

Under the U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2, a treaty is the supreme law of the land and its terms apply to state governments. These treaties require that their terms be publicized and that periodic reports be made at the federal and local levels. However, until attorney Ann Fagan Ginger of MCLI proposed the resolution, no state had publicized the treaty text or submitted information to be included in U.S. reports to the U.N. Committees administering the treaties.

In 2008, MCLI persuaded the Berkeley City Commission on Peace and Justice to ask Berkeley City Council to require that each of its agencies prepare periodic activity reports and submit them to the U.S. Department of State for inclusion in its reports to the four U.N. Committees. On September 29, 2009, the Berkeley City Council adopted the United Nations Treaty Reports resolution on the basis that the human rights treaties reporting process had heightened concern about human rights in the city.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone for the State of California. Thank you, MCLI staff and supporters, for all that you do to promote and protect human rights throughout the United States. I wish you continued success.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY ON "REPUBLIC DAY"

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Turkey in celebration of the 87th anniversary of Republic Day on October 29, 2010.

In 1923, Turkey officially became a Republic. Over the years, Turkey has joined with the United States and the international community on numerous critical issues ranging from energy security to the global war on terror.

Turkey and the United States share many important values and provide an example that freedom and democracy are key foundations for peace, prosperity, and security.

Again, as a member of the Congressional Turkey Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Turkey and all Turkish citizens in celebration of Republic Day and wish them continued success in building on the political, economic, and cultural progress envisioned by the great Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KEVIN S. BOND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Kevin S. Bond for his accomplishments and contributions.

For many years, Dr. Kevin Bond has been an advocate for those in need and has assisted those burdened by the circumstances of their environment and economic conditions. He is committed to creating positive change

for urban America, and works tirelessly to uplift the people in the underserved communities of Brooklyn, New York. He has established himself as a strong and progressive voice for urban communities through his education and his grassroots approach.

Dr. Bond has continually striven to strengthen his education. In 1987, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Accounting at New York University. He completed a Master of Divinity in 1991 at New York Theological Seminary, and in 1995, completed the Doctor of Divinity degree at United Theology Seminary. He also has a Master's Degree in Education and Learning Technology from Mercy College in 2001 and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of St. Rose, completed in 2005.

Dr. Bond is the Pastor of Citadel of Praise and Worship Church, which was established in 1997 and has over 300 members. In 1997, he also established the Citadel Summer Camp Enrichment Program and Citadel Health and Wellness. The Citadel Homeless Ministry was started in 1998. Citadel Daycare and Learning Center was added in 1999, and finally, the Citadel Share Program began in 2000.

Additionally, Dr. Bond is the Dean at Stephen Decatur Middle School 35 in Bedford Stuyvesant, where he serves as Chair to several committees and boards. He has accomplished a great deal of progressive learning for the Board of Education, and has enabled a stronger math and reading tutorial program that has helped to increase scores on citywide standardized tests.

Dr. Bond is a frequent visitor to City Hall, where he champions initiatives that affect his community. He has contributed a great deal to the City Council in their endeavors to encompass the strength of religious leadership in their pursuit of improved community development relations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. Kevin S. Bond.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
ANN BROZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Broz, as we join with her in celebration of her 108th birthday on October 7, 2010.

Mrs. Broz was born in Homestead, PA on October 7, 1902. Her life changed abruptly at the age of eight when her mother died unexpectedly. Soon thereafter, her father moved with her to Cleveland, Ohio in search of work and a new beginning. She gradually adjusted to her new community and made close friends in school. She was a diligent, energetic student, and her natural curiosity about life never faded.

After high school, she began working at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Cleveland. In 1921, she met and married the love of her life, Frank Broz. Together, they settled in Fairview Park, where they raised their daughters, Ellyn and Patricia. Though her beloved Frank died many years ago, she has kept his memory alive through stories, photos

and through her family, which includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Broz is known for her great sense of humor, great energy, positive attitude and willingness to help others whenever needed. She is self-educated, an avid reader, and her passion for learning is as bright as ever. She is an avid gardener and a longtime member and viewer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Moreover, it is Mrs. Broz' kindness of heart, inner light and warm smile that continues to frame her life. She loves children and animals, and they are always quickly drawn to her. She is a lifelong civic leader who was often found volunteering at PTA meetings or at the Fairview Park Women's Club.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Ann Broz, as we celebrate her 108th birthday. Her kindness, joy for living, unshakable faith and unwavering belief in the goodness of life and humanity inspires our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,721,979,465,685.30.

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 \$3,083,553,719,391.50 so far this Congress.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF SPC MARC
WHISENANT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and accomplishments of U.S. Army Specialist Marc Whisenant.

On Friday, September 24, a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our Nation during a training exercise in Kuwait.

At his funeral service at the Daytona Beach Baptist Church on Saturday, October 2, our community heard wonderful recollections of how this young man, Army SPC Marc Whisenant of Daytona Beach, while only 23 years old, lived and accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. As a member of the ROTC program and 2005 graduate of Spruce Creek High School, Marc joined the U.S. Army after graduation from High School. He knew that serving in the United States military would fulfill a life goal.

In the Army, Marc found his calling as an M1A1 Armor Crewman and honorably served tours of duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He received recognition for his work and accomplishments as an outstanding serviceman.