

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LAUNA BANKS
BREWINGTON

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Launa Banks Brewington of Greenville North Carolina. Mrs. Brewington was born in Pitt County on August 31st, 1912 to Oscar & Lena Banks. The 5th of 12 children, her family included eight brothers and three sisters. Only two of her siblings are still living; Mrs. Lena R. Murrell-White and Mrs. Missouri (Lady) Wilkens. She married the late Jesse Brewington of Greenville North Carolina in 1930. They lived and she still resides in the home that her father built in 1925. Their marriage lasted until his death in 1993.

Although she and her husband did not have children of their own, they adopted her niece Bernice Banks Forbes and raised her as their own loving daughter. Mrs. Brewington is now the proud grandmother of four children and great-grandmother to eight children.

For 29 years, Mrs. Brewington worked in the Greenville City School system. After she retired, she still did not stop. She then joined the staff of East Carolina University becoming the first Black supervisor of the Custodial Department retiring after 10 years of service.

During the 90 years of her life, Mrs. Brewington has exemplified those attributes we all attempt to embrace. She is a caring, generous, dedicated, honest, and faithfully religious woman. She always received great joy in helping and caring for others. If anyone suffered with an illness, she was always there to help. The neighborhood children were also her children. She was always taking them in and caring for them. She has been a member of the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church since 1937. Her church activities included singing in the church choir for over 50 years and acting as Treasurer for the choir, serving as President of the Missionary Board, President of the Senior Ladies Auxiliary, serving on the Trustee Board, President of the Pastor's Aide organization, Chairman of the Kitchen Committee, and serving on the Pulpit Committee. In her community, she was the President of the Matrons Club which ministered to the bereaved in the community. In addition, she was a member of the Morning Light Tent Lodge, serving as leader and was also elected as Queen of the Royal Degree Circle.

Friends and family will gather in Hampton, Virginia to celebrate Mrs. Launa Banks Brewington's 90th milestone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Mrs. Brewington's family and friends, and the city of Greenville in recognizing this momentous occasion of her 90th birthday.

HONORING THE FOX COMPANY, A
MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNIT
FROM UTAH

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, after the tragic events of September 11, Americans have

shown their patriotism and support for the War on Terror in various ways, such as voting, volunteering and serving in the armed forces. One such group of patriots is the men and women of the Fox Company, a Marine Corps Reserve unit from my home State of Utah. These Marines were recently called to active duty and sent to Camp Pendleton, California, assigned to Homeland Security. They have left their families, friends, homes and careers to defend and protect us, standing as bulwark for our freedom.

Today I wish to thank those men and women of the Fox Company for accepting that call of duty. These Marines have willingly put their lives on the line to defend the freedom that this country enjoys. Though they have not yet been deployed to fight the enemy overseas, these Marines play a vital role in securing our safety and liberty. Their service and determination to uphold and defend our rights must not go unnoticed. They should be recognized and appreciated by all Utahns and all Americans.

I would also like to recognize the families of these Marines. Their support, sacrifice and love are the driving force and inspiration behind the Fox Company. These Utah families are not only facing the absence of a father, husband, mother or wife, but also financial hardship due to the significantly decreased income from established careers so they may serve full time. This is no easy task, but one that these families willingly take on as their part in operation Enduring Freedom.

I commend the courage and patriotism of the Marine Reserve Fox Company. They are admirably performing an honorable job to defend and support the flag at a time when evil enemies are attempting to tear down the institutions that protect the freedom Americans have worked long to build. We should all be thankful for the sacrifice and work of the Fox Company.

HONORING HAROLD OSHRY

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Harold Oshry, a noted humanitarian, a civic-minded businessman and an exemplary leader. Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts in 1918, Mr. Oshry graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bowdoin College in 1940. Shortly thereafter, he proudly answered the call of his nation and served as a captain in the 32nd Special Services Unit of the Eighth Army Air Force during World War II, where he was awarded six battle stars for his courage in the Normandy Invasion and other crucial European Campaigns. After his discharge, he married Claire Herman and relocated to New York City where he began a successful business career.

In 1955, Mr. Oshry founded a transportation holding company, which later became known as Sandgate Corporation. This immensely successful venture afforded Mr. Oshry the opportunities and resources to make a significant impact on many people's lives. His most noted accomplishments were seen in his efforts to further cultural understanding through education. Mr. Oshry was an influential member of

the New York United Jewish Associations Federation where he demonstrated his commitment to the public's understanding of Jewish culture. In 1976, he established the Harry Oshry Scholarship Fund at Bowdoin College in honor of his father. Additionally, Mr. Oshry's generous contributions allowed Ben Gurion University in Israel to endow a chair in Aquatic Microbiology Federations. As a final tribute, Mr. Oshry was honored a week before his death by the Yeshiva Shaar Ephraim, a center for Jewish Studies in Monsey, NY, for his generosity and philanthropic pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a truly special occasion for me to honor Harold Oshry, who worked to foster a better understanding among the world's citizens. His unparalleled dedication to this cause serves as an example for us all.

Mr. Oshry is survived by his wife Claire Oshry of Tamarac, FL, in addition to his daughters Suzanne Oshry of Pacific Palisades, CA, Meryl Evens of Point Reyes Station, CA, and son Michael Oshry of Hewlett Harbor, NY. Mr. Oshry also is survived by his sister Sally Adelson of Delray Beach, FL and brother George Oshry of Brookline, MA, along with seven grandchildren.

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
GRANTING CITIZENSHIP TO U.S.
SERVICEMEN ON ACTIVE DUTY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Bush on the executive order he signed on July 3, 2001. This executive order speeds up the citizenship proceedings for non-citizens who have been serving in the U.S. military since September 11, 2000.

Under current immigration law, non-citizens must serve in the U.S. military for three years before they are even eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship. This executive order is an important first step in acknowledging the dedication of the thousands of non-citizens currently serving in the Armed Forces. I say first step because we have been attempting to rectify this situation with permanent legislation for some time.

Although it has the bipartisan support of 42 House Members, H.R. 4575, the Citizenship for America's Troops Act, has languished in the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims since April 24th of this year. H.R. 4575, sponsored by my good friend and colleague Representative MARTIN FROST, will rectify a variety of barriers faced by U.S. servicemen and women seeking to become naturalized citizens.

This legislation reduces the required amount of military service for qualification to apply for citizenship from three years to two years; allows the INS to conduct citizen interviews and oath ceremonies for military personnel overseas, and exempts non-citizen military personnel from paying fees for their naturalization.

Over 10,000 servicemen and women will benefit from this legislation. Currently there are 6,000 non-citizen enlisted personnel in the Army, 6,620 in the Marine Corps, 2,901 in the

Air Force, and 2,878 in the Navy. These military personnel have demonstrated a willingness to die in defense of this country. Not only is this legislation the very least we can do to show our gratitude, it will have the additional benefit of enhancing recruiting, retention, morale and readiness within the armed services.

Again, I congratulate the President on this initiative and urge my colleagues to bring H.R. 4575 to the floor for a vote before the August recess.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 295, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 5002

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor this evening to express my strong opposition to H.R. 5002, a bill to include Turkey in the Qualified Industrial Zone, allowing duty-free goods from Turkey to enter the U.S. markets. This bill is not only an inappropriate and fiscally irresponsible back-door approach to establishing a free trade agreement with Turkey, but also rewards a country that has illegally occupied 37 percent of Cyprus for the last 28 years. On July 20, 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus, and to this day continues to maintain an estimated 40,000 heavily armed troops on the island. Nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots, who fell victim to a policy of ethnic cleansing, were forcibly evicted from their homes and became refugees in their own country. This bill would send the wrong message to countries that are seeking access to our trade markets. It sends the presumably unintended message that violating international laws can be rewarded.

Mr. Speaker, I believe a discussion by this Congress to grant Turkey substantial trade benefits cannot take place until a settlement has been achieved in Cyprus and Turkish troops have vacated the island. The Turkish government must exert pressure on Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash to put aside his unreasonable and unacceptable demands, and negotiate in good faith with Cyprus President Clerides. International officials were hoping for a breakthrough in negotiations by the end of June, but once again the Turkish side refused to budge and move closer to a peace agreement within the framework provided by the United Nation's Security Council.

I am also very concerned by reports that the Turkish government sent more than 5,500 Turkish soldiers to the Turkish-occupied section of Cyprus over the last month. Cypriot leaders and officials from the European Union see this action as a deliberate attempt on Turkey's part to create tension and negatively impact peace negotiations.

Once a peace settlement is reached, all political and social restrictions on the enclaved

Greek Cypriots must be lifted, and any transfer of property that has taken place over the last 28 years in the occupied area should not be recognized. I also believe that our federal courts should be granted jurisdiction to hear the cases of U.S. citizens who have been excluded from their real property in occupied Cyprus.

I believe each of these five conditions must be met before any discussion of extending trade with Turkey can begin.

Turkey has also not been a good neighbor to Greece in questioning the established maritime boundary of the two countries in the Aegean Sea. This boundary has been established through several treaties dating back to 1923. The U.S. cannot now support expanded trade with Turkey while Turkey refuses to abide by provisions in the 1947 Paris Peace Treaty that once again established the Aegean boundary. The United States was one of the nations that signed that historic document, and therefore must publicly state that it accepts the demarcation of the maritime borders in the Aegean Sea as final.

Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that this legislation not only reflects poorly on the United States' moral authority in trade policy, but also represents dangerous fiscal policy; in effect subsidizing a politically unstable and economically backwards country. Two weeks ago, 34 members of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's ruling party resigned in protest of the Prime Minister's refusal to step down as ruler of Turkey. Then, last week, two of the highest-level Ministers resigned: Economic Minister Kemal Dervis and Foreign Minister Ismail Cem, triggering calls within Turkey for new elections as early as September. Minister Dervis is widely recognized as the architect of the colossal International Monetary Fund bailouts of Turkey, which saved Turkey from immediate financial disaster, but has put Turkey in debt to the IMF for a staggering 31 billion dollars. The nine billion dollars that were made available for release this year have not made any impact on the rapidly shrinking economy and massive unemployment.

We should not reward Turkey and put our own economy in further jeopardy without radical reform of Turkey's economic and trade policy.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop making special concessions for Turkey. Their blatant disregard for international norms—whether it be trade policy or their abysmal human and minority rights record—can no longer be ignored.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTING METHODS AND THE RULE OF LAW

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, in recent months America has seen the collapse of several large corporations because of shady accounting methods and practices. These events have left many American investors worried and some financially ruined. These revelations of corporate abuses and corporate fraud have caused a temporary crisis of confidence in our markets and financial institutions.

The ripple effect of these financial scandals is extending all the way to the smallest inves-

tors. It is the small private investor, not necessarily the large institutional investor, who is taking the brunt of this crisis of confidence. Small investors have seen their retirement plans dwindle not because of a poor investment strategy, but because the entire market has been depressed by the actions of a few dishonest and corrupt corporate executives.

I do not believe these instances of fraud and abuse are representative of all American corporations or the executives that run them, but there should be no difference between "ethics" and "business ethics." Like anyone else in our society, for a corporate executive to succeed, honesty and integrity are essential. Corporate CEOs who commit fraud or whose actions destroy confidence in the entire market and thereby steal the retirement nest eggs of millions of Americans are no better than thugs. They must be identified and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. To root out the perpetrators of these crimes, we must move corporate accounting out of the shadows to protect America's small investors and pension holders.

Our society and culture must reaffirm that it values ethics over next quarter's balance sheet. Corporate executives, no matter how much paper wealth they create, are not above the law. Those that commit fraud and violate the public's trust will be brought to justice.

Our free market economy is anchored in the rule of law. There can be no special exceptions for corporate leaders with regard to the rule of law.

NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Mr. HOBSON and my other Ohio Colleagues in introducing the National Aviation Heritage Area Act, a bill to protect and enhance sites in and near the State of Ohio associated with the history of aviation. The legislation establishes the National Aviation Heritage Area, building on earlier measures enacted by Congress. The legislation is supported by individuals and historical organizations throughout the state. It is appropriate to create the National Aviation Heritage Area to recognize the significant contributions made in the state toward the advancement of aviation and aerospace. The legislation would be a fitting step to mark the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight in 2003.

With the passage of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Act of 1992, Congress recognized the importance of several historic sites associated with the Wright brothers by establishing the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. The park is expected to be fully operational by the year 2003. That is the 100th anniversary of the first manned, controlled, and sustained flight by the Wright brothers, ushering in the aviation era. Though the two interpretive centers for the park are still under construction, the park has already transformed the way our Nation looks at the early history of flight by recognizing the key role that Dayton played. The park has also enhanced local pride in our two most famous sons and their achievements.