

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.