

I wish Cyril the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two students from my district who are the recipients of the National Security Education Program's David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Awards. Since its creation by Congress in 1991, the National Security Education Program has awarded over 1,300 undergraduate scholarships and over 700 graduate scholarships.

The program addresses the need to increase the ability of Americans to communicate and compete globally by knowing the cultures and languages of other countries. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduates to study abroad in subjects critical to United States national security. Recipients earn their awards through a rigorous national merit-based competition that includes hundreds of applicants.

Ms. Sarah Chankin-Gould of Long Beach, California, attends Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. With the National Security Education Program scholarship, she will study international relations and Spanish language and literature in Mexico.

Ms. Frances Sullivan-Lewis, also of Long Beach, is enrolled at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. She plans to study history and East European language and literature in Russia.

I commend these two students for their hard work throughout their scholastic careers and I am proud to recognize their accomplishments.

HONORING LEO KOLLIGIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leo Kolligian for his extensive contributions to the educational community in California's San Joaquin Valley. Most recently, Mr. Kolligian's commitment to education was demonstrated by a generous gift made to the University of California, Merced.

Mr. Kolligian, a longtime University of California regent, has been a strong proponent of expanding the UC system to respond to the increasing demand for quality public higher education in the state of California. As chairman of the Board of Regents, Mr. Kolligian was at the forefront of the efforts to add three new campuses in the University of California system. The first of these will be built in Merced, in the San Joaquin Valley. A ceremony was held at the UC Center in Fresno, CA, announcing that the library on the campus of UC Merced will be named after Mr. Kolligian and his late wife Dottie.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Leo Kolligian for his dedication and generosity to education in the San Joaquin Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in lauding his commitment to expanding the educational opportunities available to the people of California.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CURRY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to David Curry of Sedalia, Missouri, who was recently named the Missouri Economic Development Council District 4 Volunteer of the Year.

The Missouri Economic Development Council is an association of professionals and volunteers that is dedicated to improving the economic climate of Missouri through programs of professional development, public policy, marketing and communication. The Missouri Economic Development Council recognizes that professional developers have an enormous task. It is only by the work of volunteers that these professionals and their respective communities are successful.

Mr. Curry has been involved with Pettis County, Missouri, economic development since the early 1970s. He was instrumental in forming the first industrial development group that brought many industries to Sedalia. Today, these businesses serve as the basis for the area's economic well-being. Currently, Mr. Curry serves as President of the Sedalia-Pettis County Community Service Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, David Curry deserves to be recognized for his tireless commitment to the betterment of Sedalia. I know that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating him on a job well done.

27TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S INVASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 27th anniversary of one of the most devastating events in Greek-Turkish-Cypriot relations. On July 20th 1974, troops from Turkey started a campaign that displaced almost 200,000 Greek Cypriots from the northern part of the island of Cyprus. Throughout this invasion, over 1,600 men, women, and children disappeared. To date, the Turkish government declines to supply any information regarding their whereabouts. After twenty-five years, Greek Cypriots still remain refugees within their own country and are not allowed to return to their homes.

Turkey has spent a great deal of time working to modify the demographic structure in Northern Cyprus. The Turkish government has resettled 80,000 Turkish citizens to this area, mostly to the homes of the Greek Cypriots

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who were evicted. Turkey also promoted a "unilateral declaration of independence" by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in 1983, although this was condemned by the UN Security Council and the U.S. government. Turkey is the only country that officially recognizes the TRNC as a sovereign state to this day.

As atrocities against various ethnic groups plague our world today, it is time to confront the aggression of the Turkish government against the Greek Cypriots. Although there have been attempts to settle this dispute peacefully, Greeks on Cyprus continue to suffer, especially when you take human rights into consideration. They are often banned from attending school and work, are not permitted to obtain medical care, and are kept from their families living in the Republic of Cyprus. This is a gross infringement on their basic human rights and clearly violates international law.

Mr. Speaker, although there have been numerous UN resolutions for Turkey to return these refugees to their homes and withdraw its troops, the Turkish government has unashamedly ignored these requests. With the entire international community working hard to remedy this issue peacefully by continuously requesting that the Turkish government respect the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Cyprus, it is disconcerting to watch as they disregard these various offers of help. Not only is this an affront to the United States, but the global community as a whole.

In spite of these setbacks, the United States, as well as the rest of the international community, must carry on their effort to find a peaceful resolution to this struggle that has split Cyprus in two. As a member of Congress, I will continue to do all that I can to bring about Justice for the Greek Cypriots.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for Roll Call votes 233, 234, and 235 on July 17, 2001. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call vote 233 and "nay" on Roll Call votes 234 and 235.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT PHYSICAL DESECRATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I have opposed a resolution proposing an amendment