

22D ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 22d anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkish military forces.

This illegal invasion has been roundly condemned by the international community for the last 22 years. And yet, for the last 22 years, the Turkish Cypriot minority under Rauf Dentkash has refused to negotiate in good faith or to alter its goal of permanently partitioning the island. Today, 22 years later, 30,000 Turkish troops still occupy the northern third of Cyprus.

Since 1974, the United Nations has attempted to resolve the conflict and reunify the island as an independent state under a single central government. The Turkish Cypriots have consistently rejected such a solution, insisting instead on an independent sovereign Cypriot state in the northern third of the island. The United Nations has consistently recognized the Greek Cypriot Government in Nicosia as the only legitimate Cypriot Government. Turkey is the only country that recognizes the Turkish Cypriot Government as a sovereign state.

The United Nations has repeatedly attempted to mediate an agreement between the interested parties, but recalcitrance on the part of the Turkish Cypriots and their supporters in Turkey has thwarted any notable progress. Just last month, the U.N. Security Council extended the mandate of the U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [UNFICYP] again and reiterated its concern that negotiations have dragged on for too long without resolution. And yet, today, the Turkish Cypriots still obstinately refuse to comply with the U.N. Security Council resolutions addressing Cyprus, and 30,000 Turkish troops still occupy military positions in northern Cyprus.

In 22 years, tensions on the divided island have not dropped appreciably. The Green line—the U.N.-supervised zone separating northern Cyprus from the rest of the island—is one of the most heavily militarized areas in the world. As recently as last month, a Turkish Cypriot soldier shot and killed a Greek Cypriot guardsman in the zone.

Last month, the Clinton administration initiated another attempt to resolve the conflict over the Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus by sending Special Presidential Emissary Richard Beattie to the region. While domestic turmoil in Turkey suggests that the prospects for a breakthrough are slim, the need to address the recent increase in tension between Greece and Turkey provides a compelling reason to make the effort. Nevertheless, it seems clear that the Turkish Cypriots will show no flexibility in their position until the Turkish Government—and the Turkish military in particular—decides that the cost of maintaining the military occupation of northern Cyprus is unacceptably high. Facilitating such a decision must be the goal of the world community.

It is my belief that the international community can compel Turkey to remove its occupation troops by actions like denying Turkey membership in the European Union until it takes such action. Such an approach is en-

tirely appropriate. The European Union has every right to withhold economic privileges from a state that maintains a military occupation of another European country. The question is whether such action alone will suffice, or whether other economic incentives like cuts in United States aid to Turkey are necessary as well. Finally, I hope that the United States special emissary, Mr. Beattie, will strongly emphasize to the Turkish Government that the United States' patience on this matter has worn thin.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Cyprus have suffered long enough.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST ARME-
NIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FRESNO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno, which is preparing to celebrate its 99th anniversary on Sunday, July 28, 1996. It is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to bring this time of celebration to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives.

The First Armenian Presbyterian Church was originally founded on July 25, 1897, by 34 men and women from the Fresno area. The church was the first Armenian church to be founded in California and was received into the fellowship of the Presbytery of Stockton in October 1897. From 1897 to the present, the First Armenian Presbyterian Church has continued to grow in faith and numbers to nearly 300 members.

Over the years, the First Armenian Presbyterian Church has continued to be a source of inspiration and strength to the Fresno Armenian community. The foundations and teachings are passed from generation to generation within the church and children continue to learn about the traditions and lives of their ancestors. As a place of sanctuary, the church has offered people comfort during times of trial and hardship. Under the leadership of Senior Pastor Rev. Bernard Guekguezian, the church has offered continuous guidance and support. I am proud to have someone of Rev. Guekguezian's ability and knowledge in the 19th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno has been a remarkable organization of unity and vitality for 99 years. This congregation exemplifies perseverance and dedication to their families, the community of Fresno, and the State of California. I offer my sincere congratulations to the First Armenian Presbyterian Church on this special day.

MOLLIE BEATTIE HONORED

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize a great public servant and a good

person, Ms. Mollie Beattie, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the occasion of the unanimous passage in the House of Representatives of the Mollie Beattie Wilderness Area, S. 1899.

Mollie Beattie was unfortunately struck down in the prime of her life by a dreadful illness and we shall all miss the humor, hard work, good sense, and dedication she brought to her post. It is unfortunate to lose her for so many different reasons. Sadly enough, she leaves behind a husband and family.

Mollie Beattie also leaves behind a group of dedicated wildlife protectors in this Congress who felt a kinship in working with her. I know I am one of those Members of Congress who will miss her greatly.

I remember a meeting with Mollie not too long ago. We are discussing an issue important to my district that has been dragging on and on for 5, 6, 7 years. Mollie turned to my constituents during that meeting and so succinctly expressed their concerns that they were stunned. They were delighted because they knew they were dealing with a representative of the Federal Government who understood their interest in providing habitat for species. Mollie then turned to me and told me what needed to be done and what she would do about it. She was a no nonsense, cut-to-the-chase type of thinker and we all appreciate that around here. And we all appreciated that quality in her. I know that she will be greatly missed by the members of her staff and of her Agency. She will be missed in the Halls of Congress.

It is with great pleasure and much sadness that I join in the dedication of the Arctic Refuge Wilderness Area as the Mollie Beattie Wilderness Area. God Bless her and her family.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—A
PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to give my Report from Indiana for the week of July 17, 1996.

This week I would like to share with you the program of a very, very special celebration that my wife Ruthie and I were so honored to attend over the Independence Day recess—"A Patriotic Celebration," music performed by the staff and residents of the Henry County Youth Shelter in New Castle, IN.

As the children performed, their young faces glowed with pride. Their deep love of country resonated in my heart as they sang so eloquently. Being included truly moved me. It brought tears to my eyes, put a lump in my throat, and filled my heart with hope.

Words cannot adequately convey the sincere and heartfelt appreciation for what it was like to be a part of their event. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say thank you. Each and every one of the residents and staff of the Henry County Youth Shelter should be commended.

The performance was spectacular. And I would like to include the attached program into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for my colleagues to review:

"A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION" PRESENTED BY THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF THE HENRY COUNTY YOUTH CENTER FOR U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. DAVID M. MCINTOSH, JULY 2, 1996

PROGRAM

National Anthem: "Star Spangled Banner"
Resident Dawn B.: What Is The "Pledge of Allegiance?"
Resident Darren W.: Leads The "Pledge of Allegiance"
"God Bless America"
Residents Lamontta R. and Virgil R.: History of "America The Beautiful"
"America The Beautiful"
"God Bless The U.S.A."
"This Land is Your Land"
Resident Freddie M.: "Children Learn What They Live"
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Special and Talented Participating Residents:

Krystal B., Gabe H., Stacy N., Dawn B., Jeremy I., Brandy R., Brandi C., Summer J., Lamontta R., Floyd C., Rocky L., Virgil R., Tianna D., Freddie M., Darren W., Matthew F., Nathan M., and Jeremy M.

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

Oh say! can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru, the perilous fight.
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

WHAT IS THE "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE"?

The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag is a pledge to the ideals of our forefathers; the men who fought and died in the building of this great nation.

It's a pledge to fulfill our duties and obligations as citizens of the united States, and to uphold the principles of our constitution.

And last, but not least, it's a pledge to maintain the four great freedoms cherished by all Americans: freedom of speech, freedom of Religion, freedom from Want, and freedom from Fear.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Oh, God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home.

HISTORY OF "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

(Words by Katharine Lee Bates, Music by Samuel A. Ward)

In 1893 an English teacher at Wellesley College wrote a poem that was to become the lyrics for one of the most beautiful of American patriotic songs.

Katharine Lee Bates had been asked to lecture at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, and it was during that summer that she penned "America the Beautiful." On her trip west she saw for the first time the abun-

dant glories of America, and later said that the chief inspiration for her poem had been the magnificent view from the top of Pikes Peak. Standing in that rarified atmosphere she saw "spacious skies," and "purple mountain majesties" and such an expanse of fertile country that she was moved with an exalted pride that cried out for poetic expression.

Soon after the poem was printed in 1895—in The Congregationalist, a church magazine—it was set to various tunes and printed in hymnals. But by the 1920's it had become permanently associated with the tune "Materna," which Samuel Augustus Ward had composed in 1882 for the hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem."

Many modern-day Americans feel that the lyrical hymn written by Miss Bates and set to Ward's fine, singable tune should have been chosen as the national anthem of the United States.

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain.

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

Oh, and crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Oh beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife;

Who more than self, their country loved;
And mercy more than life.

America! America! may God thy gold refine.
Till all success, be nobleness and every gain divine.

Oh, beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee;

And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

"GOD BLESS THE USA"

If tomorrow all things were gone, I'd worked for all my life

And I had to start again with just my children and my wife;

I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,

'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away;

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free

And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me;

And I gladly stand up next to you and defend Her still today

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA.

From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,

Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA,

Well, there's pride in every American heart and it's time we stand and say:

That I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,

And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up next to you and defend Her still today,

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA.

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,

And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me;

And I gladly stand up next to you and defend Her still today;

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA.

"THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND"

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Islands
From the Redwood forests, to the Gulf Stream waters,

Hey this land was made for you and me.

As I was walking, that ribbon of highway
I saw above me, endless skyways

I saw below me, that golden valley
The land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled, and followed my footsteps

To the sparkling sands of, the diamond deserts

And all around me, a voice was sounding
Saying, "This land was made for you and me".

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Islands
From the Redwood Forests, to the Gulf Stream waters

Hey this land was made for you and me.

When the sun comes shining, and I was strolling

And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds blowing

As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
"This land was made for you and me".

This land is your land, and this land is my land

From California, to the New York Islands
From the Redwood Forests, to the Gulf Stream waters

Hey this land was made for you and me.

WELL, this land was made for you and me.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.

If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance, He learns to find love in the world.

"BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword.

His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;

They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;

I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.

His day is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished
rows of steel:
"As ye deal with My contempters, so with
you My grace shall deal";
Let the Hero born of woman crush the ser-
pent with His heel,
Since my God is marching on.
He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall
never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His
judgement seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be ju-
bilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Oh! Glory, glory hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SKIP ENTERTAINMENT

HON. ROBERT A UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend the SKIP Entertainment Co. Based on Guam and comprised of local talents, this dance group recently won the 1996 International Choreographic Award at the 6th Annual Jazz Dance World Congress.

The annual event includes workshops conducted by world renowned dance artists and was presented by Gus Giordano and the Kennedy Center. Out of the 79 groups from around the world that auditioned, 17 were selected to perform and compete at the Kennedy Center event. Five judges representing different countries selected SKIP over groups from Japan, Russia, and the United States.

As a result these kids from Guam will start appearing in national media campaigns for Leo's Dancewear. In addition, SKIP will once again perform at the 1997 Jazz World Congress to be held next year at Weisbaden, Germany. Having been present during their performance, I have to admit that these kids are outstanding artists and entertainers. They truly deserve the honors bestowed upon them.

This was truly a team effort. Terri Knapp, the costume designer, and Ray Leeper, the choreographer, deserve a special commendation for having made all this possible. In the same respect, we must make mention of the SKIP kids who performed that night. The incredible talents of Jason Anderson, Justina Caguioa, Kimberly Davis, Karina Dolorin, Renee Eucogo, Kimberlee Gogue, John Hetzel, Lesley Hongyee, Chad Knapp, Tara Leon Guerrero, Michael Lommeka, Kristan McCauley, Dolores Perez, Tristan Rebanal, Francine Saymo, and Matthew Wolff are good examples of what Guam has to offer.

Through their exceptional talents and notable achievements, the SKIP kids have brought recognition upon themselves and the island of Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I would like to commend everyone who played a part in the success of this most recent venture of the SKIP kids. I wish them continued success and the best of luck as they represent Guam at the Starpower National Dance finals to be held at Ocean City, MD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH BRACHMAN

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very special day for Sarah Brachman of Fort Worth, TX. On August 24, 1996, 13-year-old Sarah will have her Bat Mitzvah.

A Bat Mitzvah is a milestone event for every Jewish child at the age of 13. It marks the passage from childhood to adulthood according to the Jewish religion. During a Bat Mitzvah, the child will lead her congregation in services and will read from the Torah.

While the occasion of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is always significant, this one carries extra weight and meaning. Sarah is a child with Down syndrome who, with the support of her family and community, has studied for years in order to be able to lead her congregation's services on this momentous day.

This Bat Mitzvah is a tribute to the will and perseverance of a loving child who has overcome significant handicaps to accomplish wonderful things.

TRIBUTE TO PHILANTHROPIST ALEX MANOOGIAN

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Armenian philanthropist Alex Manoogian. After a long and prosperous life, Mr. Manoogian passed away July 10, at the age of 95.

Mr. Manoogian was born in 1901 and came to the United States at the age of 24, after completing his primary and secondary education. Manoogian relocated to Bridgeport, CT, and sought employment in a factory during the day, while he taught Armenian classes during the evenings.

Eventually, Mr. Manoogian made Detroit his home in 1924. He worked in a manufacturing plant, and eventually combined his formal education and his work experience to found his own company which became the MASCO Corp., the first company owned by an Armenian to be listed on the American Stock Exchange. Today his company reports annual sales of over \$3 billion.

In addition to his company, Manoogian was active in many philanthropic and service organizations. He will probably be most remembered for the work he did for the Armenia General Benevolent Union [AGBU]. After joining the organization in the 1930's, he served the AGBU in numerous capacities including the Avak Sbarabed (national commander), as a member of the board of directors, and international president. Manoogian served as international president for 17 years and was voted life president in 1970 and in 1989, was voted as honorary life president when his daughter assumed presidential duties.

On an International level, Manoogian has also contributed to a wide array of Armenian,

American, Dutch, Latin American, Australian and Lebanese museums, schools, libraries, hospitals, and universities. Although there is an exhaustive list, just a few include: the Marie Manoogian School in Los Angeles, the Armenian Church in Amsterdam, Holland and the Alex Manoogian Center in Zaleh, Lebanon. He is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Wayne University in Detroit, American Armenian International College in La Verne, Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, MI, and Yerev State University in Armenia.

Alex Manoogian possessed the determination, drive, and ingenuity, our forefathers founded this country on, over 200 years ago. I wish today to extend my sympathies to the Manoogian family and the Armenian community worldwide on the passing of a wonderful leader.

EXTENDING BENEFITS TO VETER- ANS EXPOSED TO AGENT OR- ANGE

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3643 and to commend my fellow members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for their hard work this year. I am pleased to be a member of a committee that has put forth many beneficial revisions for our Nation's veterans. I especially want to thank Chairman BOB STUMP for his tenacious advocacy for servicemen and women and his fine ability to expedite veterans' legislation.

H.R. 3643 improves health care delivery to minority groups within our Nation's veterans population such as women veterans and those who served the country in the Persian Gulf war.

The bill also includes provisions which I introduced earlier this year. For one, the bill extends priority healthcare to those service men and women who were stationed in Israel and Turkey during the Persian Gulf war from August 2, 1990 to July 31, 1991.

Currently, veterans of these regions are experiencing undiagnosed medical problems similar to those who served in the theater of operations. Israel experienced repeated SCUD attacks. Military members stationed in Turkey supported aircraft missions into the Persian Gulf, served as a transportation point for returning personnel and equipment and rendered assistance to the Kurds.

Thus, the possibility for contamination or exposure by military members stationed in Turkey and Israel was extremely high. Medical records of many veterans stationed in and around the Persian Gulf fail to accurately identify medications distributed and inoculations administered.

Since no definitive diagnosis has been determined in the cases of Persian Gulf illness, these veterans stationed in Turkey and Israel exhibiting similar medical problems should also be granted health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This provision is a technical correction, since these countries should have been included in the original bill.