

Turkey is one of the U.S. strongest and most reliable allies. For over fifty years Turkey and the United States have fought for shared principles through the Korean War, the Cold War, the crisis in Iraq, the Balkans, Kosovo, and elsewhere. In addition, Turkey is a major ally in combating terrorism, Islamic fundamentalism, and injustice around the world. In Kosovo, Turkey not only was instrumental in the NATO operations, but its humanitarian assistance to refugees was key to helping ease the suffering of the victims.

EU candidacy has also fueled the rapprochement between Turkey and Greece. While the respective foreign ministers had started to meet, the tragic earthquake in both countries provided the much-needed impetus. In recent months the two countries signed a series of cooperation agreements covering areas as diverse as terrorism, the environment, tourism, cultural cooperation, investment protection, customs, and scientific and technological issues.

Recent press reports indicate that Turkish Armed Forces will take part in NATO maneuvers which will be carried out in Greek territory in May, and that last week, Greece allowed Turkish four F-16 planes to use its air space for the first time, while they were flying to Germany to attend "Elite 2000" maneuvers. These improved relations will not only benefit Greece and Turkey, but also the United States, NATO, and Europe at large.

Mr. Speaker, as a long time observer of Turkey, I continue to support that country's further western integration, and congratulate my friends in Turkey on the election of their new President.

HAYDEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM
NAMED THE CENTER OF GRAVITY

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

Mr. HILL of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce the dedication of the Hayden Historical Museum's "Center of Gravity" marker in Hayden, Indiana. On Saturday, May 20, 2000, I will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Hayden to commemorate nearly 150 years of a phenomenon that has relocated two major transportation systems and caused other unusual events in Hayden's history.

Town historians say the first train rolled into Hardenburg (now Hayden) on July 4, 1854. Allegedly, the train crew reported that the usual amount of steam power needed to "pull out of Hardenburg" would not suffice. Similar reports continued over the years, but no apparent conclusions or solutions were identified as to what "pulled things down" in Hayden. Years later, the railroad relocated to the south side of town where this mysterious force seemed to disappear.

However, the story doesn't end there. In the 1920s, U.S. Hwy. 50 came through town on the road now running in front of the Hayden Historical Museum. Once again, motorists complained of a strange force that slowed them down, caused their engines to misfire,

and made it hard to start again if they stopped. After a few years, authorities relocated the highway farther south of town than the railroad and again the problems ended.

Hayden High School teacher and coach Charles "Chuck" Hurley coined the popular phrase "the Hayden Spirit" for a similar phenomenon that seemed to "pull back" people to Hayden just as the trains and cars seemed to be "pulled down" by the infamous force. The "Center of Gravity" is not the only force that attracts people to Hayden, Indiana. Hayden is a great place to live and raise your family. The citizens of Hayden take great pride in their community and work hard to keep their churches, schools and civic organizations strong. The "Hayden Spirit" represents what is best about Hoosier small town life. I am honored the citizens of Hayden have asked me to join them on Saturday when they mark the point from which this mysterious power emanates—the "Center of Gravity."

The Hayden Historical Museum keeps the Hayden community strong. The museum commemorates Hayden's past accomplishments and helps build its strong future. Elementary school members of Hayden's Little Hoosier Historians and middle school members of Whitcomb's Winners use the Museum every day to study the history of their town and state. The Museum library contains books, authentic letters, and a pictorial history of the town where Hayden's children can learn about the people and history of their small town of 250 people.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Hayden in Congress. I applaud their enthusiastic commitment to education, arts, family, and community. The dedication celebration this weekend honors not only the Hayden Historical Museum's status as the "Center of Gravity," but also the illustrious past and promising future of a remarkable Indiana community.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Law Enforcement Week and to honor the men and women who serve our Nation as Law Enforcement Officers.

America's law enforcement officers are one of our most valuable resources. Almost one million individuals nationwide perform an incredibly important task as they put their lives in danger on a daily basis to protect and serve the people. As a former police officer, and the father to a former police officer, I know the inherent risk involved in the profession and salute these men and women for their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that since 1993, the 12th District of Illinois has received funding for 272 new law enforcement officers under the COPS grant funding program. These additional officers have worked to increase the safety and well being of my constituents.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honor of Law Enforcement Week and our courageous

law enforcement officers. These men and women deserve this praise and recognition.

HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF
DICK DOUGHERTY ON MAY 9TH,
2000

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to recognize the 80th birthday of Dick Dougherty, a man who has spent over 50 years of his life involved in journalism in New York State. Currently, he is widely known by the people of Rochester, New York for his editorials in the Democrat and Chronicle, our hometown paper. I consider him to be a national treasure and without the dose of sanity and humor his column provides me five days a week I would be lost.

According to his wife Pat, Dick's family was not certain about his future success after he flunked out of his first year of engineering school at Duke University. After this, he went on to serve in the military as a soldier on the European front during WWII. When he came home, his perseverance led him to complete a journalism degree at Syracuse University. On June 15, 1948 he began his 50 year career with his first journalism job at the Binghamton Press. After two years with the Binghamton paper Dick came to Rochester as a reporter for the morning Democrat and Chronicle and has remained in our city ever since. In 1975 he was assigned by the Times-Union, a Rochester afternoon paper until 1997, to report on a transcontinental bicycle trip. It was on this trip that he discovered his unique talent and love for reaching out and touching the lives of others with his words.

At the age of 56 when most people are beginning to look forward to retirement Dick began his career as a columnist by writing an editorial three times a week for the Times-Union paper. This column now runs daily in the Democrat and Chronicle as Dick continues to captivate the people of Rochester with his unique point of view and perspective on life. Personally, I love to share his columns with my friends, family, colleagues and I have been known to send them to the President.

It is my distinct privilege to recognize Dick Dougherty as a resident of my home district in Rochester, New York. I offer him my heartfelt congratulations on the celebration of his 80th birthday on May 9th, 2000 and I invite my colleagues to do the same as we acknowledge this significant and important man.

TERRACE COMMUNITY CHARTER
SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding charter school in Tampa, Florida. The reason a Member of