

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF  
ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of New York's 20th District to recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of the historic St. James' Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, NY. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the community service and historical value that this 200 year old parish has provided our district, state, and nation.

St. James' Episcopal Church was founded in 1811 with the help of several prominent figures and families in this historical region, including Dr. John Bard—President George Washington's personal physician during the Revolutionary War—and the Livingston family. A statue of Robert Livingston is one of the New York statues in the U.S. Capitol Building.

While the parish continued to be home to many prominent local and state figures for the next 100 years, the next parishioner to become a national figure was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After his baptism as a child in the chapel at St. James', President Roosevelt began his 39 year service to the parish as a vestryman in 1906, which ended upon his death in 1945. In fact, his pew—the third from the front—continues to be honored. The funeral of his First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, was also held at the church in 1962, with King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy all in attendance.

Unfortunately, St. James' was devastated by a fire in June 1984 that enveloped most of the church buildings, with the original black walnut pulpit being one of the few items to not be destroyed. The parishioners, appreciating the historic and cultural value of the parish and the buildings themselves, joined together and fully funded its reconstruction, making it as close to the original specifications as possible.

St. James' Episcopal Church continues to be a major spiritual and cultural bulwark to the community of Hyde Park and Dutchess County, contributing to the projects and groups such as the County Rural and Migrant Ministry, the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless, an After School Reading Program ministry, and the Boy and Girls Scouts of America.

I am proud to serve such a historical and dedicated parish as that of St. James' Episcopal Church. Their year-long Bicentennial Celebration is truly an example of the American spirit and embodies the concept of a Shining City upon a Hill.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE TURKISH IN-  
VASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

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*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, thirty-seven years ago, on July 20, 1974, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots fell victim to a Turkish invasion of

northern Cyprus. They were forcibly evicted from their homes and became refugees in their own country. Today, Turkey continues to occupy more than one-third of Cyprus with more than 43,000 Turkish troops, making the occupied area of Cyprus one of the most militarized areas in the world. In addition, mass violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people continue, as well as forcible ethnic segregation and division of the Greek Cypriot and Turks Cypriot communities.

During the invasion, Greek Cypriots were expelled from their homes, resulting in the usurpation and illegal exploitation of the property belonging to the Greek Cypriot refugees. Massive colonization of the occupied areas of Cyprus has also occurred over the past several decades through the illegal placement of more than 160,000 Turkish mainland settlers, who now outnumber the indigenous Turkish Cypriots by almost two to one. Furthermore, cultural destruction and religious desecration continues in northern Cyprus, where many churches, chapels, monasteries, and numerous archaeological sites have been looted, vandalized, or destroyed.

I had the opportunity to visit Cyprus several years ago and observe first-hand the devastation that the occupation has had on the island for 37 years. Upon my return, it has been a goal of mine to work with my colleagues in Congress to promote a reunified and prosperous Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live together in peace, security and stability and clear of foreign aggression. On July 20th we must remember our Cypriot friends and commit to work with them to reunify the island.

HONORING IRWIN NALITT FOR A  
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Irwin Nalitt, who at 93 has decided to retire from his position as Councilman of Monroe Township in New Jersey. Councilman Nalitt moved to Monroe in 1982, when it was still largely a farming community. Since he first was elected in 1988, Councilman Nalitt has been instrumental in leading the Township's growing and increasingly active population.

Most people are ready to settle down when they reach the age of 69, but Councilman Nalitt was just starting his busy career as a public servant. Councilman Nalitt has held positions as a member of the Monroe Township School Board and Planning Board and served as the President of the Concordia Civic Association for several years. Even today, Councilman Nalitt remains active on the Monroe Township Master Plan Committee and Library Board of Trustees, and he is the Council Advisor to the Commission on Aging.

One of Councilman Nalitt's most noteworthy accomplishments was the opening of the Monroe Township Library in 1989. He and his late wife Helen were very active in the library's construction and maintenance, and they volunteered many hours to make the library a useful and inviting part of their town.

I have had the pleasure of working with Councilman Nalitt on many matters and know him to be one of the finest public servants in the state. One project was to implement his vision of a free shuttle service that would take passengers around Monroe and to surrounding towns. I was pleased to secure federal funding for this project and to work with Councilman Nalitt to ensure that this service not only would be affordable and convenient for residents, but also would ease traffic and boost the local economy.

While the Township of Monroe has rapidly transformed, Councilman Nalitt has remained a constant source of wisdom, generosity and humor. His sense of duty and purpose is a comfort to the residents of Monroe Township, and his bright humor is always well-received at Council meetings. Though he will be stepping down as Councilman, he plans to stay on the Library Board and the Commission on Aging. Councilman Nalitt has been a cornerstone of the Council for more than 20 years, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many contributions and commend his active citizenship as a model for all community residents.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOP-  
MENT AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Chair, I'd like to thank my colleague from California for allowing me to join him in offering this very important bipartisan amendment.

As we are discussing fiscal issues and trying to make responsible spending cuts, I'm confused as to why ARPA-E is even on the table. It is one of the most effective and efficiently run programs in the Federal Government. It is an example of what we are doing right. An example of a place where we not only should be investing in scientific research, but where we need to be investing.

Let's look at the internet. We all know that the internet is a product of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA. DARPA was established in 1958 in response to the Soviet launch of Sputnik. Back then, Congress knew that it was government's role to address what was not only a matter of national security, but also pride.

Now, let's look at the energy industry today. We have lost our technological lead, we are no longer number one in innovation, our competitors are rapidly outpacing us in advanced energy fields. Worst of all, we're addicted to foreign oil. Moreover, we are consuming more energy than we are producing, and it is not sustainable.

No matter what combination of sources you think is the answer, there's no arguing the energy crisis in this country is today's Sputnik.