

American people expect and deserve from their elected officials and this institution.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

WELCOME HOME SHAW

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, in June, I had the distinct honor of joining thousands of Clevelanders at the Wolstein Center to celebrate the determination and success of The Mighty Shaw High School Marching Band. The band was preparing to travel to Beijing later that month to perform at the International Olympic Music Festival. Shaw was one of only five U.S. marching bands invited to this event, and we celebrated their achievement that night in Cleveland.

On the night of the concert, there were several thousand people in attendance. Many of them were Shaw High School alumni but just as many of them were not.

Folks traveled from all over the State of Ohio to come out and show support for the marching band, everybody dancing and singing in celebration of Shaw's accomplishment.

The celebration represented more than a sendoff of a high school marching band. It represented the collaboration of an entire community and the sheer willpower of a dedicated band and its tireless and fearless director. Donshon Wilson can be called many things: director, teacher, and mentor. But for the students and families of Shaw High School, he is also called hero.

Mr. Wilson, a Shaw marching band alum, saw the decline of his beloved band and decided to do something. Beginning in 2001, with a meager budget, he took a handful of students and turned the band into a 60-member-strong force to be reckoned with.

This year, with his unwavering faith and determination, he raised the necessary funds—more than \$400,000—to send Shaw to Beijing.

Mr. Wilson had transformed a high school band from an organization that plays instruments to a group that inspires thousands of young people across Cleveland.

From performing for Senator OBAMA and Senator CLINTON in the last year, to entertaining city diners as the musicians played impromptu concerts throughout Cleveland's city streets, to representing our country in China, the Shaw marching band is an example of the best and the brightest in our community.

At that Cleveland concert in June that my wife and I attended, what was already a great celebration turned even more jubilant when Band Director Wilson announced that the money raised in the last year would not only send the band to Beijing, it would also establish a new seventh and eighth grade section of the band.

When it was announced Mr. Wilson would extend the program to now include the younger students in the Mighty Cardinals Marching Band, the crowd applauded with joy and gratefulness. They knew this had never been done before. Giving the students the proper foundation to become better musicians earlier in their lives benefits this entire community of the city of East Cleveland.

As a father of four children, I could not help but well up with pride as more than 30 boys and girls in seventh and eighth grade marched onto the arena floor to join their new band sisters and brothers in a spirited performance that brought down the house.

Because of the extraordinary work of Mr. Wilson, the Mighty Shaw High School Band, and school superintendent Myrna Loy Corley, a new generation of students will become part of the Shaw band family and Cleveland history.

Earlier this month, Shaw returned from their triumphant trip to China. To say they were a hit is an understatement. From a spirited performance in the historic Xi'an City Plaza, to an energetic performance at the Great Wall of China, to their climactic parade and a knock-their-socks-off concert in Beijing, the Shaw High School Band represented themselves, their school, their city of East Cleveland, and this great country with honor.

In the process, based on the cheers and applause from the audiences, they won the hearts of their Chinese hosts. This summer, the people of China—and the world—came to know what so many of us already knew: The Mighty Shaw High School Marching Band is world class.

These are the band members:

Jimea Barnum, flag; Justin Bass, French horn; Jason Blade, trumpet; Samone Bey, dance team; Krystal Brooks, flag; Alona Bryson, dance team; Carlissa Chambers, dance team; Renee Dorsey, flag; Kamaria Eiland, flag; Leah Foster, cymbals; Isaiah Gardner, tenor drum; Marlon Graves, tenor drum; Rhonda Harris, cymbals; Arthur Hill, baritone horn; Simone Hurd, dance team; Kayla Jordan, dance team; Jerome Jennings, Baritone horn; Jared Lang, French horn; Derrick Le Grande, tenor drum.

Deontae Lewis, French horn; Mathew Longino, French horn; Marshae Love, dance team; Audrey Maxwell, trombone; Genesis Maxwell, cymbals; Alisha McClellan, cymbals; Robert Miller, tenor drum; Seirra Moore, trumpet; Quanee Penn, snare drum; Tony Prather, bass drum; Raymond Raye, bass drum; Sharleen Riley, flag; Chanay Robinson, trombone; Tyrel Ross, tuba; Delilah Sedrick, dance team; Natasha Shields, trumpet; Masonia Shorter-Little, trombone; Jimila Small, trumpet; Andrea Stephens, dance team; Marshall Stone, trombone.

Chavone Taylor, snare drum; Jonathan Thomas, tuba; Rory Tripp, trumpet; Donovan Vaughn, trumpet; Ericka Walker, trumpet; Denzel Watkins, snare drum; Kimille Webb, dance team; Russell West, baritone horn; Daniel Whitworth, tuba; Ciera Whit-

worth, trumpet; Shera Williams, trombone; Victor Williams, snare drum; Latonia Young, flag.

These young men and women are special as students, as musicians, and as citizen ambassadors. Welcome home. We are all so proud of you.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

34TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S
INVASION OF CYPRUS

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to mark a dark anniversary for the Hellenic-American community, and its Cypriot members in particular. Thirty-four years ago this week, the armed forces of Turkey violated the sovereignty and territory of the Republic of Cyprus by illegally invading and ultimately occupying its northern third.

The continued division and military occupation of Cyprus by Turkey remains a gross violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and a blatant disregard for the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights has repeatedly condemned Turkey for violating fundamental rights of Cypriots such as the right to life, the right to liberty and security, the right to the protection of property and the prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment—rights we as Americans also regard as sacrosanct.

Throughout these decades of injustice, the Greek Cypriot community has sought a just resolution to the "Cyprus Question." And we are certainly at a potentially historic crossroads in the effort to end this tragic division. With the February election of President Christofias and his focus on engaging the Turkish Cypriot community, the coming months may turn out to be among the most consequential in the island's long history. Certainly, for the people of the Republic of Cyprus, the illegal occupation of the north cannot come to an end soon enough.

Meeting with Cypriot Foreign Minister Markos Kyprianou in early April, I was therefore heartened to hear in detail about the progress made at President Christofias' March meeting with