

greatly reduced the ability of Memorial Rifle Squads to honor our veterans being laid to rest. I was proud to introduce bipartisan legislation—now law—that stopped the Army from moving forward with this misguided policy and allowed ceremonial units in Minnesota and across the country to continue to perform burial honors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I want to recognize the dedicated service of all those who have served and continue to serve on the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad. I congratulate them on 35 years of selfless dedication to their fellow veterans.

COMMENDING AMERICAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS FOR STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANS AND OTHER SMALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EGYPT, IRAQ AND SYRIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I submitted the full text of the Pledge of Solidarity and Call to Action on Behalf of Christians and Other Small Religious Communities in Egypt, Iraq and Syria, signed by well over 200 U.S. Christian leaders. These individuals, representing the American church, have recognized the gravity of the situation facing religious minorities in these countries, and by signing the pledge have agreed to speak out on behalf of these ancient faith communities. Below is the full list of signatories to the Pledge:

Fr. Tatos R. Abdalian; Rt. Rev. Keith L Ackerman, Bishop Vicar of the Diocese of Quincy, Anglican Church in North America; Susan Agel, Resurrection Free Methodist Church; Charles P. Ajalat; Jhonny Alicea-Baez, Director of Global Missions, Reformed Church in America; Rt. Rev. Kevin Bond Allen, Bishop, Diocese of Cascadia, Anglican Church in North America; Rt. Rev. Roger C. Ames, Diocese of the Great Lakes, Anglican Church in North America; Melodee Andersen, Wooddale Church; Rt. Rev. David Craig Anderson, Sr., American Anglican Council; Dr. Leith Anderson, National Association of Evangelicals; Fr. Bishoy Andrawes, St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, Washington, DC; Auday P. Arabo, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers; Don Argue, EdD, Ambassador at Large, Convoy Of Hope; Maged Atiya, Physicist, Businessman; Rt. Rev. Will G. Atwood, III, Bishop, International Diocese, Anglican Church in North America; Toufic Baaklini, In Defense of Christians; Wade Baho, Syriacs Assembly Movement; Dr. Mark L. Bailey, Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. Ryan Baker, Redeemer Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY.

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LYNN COOK RETIREMENT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mr. Lynn Cook on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of Federal service.

Mr. Cook began his career as an investigator for the personnel security program of the Civil Service Commission, now the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, in 1974. In the nearly 40 years that have passed since then, he has worked tirelessly to conduct investigations that support national security. In his position as a Special Agent with the Office of Personnel Management, he conducted background investigations that have directly supported Federal, military, and defense contractor assets in the Kansas City Metro and Northwest Missouri areas. A large number of these investigations have been for military men and women who are nobly serving their country.

Lynn's lifetime dedication and hard work should serve as an example of how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Mr. Lynn Cook for his dedicated service to our national security. I know Lynn's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.