

northern part of Cyprus. Since then, Cypriots have suffered from the division of their country and countless violations of their human rights by Turkish occupation forces. Even today, there is one Turkish soldier for every 2 Cypriots, making Cyprus one of the most heavily militarized places on Earth. It is important that we recognize not only the anniversary of the invasion, but also the island's ongoing problems at the hands of Turkey.

On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops unlawfully occupied the northern part of Cyprus with a heavily-armed force that maintains control of 37 percent of Cyprus today. This has resulted in the usurpation and exploitation of Cypriot property, as well as the creation of hundreds of thousands of refugees. Additionally, an influx of Turkish immigrants has settled into the evicted Cypriots' homes, permanently altering the demographics of Cyprus and outnumbering native Cypriots by two to one. The UN has passed a multitude of resolutions calling for Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus, but they have been continually ignored.

As Cyprus has always been a reliable partner of the United States, we must not forget the injustices suffered by its people. We must uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. By invading Cyprus, Turkey is in direct offense to all of these. As much as we would rather have no such grievance to recognize, it is important that we commemorate these injustices today.

I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing the hope that Cyprus will be reunified soon and that peace will return to this beautiful and historic land in the eastern Mediterranean.

IN MEMORY OF DORILL WRIGHT

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam. Speaker, I rise in memory of Dorill Wright, a close, personal friend of my wife, Janice, and me, who passed away on Sunday.

Dorill served as Mayor of Port Hueneme, California, from 1974–1990 and served as a city councilman and planning commissioner before that. He decided to run for office, he said, because if you're unhappy with government, you should do something about it. It was that same philosophy that led me to my first run for public office.

A member of the Christian Church of Oxnard, Dorill and Jacquelyn, his wife of 63 years, believed in God, community and family and devoted their efforts to all three.

Born and raised in Missouri, Dorill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After college, the Navy hired Dorill and four other engineers to form a research laboratory for structures with electrical check equipment.

In 1950, the staff and laboratory were transferred to the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Battalion Center and in 1957 Dorill transferred to Point Mugu. There he served as a field and design engineer and was later named head of the technical support department.

In 1965, Dorill moved his family to Port Hueneme and Dorill started his long and lasting impact on the city. He joined the Chamber of

Commerce, was appointed to the city Planning Commission, was elected to the City Council in 1970, and served on the California Coastal Commission, the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Wastewater Treatment Authority and the Ventura County Association of Governments.

The dedication and love Dorill gave to Port Hueneme was reciprocated when the city named the cultural center in his honor.

Jacqueline passed away in 2005. Surviving Dorill are his three daughters, Valory Wright-Pietruszenko, and her husband, George; Jacquelyn Jay, and her husband, William; and Dorilan Arko, and her husband, Ron; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to the Wright family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

VIET BAO DAILY NEWS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRITING ON AMERICA AWARD

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Viet Bao Daily News' 10th Anniversary of the Writing on America Award. In 2000, Viet Bao Daily News established the Writing on America Award with one simple mission—to create an opportunity for Vietnamese people to share their individual experiences.

The writing competition soon turned into a grand annual award celebration, and then became a uniting set of stories for thousands of Vietnamese people. The initial objective of the writing contest was to preserve the Vietnamese language and cultural values. However, the impact exceeded Viet Bao's initial expectation. The writings have become more than just a compilation of shared, collective philosophical values—they are a means to preserve historical values.

I applaud Viet Bao Daily News for these important achievements. I would also like to congratulate all of the winners and participants, who have contributed countless inspiring stories on their experiences and journey to assimilate in American society. I look forward to seeing the future contributions that Viet Bao Daily News will make to this great country.

HONORING THE VEILLEUX/VIGUE FAMILY REUNION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maine Veilleux/Vigue Family Reunion which takes place on September 11, 2010 at the St. John Regional Catholic School in Winslow, Maine.

The history of Maine is rich with the stories of Franco-American heritage. As residents of Maine for many generations, the Veilleux and Vigue family history is intertwined with the history of Maine.

In 1658, Nicolas Verieul, the Veilleux/Vigue family patriarch, immigrated to Canada, and in 1665, he and Marguerite Hyardin, his wife, began the Verieul family. Eventually, many Verieul descendants moved to Maine to become integral parts of the seasonal labor workforce in the early 1800's and permanent residents of Maine in the mid to late 1800's.

The Veilleux/Vigue family history is a story of hard work and significant achievement. Many descendants of Nicolas and Marguerite Verieul have founded their own businesses and thrived as entrepreneurs in the State of Maine. Members of the family have been homemakers, service members, doctors and business owners. What marks them all is their dedication to family, community and hard work.

With their family reunion, the Veilleux/Vigue family has great cause for celebration. For generations, their pioneering family has prospered in Maine and helped make our state a better place. This occasion is a chance to honor the past generations for their sacrifices to give their children a better life today and look ahead to the bright future of the Veilleux/Vigue family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the hard work, dedication and accomplishments of the Veilleux/Vigue family for their reunion September 11, 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 474, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EARMARK RESCISSION, SAVINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings and Accountability Act, and commend my colleague Rep. Betsy Markey for bringing this legislation to the floor today.

Consistent with the Democratic majority's commitment to budget discipline, this bill rescinds unobligated funding for 309 earmarks contained in previous surface transportation authorizations, saving taxpayers \$713 million. While some only like to talk about fiscal responsibility, we are actually delivering it, scrutinizing the budget line by line to find savings for the American taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, this is good government legislation. It's common sense legislation. It's what our constituents expect of us. And it's part of the Democratic agenda to bring real and responsible budget discipline back to Washington, DC.

I urge a "yes" vote.