go with them. Because I sensed the coming danger I went and hid in our stable. A military policeman came, found me and took hold of me, and placed me on a donkey. I did not want this, and started to cry. I got down from the donkey, and again went and hid myself in the stable. Once more, the military police came and found me, and again they placed me on the donkey. Again I let myself down, and this time I went to the tree where the Kurds were sitting, and mixed with them. They belonged to the Zaza tribe and spoke the Kurmanji dialect; they were our friends and neighbors. Imagine, just at that moment my grandmother came from behind me. She was a folk doctor; she would dry various types of flowers and use them to treat eye diseases, and cure people. People would compensate her for her services with tomatoes, peppers, madzoun (yogurt), and so forth. [Because of this skill, she was allowed to remain in the village.]

I had a 15-year-old uncle [whose name was Kaloust], who was taken all day for interrogation. It was he who shod all the horses in our village. Consequently, the Turks needed a craftsman like him in the village. For that reason they allowed him to remain in the village, and I stayed with him. The next year we were Islamized, we became Zaza and Kurmanji, but in the house we spoke Armenian. A mullah came, and my name became Sefer. I, my uncle, and Hovhannes (whose name became Haso) were circumcised. I remember that there was a terrible pain. That part of my body felt like it was on fire. They took that part of my body and dried it in the sun, keeping it as evidence.

We stayed with the Kurds for four years, until 1919. In those years we would travel by donkey north, south, east, and west, tinning copper pots. My job was to [stoke the fire by] working the bellows. Hovhannes-Haso worked with us. He would pulverize rocks, fill them in the copper pots and mix them with his foot, cleaning the inside of the pot so that the tin would adhere. My uncle would collect old nails which we would warm in a fire until they became soft, and make new nails. One day, in this fashion, we made 1,500 nails.

Southeast of our village were Kurdish villages named Kalbin and Shekhmalan. I have been to those villages. There was an Islamized Armenian married woman who lived there. I was there one night. I heard some whispering that the Islamized Armenians, because they had been reduced to starvation, had decided to enter the wheat fields at nighttime and steal grain. The grain belonged to them, they had cultivated the wheat in those fields, but the Kurds had

taken it. The following day it became apparent that they had taken the grain, since one of their bags had a hole in it and the grain, falling out of the bag, had left a trail.

East of our village was the Kurdish village of Deiran, where the Kurds lived in conical stables. I went, and saw that the wheat was ripe in the fields around us as we walked to Deiran village. The weather was so hot that the fields behind us ignited and started to burn, but we were not harmed. The Kurds were the losers, since for them this was ill-gotten gain.

The war was over by 1919. My father's brother Simon had enlisted as a volunteer [gamavor in Armenian] in the Armenian legion of the French Army. The young men trained in Cyprus, and then went to Adana and fought.

[Simon came to our village and found that I had survived. He wanted to take me to America. First,] we came to Dikranagert [Diarbekir], then Mardin, where there was a railway. There was a fortress on a very high hill. The railroad was down below, in a valley. The train only came once a week, so we went to the station a day early and slept there, waiting for the train.

Many Armenians were going to Aleppo and we, with them, were also going to Aleppo. There was nothing to eat, and I was ill with a strong fever. My Uncle Simon somehow got me into the railway wagon, so that I could reach Aleppo quickly. From one side the French soldiers were pulling me onto the train, while on the other side the Turkish soldiers were trying to pull me off. Simon was unable to come with me, but he gave me his volunteer's cap. This was the Berlin-Baghdad railway that brought us to Aleppo. When I reached Aleppo, I put the cap on my head, and the Armenian volunteers found me and took [care of] me. We had a relative named Baghdadian, who had reached Aleppo with his young son, but a Turk had struck him in the head and blinded him. He took me in and kept me until my uncle arrived the following week. Since my uncle was a volunteer, he could travel for free. First he returned to America, and in 1921 he sent me money and I also came to America.

I became a chemist. Later, I went to Befit to study Armenian at the Jemaran [Collège Arménien]. There, my teachers were Levon Shant, Nigol Aghbalian, and others. We learned to sing in Gananchian's chorus. There I met Armine [Manoukian, my future wife]. Later, she came to America. Now we have two sons and two daughters. One son is a physician and the other is a biochemist. Our daughters work in the financial industry. We have eight grandchildren. The Turks reduced our numbers, but we increased them.

I am also a writer and I study the relationship of Armenian to other sister Indo-European languages. I have published a book on this topic [Language Connections: Kinship of Armenian with Sister Indo-European Languages].

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF
RICHARD ATLEY DONALD'S LIFE

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the only major league baseball player to be born in Morton, Mississippi, located in the congressional district in which I serve. His name: Richard Atley Donald.

Donald's ancestors traveled in a covered wagon from South Carolina to Mississippi in

pursuit of the American Dream. The family ultimately settled in Morton, in central Mississippi, where Atley was born on August 19, 1910. A year and a half later they moved to Downsville, Louisiana, where Atley's love for the game of baseball would commence.

A star college baseball player, Atley attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston after graduating from high school in 1929. Atley earned four lettermen's, and as a freshman, he was said to be "the most promising of the Bullpups" by a 1930 review of the freshman baseball team.

Although the New York Yankees southern region scout, Johnny Nee, had received a recommendation letter from Atley's head coach and had witnessed him pitch, the Yankees did not sign him. But Atley did not let this hinder him from following his dreams of playing for the Yankees. With \$25 in his pocket and his brother's rain coat, he hitchhiked to St. Petersburg, Florida where the Yankees held spring training. Nee introduced Atley to the Yankee's skipper, Joe McCarthy, who sent the young pitcher to the mound against some of baseball's greatest players, such as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Atley prevailed and signed a minor league contract in 1936 where he pitched and hit his way into the major league by 1939.

Richard Atley's career is highlighted by playing for the 1939 Newark Bears who are considered to be one of the minor league's greatest teams, throwing a 94.7 mph record pitch in 1939, setting the American League record for most wins by a rookie in 1939, and pitching in the 1941 World Series won by the Yankees. The first major league pitcher from Louisiana Tech, Atley was inducted into the Louisiana Tech University Hall of Fame with a .663 winning percentage.

After Atley pitched his last game on July 13, 1945, he spent 29 years as a scout for the Yankees, recruiting players in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. His recruits included Ron Guidry, Clint "Scrap Iron" Courtney, Jack Reed, and Ron Blomberg.

In all, Richard Atley spent 39 years wearing the pinstripes of the New York Yankees. Atley passed away on October 19, 1992 in West Monroe, Louisiana, leaving behind his wife, Betty. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on 100 years later in the hearts of all of us who continue to celebrate America's favorite pastime.

THE RETIREMENT OF MS. LESLIE
JUDITH GOLDBERG, R.N.

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Leslie Judith Goldberg, R.N. to thank her for her 20 years of service to the Members and staff of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Almost every staffer in the House complex, particularly those who work in the Cannon House Office Building, knows Nurse Leslie. Always smiling, extremely knowledgeable, and thorough, she has a legendary ability to help

staff find the best possible health care services for their needs. For years, she has collected feedback on the quality of health practitioners and shared both praise and concerns with prospective patients. As a result, she was well-known in doctors' offices throughout the region; they were always asking, "Ahhh, you were referred by Nurse Goldberg? Who is this Nurse Leslie?"

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Leslie joined her mother and sister in this vital profession after graduating from the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. She went on to work at the New York University Hospital in neurosurgery and the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents.

In 1990, Nurse Goldberg joined the Office of the Attending Physician and dedicated the end of her great career to serving and caring for the Members and staff of this institution. She is a part of our family. We mourned with her when her loving husband, Alan Goldberg, passed away far too early in life; and we celebrated when she returned to us—her adoptive, extended family.

We all know how much she adores her three sons, Michael, Aaron, and David and daughters-in-law, Lisa and Amy. And her grandson, Ari, is the light of her life. While we will miss her laughter, her smile, her caring, skillful techniques, and infinite knowledge, I applaud her for taking the time to fulfill her personal dreams—travel, volunteer, and most importantly take care of Ari and the grandchildren to come.

Nurse Goldberg, we will miss you terribly; you leave enormous shoes to fill. Thank you for your 20 years of service and for keeping us safe, healthy, informed, and always smiling.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on July 19, 2010, I regret that I was not present to vote on H. Res. 1491, H.R. 5604, and H. Res. 1516.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all bills.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 448—"yea"; roll No. 449—"yea"; roll No. 450—"yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF TROY AND PATSY KILGORE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today, the 60th wedding anniversary of Troy and Patsy Kilgore.

In April of 1948, Troy Kilgore and Patsy Morrison met while attending Anniston High School. Troy and Patsy married 2 years later on April 9, 1950.

The couple resided in Anniston and raised three children, Dana K. Lloyd, Debbie K. Owen, and Patrick "Sparky" Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore worked at The Anniston Star newspaper retiring after 50 years of employment.

The Kilgores attend Alexandria Baptist Church, and are proud grandparents of Jamey Lloyd Robertson, Robert Owen, Rachel Owen Dietrich, Randa Owen Cash and Morrison Kilgore. They have two great grandchildren, Anna Kate and Parker Robertson.

I salute this lovely couple on their 60th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 448 on Monday, July 19th, 2010, I was unintentionally late upon return to the House Chamber. As a result of travel delays due to inclement weather, I consequently missed the vote on H. Res. 1472. I share the overwhelming sense of the House and supporting the designation of the week of September 13th as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. SUZANNE M. KOSMAS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. KOSMAS. Madam Speaker, on the 36th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus, it is important to remind ourselves of the continuing human rights violations that have left the island and its people divided. The occupation that began on July 20, 1974 has resulted in the forced removal of Greek Cypriots from their homes in the occupied zone, the destruction and desecration of Greek Orthodox churches and chapels, and years of suffering for families with missing relatives whose fates may never be known.

An occupation force of over 40,000 Turkish troops has allowed for the colonization of the seized lands by 160,000 settlers from main-

land Turkey. These settlers are unlawfully occupying property seized from Greek Cypriots that have either fled their homes or been expelled in the wake of the invasion. This unlawful occupation has resulted in the adoption of 75 resolutions by the U.N. Security Council calling for the return of the refugees to their homes and properties and for the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Cyprus.

In the face of continuing oppression and hardship, President Demetris Christofias has been partaking in continuing negotiations with the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community in an effort to reach a comprehensive settlement based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation as a single sovereignty, with a single citizenship that is recognized as a single international entity. The only acceptable solution must reunite the island, its people, its institutions and its economy while safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all Cypriots and ensuring the withdrawal of Turkish occupation forces from Cyprus.

Such a solution would not only serve the best interests of all Cypriots, but it would also serve the interests of Turkey and ultimately the interests of the United States in promoting peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate what is now the 36th year since Turkey's invasion and occupation of the tiny island Republic of Cyprus. On this commemoration last year, I cautioned this chamber that Turkey's failure to honor democracy, human rights and the rule of law would accelerate Turkey's drift away from the West, on a course openly adverse to the interests of NATO, America and the European Union.

Over the past year, Turkey's conduct has validated this concern. To many, this comes as a surprise. Yet, had we been honestly engaged with our NATO ally over the past three and half decades, we would have long ago recognized that the invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus is a symptom of Turkey's indifference to human rights, religious tolerance and democratic values. That indifference, which is engrained in Turkey's broader approach to world affairs, makes it an unreliable partner for the United States and a weak link in the NATO alliance.

In the summer of 1974, NATO member Turkey invaded and occupied more than one-third of the island Republic of Cyprus. Coming at the height of the Cold War, and at a time of delicate relations between Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, and the NATO alliance, Turkey's invasion of Cyprus risked war with NATO member Greece and a resultant rupturing of the NATO alliance.

Adding insult to injury, the weapons used by the Turkish military to invade Cyprus were those of its NATO benefactors, principally the United States. In 1975, the Congress imposed an arms embargo on Turkey for its offensive use of American weapons. Rather than fulfill

its NATO obligations, or follow its legal obligations as demanded by Congress, Turkey retaliated by closing all American military installations on Turkish soil, and by severely restricting American access at two NATO bases. At that time, military installations in Turkey were deemed essential surveillance posts in the Cold War fight against the Soviet Union. Turkey refused to reopen these facilities until the U.S. lifted the arms embargo, signaling that its relationship with the United States was never more than a transactional one, rather than one rooted in a shared commitment to the rule of law, individual liberties, democracy, and collective Western security.

July 20th marks 36 years that the Turkish military has occupied Cyprus. In that time, neither the Republic of Cyprus nor its people have directed any aggression towards Turkey. In stark contrast, Turkey maintains an active colonization program where it is illegally resettling some 180,000 Anatolian Turks into the homes and possessions of the 200,000 Greek Cypriots it evicted from the occupied territories. The Turkish military is also systematically eradicating the Hellenic and Christian heritage from the occupied territories. All but 5 of the 500 Greek Orthodox Churches in the occupied territories have been looted, desecrated, or destroyed. To no avail, the international community including the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice have all called on Turkey to honor its international obligations and cease and desist from these hostilities against the people of Cyprus.

The Republic of Cyprus is a full-fledged member of the European Union. Turkey seeks that status as well, but as a NATO member illegally occupying European Union soil, Turkey put NATO and the EU at loggerheads. The result is that the EU and NATO are unable to cooperate in the consolidation of their economic and strategic interests in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey's ongoing occupation of Cyprus is compelling evidence that it has little interest in meeting the standards of individual liberties, human rights and religious tolerance shared by America and other democratic nations. Lacking the ties that bind, Turkey is apparently quite willing to jeopardize relations with its long-time allies. Witness its 2003 denial of the deployment of U.S. forces along the Northern Iraq border and its recent vote in the U.N. against Iran sanctions.

The United States and its allies must call upon Turkey to abide by international law and meet its responsibilities as a dependable NATO partner. And on this, the 36th anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus, the United States should demand an immediate withdrawal of the 45,000 Turkish soldiers now occupying northern Cyprus. Until that occurs, policymakers in the White House and in the Congress must press the issue in every interaction with their Turkish counterparts. In this way, the United States can work towards establishing a strong, enduring, and values based alliance with Turkey that will serve to bring justice to the people of Cyprus, strengthen NATO, and reinforce collective Western security.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (H.R. 4173)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 4173). This legislation will finally bring accountability to big banks and ensure Minnesota families are protected from high-stakes Wall Street speculation. I want to thank my colleagues on the House-Senate conference committee for their hard-fought negotiations to finalize this landmark bill.

In the fall of 2008, our country's financial system stood on the brink of collapse. The failure of large financial institutions quickly led to sinking home prices, a collapse in retirement savings, and job losses on a scale not seen since the Great Depression. Despite overwhelming opposition from Republicans and relentless lobbying from special interests, Congress has responded with legislation that imposes the toughest regulation of Wall Street in a generation.

House Republican Leader JOHN BOEHNER told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review on June 29th, 2010 that these tough new rules are like "killing an ant with a nuclear weapon." I could not disagree more. Wall Street's recklessness cost Americans 8 million jobs and \$17 trillion in retirement savings. When Republicans controlled Congress and the White House, they weakened the regulations American families relied upon for protection and left the economy vulnerable to financial crisis. H.R. 4173 restores common sense rules for banks and creates new protections for consumers after a decade of recklessness. The passage of this legislation protects taxpayers and their retirement funds, college accounts, and homes from risky decisions by CEOs, lenders, and speculators. The era of Wall Street gambling with the economic security of the American people is over, and a new age of financial accountability and transparency is about to begin.

Rebuilding the American economy and putting people back to work requires a stable financial sector that is regulated responsibly. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this historic legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT CHRISTIAN G. RATA CZAK

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Christian G. Rataczak, who passed away on July 9, 2010.

Born in Minneapolis, Christian moved to Phoenix with his family when he was five months old. After high school and college, he joined the National Guard and was deployed

to Afghanistan for a year where he served as an Apache helicopter mechanic in Bravo Company, 1/285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. Wearing the uniform of the United States Army and serving his country was something he never took for granted. He was an outstanding soldier who will be remembered fondly by his Officers, NCOs and fellow Soldiers for his outstanding personality and attitude.

Christian worked for Dillon Aero of Scottsdale, and loved his job. His coworkers remember him as someone who was a joy to work with and was always willing to help no matter the circumstance.

We remember Christian and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Christian made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Christian is survived by his mother Cheryl, his father Dave, his sister Jennifer, brother-in-law Todd, nephew Tanner, niece Hailey and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. His father, Dave, the former Adjutant General of the Arizona Guard, and his wife Cheryl are both close members of the Arizona military family and we mourn this tragic loss with them.

This body and this country owe Christian and his family our deepest gratitude, and we will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,242,893,842,328.75.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,604,468,096,034.95 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING THE UNL PANHANDLE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, July 24, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Panhandle Research and Extension Center will celebrate 100 years of service to Western Nebraska.

It goes without saying agriculture is the lifeblood of Nebraska's Third District, and the entire state as well. The Third District of Nebraska encompasses 65,000 square miles. It

is not unheard of for one area of the state to be dealing with drought conditions while another area is having flooding.

This is exactly why this facility is so important to the panhandle of Nebraska. Western Nebraska grows a completely different set of crops from the eastern areas of our state. The land is different, the growing season is shorter, even the kinds of bugs and weeds are different. Timely and appropriate information and research can mean the difference between a successful growing season and a disappointing one.

The original experimental substation was constructed on 160 acres provided by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. By July 1910 an office and laboratory had been built, in addition to a barn, grain bin, machine shed and other structures. USDA managed the plots until 1948, when the land and management were turned over to the State of Nebraska, and subsequently the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Today, the Panhandle Research and Extension Center has over a dozen faculty members—most of which hold joint appointments in research and extension. Disciplines such as entomology, weed science, irrigation management, machinery systems, plant pathology, alternative crops, dry bean breeding, cow-calf production and range management, and entrepreneur and business development—among others—are represented.

The Center has made a tremendous difference over the last 100 years, and I fully expect the impact to continue on long into the future.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF RICHARD D. GASKALLA, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, who has made an invaluable contribution toward safeguarding the future of agricultural production in our State and Nation. Richard D. Gaskalla, serving as Director, Division of Plant Industry, has distinguished himself through a marked career at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. His exemplary service over the last 25 years is to be commended. I rise to honor Richard Gaskalla on the occasion of his retirement from the Florida Department of Agriculture, and congratulate him on his future endeavors as he moves on to serve and protect our Nation through the Department of Homeland Security.

Raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. Gaskalla graduated from Florida State University in 1975 with a degree in Biological Sciences. He began his career as a District Agricultural Products Specialist in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Bureau of Plant Inspection.

He quickly progressed, promoted to Agricultural Products Specialist Supervisor responsible for interpretation and dissemination of plant import and export regulations, post entry

quarantine programs, and the Bureau of Plant Inspection's interactions with the Division of Inspection, Bureau of Road Guard Agricultural Inspection Stations. In 1988, he was appointed Director of the Division of Plant Industry overseeing all division programs, including emergency pest and disease eradication activities and other functions.

Under his direction, the Division of Plant Industry has strengthened the state of preparedness against threats of serious agricultural pests and diseases. His steadfast and committed efforts, in collaboration with many agencies and organizations at the State, regional, and national level have directly enhanced policies affecting Florida and U.S. agriculture.

As a dedicated and knowledgeable leader in the field of plant pest regulatory programs, Richard Gaskalla has made valuable contributions through his service on many national panels and oversight bodies. His work on the Safeguarding American Plant Resources Review set forth a comprehensive policy designed to improve United States agriculture protection programs. Mr. Gaskalla also served on the National Plant Board Advisory Council, which provides a direct line for input and communication on policies, issues, quarantines that affect U.S. and international agricultural production.

He has facilitated safe trade among nations, based on sound phytosanitary scientific standards, formulating several successful export certifications for U.S. agricultural products to foreign markets. In his tenure with the Division of Plant Industry, Mr. Gaskalla was involved in several efforts to combat dangerous pests and disease threatening the State and region's agricultural production including the Mediterranean fruit fly, imported Fire Ants, shipment and preservation of nursery and foliage stock, biological control activities against exotic predators, and noxious weed detection. In addition, his leadership responsibilities strengthened and bolstered other regulatory programs involving honey bee inspections, boll weevil eradication, Caribbean fruit fly protocol, and commodity treatments.

Most recently, Mr. Gaskalla has been involved in the development and implementation of the Citrus Health Response Program, a critical national program designed to help mitigate the impact of dangerous pests and diseases facing North American citrus.

Richard Gaskalla has been awarded numerous awards and citations, including among other prestigious honors, the United States Department of Agriculture Honor Award.

It is my privilege to honor Richard Gaskalla's outstanding public service upon his retirement from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and thank him for his countless contributions and tireless efforts to safeguard and sustain American agriculture. I commend and recognize his efforts, and am pleased that our nation will continue to benefit from his future endeavors to protect America's valuable resources and secure our food supply.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL ROGER A. WILSON, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Colonel Roger A. Wilson, Jr. is retiring as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District Commander. He has diligently served in this role for three years.

After earning degrees from The Citadel, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the U.S. Army War College, Colonel Wilson went on to lead engineering battalions across the United States and around the world. In addition to these assignments, he served in combat operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan.

As Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District, Colonel Wilson oversaw many military and civil works projects throughout the District. From overseeing construction projects at the region's many military installations to ensuring our levees and dams are structurally sound, Colonel Wilson ably led an office with diverse mandates and responsibilities. Although his résumé boasts many accomplishments, Colonel Wilson's work to maintain the superiority of the Emergency Operations Center, which plays a vital role in responding to natural disasters whenever and wherever they may occur, is most impressive.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Wilson is a true professional and has exhibited remarkable leadership during his time as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District Commander. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing him well in the days to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENTUCKY'S METCALFE COUNTY AND CITY OF EDMONTON

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Kentucky's Metcalfe County and city of Edmonton. Metcalfe County became the 106th county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on May 1st 1860 and was named in honor of Kentucky's 10th governor, Thomas Metcalfe. Its sesquicentennial is a significant milestone for Metcalfe County and one I am pleased to honor.

Through the course of the history of Edmonton and Metcalfe County, its citizens have endured hard times and sacrifices. Its sons and daughters have answered the call to serve in every war beginning with the Civil War and continuing through this day. The town of Edmonton was settled as a result of the sacrifice, work and vision of Edmund Rogers, a Revolutionary War veteran and cousin to General George Rogers Clark and William Clark. In March of 1826, the first United States Post Office was established in Edmonton, which changed its image from that of a trading post

to a more permanent settlement. By an act of the Kentucky Legislature in 1836, the settlement of Edmonton became officially established as a town and gradually became the largest population center in the area.

The citizens of Edmonton and Metcalfe County have a deep appreciation for the sacrifice and struggles endured by their predecessors in the development of their hometown. Today its citizens continue the rich history of their forefathers and it is with great pride we celebrate this momentous occasion.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, the Turkish military invaded Cyprus in direct violation of international law. Turkish troops illegally occupied the northern part of Cyprus, and established local armed forces that continue to control 37 percent of the Island. As a result of the Turkish invasion, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly expelled from their homes and approximately 5,000 Cypriots were killed.

There was no justification for Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, and there is no justification for continued interference to this day.

It is appropriate that on the anniversary of the invasion, we mourn those whose lives were lost as well as condemn the occupation.

Although that is the focus of today, I also want to acknowledge my strong belief that it is possible for there to be a settlement of the conflict over Cyprus. To date, the process has not been easy, and I don't think anyone in the U.S. Congress thinks the matter can be resolved without hard work and sustained focus, but it is a process we must continue.

The ongoing talks between Cyprus' President Demetris Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot community leader Dervis Eroglu have the potential to produce real progress, beyond confidence building measures. Clearly, we need more forward momentum in strongly supporting the Cypriot's goal of reunification with a single internationally supported and recognized government. I very much hope this can be achieved by the end of this year.

For today, however, we rise to again commemorate and recognize a historic travesty and those that suffered as a result.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS DIMATTIO
ON BEING SWORN IN AS THE
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF UNICO
NATIONAL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Chris DiMattio on being sworn in as the national President of UNICO National.

Mr. DiMattio was born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, in 1966 as the youngest of three children of Louis and Catherine DiMattio. Growing up in Dunmore, he attended St. Anthony of Padua's Grade School and Bishop O'Hara High School.

In 1988, Mr. DiMattio graduated from Marywood University in Scranton where he majored in Business Administration and was a member of the Academic Dean's Roundtable and the Student Government.

He is currently a Senior Vice President at FNCB Wealth Management Services in Dunmore. Previously, he was an Assistant Vice President at NatWest Financial Markets Group in Scranton.

Throughout his academic and professional career, Mr. DiMattio has consistently volunteered his time and efforts throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Lackawanna Branch of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross, and has also volunteered with the United Way of Lackawanna County and the Scranton Cultural Center.

Mr. DiMattio has been a member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National since 1990 and served as the Chapter's President from 1997 to 1999.

UNICO was originally founded in 1922 by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola as an Italian American service organization to, "engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds."

In 1947, UNICO merged with another Italian American service organization, the National Civic League, to create UNICO National.

Today, UNICO National remains the largest Italian American service organization in the United States. Every year it donates approximately \$1 million to numerous charities throughout the country, and, through its Anti-Bias committee, works to overcome negative stereotypes of Italian Americans.

Mr. DiMattio has served on UNICO National's National Executive Committee as National Membership & Retention Director from 2003 to 2006 and as Vice President from 2006 to 2010.

Mr. DiMattio will be sworn in as the national President of UNICO National at its annual convention being held from July 28 to August 1 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He will become the second Northeastern Pennsylvania resident in the past thirty years to be appointed to this position.

Mr. DiMattio currently resides in Moscow, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Ann Celli of Peckville, and their two children, Louis Carlo and Robert.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. DiMattio on this auspicious occasion. His exemplary community service record demonstrates he is most deserving of this achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 449 I was not present due to my flight being delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2010, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall No. 437 on H. Res. 1509 when I meant to vote "no."

36 YEARS OF TURKISH MILITARY
OCCUPATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unconscionable 36 years of Turkish military occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, tens of thousands of Turkish military troops invaded Cyprus, in a blatant and deliberate violation of international law. This caused the forcible expulsion of approximately 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes, which at the time amounted to almost one-third of the total population on the island. Nearly 5,000 Cypriots were also killed.

Three decades after the initial invasion, Turkey still has over 40,000 troops illegally occupying about 37 percent of Cypriot territory. During the occupation, the Turks expelled thousands of Greek Cypriots from their own homes who were then forced to flee to other parts of the island leaving behind their property and other belongings. These seized properties, many of them belonging to American citizens of Cypriot descent, were unlawfully distributed to and are currently being occupied by thousands of illegal settlers from Turkey. The European Court of Human Rights has stated again and again that displaced Greek Cypriots have not lost the title to their properties and thus remain the only legal and lawful owners of the properties in question. Unfortunately, Turkey has repeatedly ignored countless UN Resolutions calling for an end to the occupation.

Cypriots want a unified island and continue to demonstrate their commitment toward a genuine reunification of their country. However, no realistic solution can occur without Ankara's complete and constructive cooperation. I strongly urge Turkey to show a commitment to international law and basic human rights by ending its military occupation, withdrawing its thousands of troops, and removing the illegal settlers.

I am encouraged that both sides continue their negotiations toward reaching a long-lasting comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation. This solution must be made by the Cypriots and for the Cypriots.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in standing up for human rights and freedom, and urge Turkey to negotiate an end to this occupation in good faith and cooperation.