

of progress, to destroy our work and our accomplishments. The spread of discrimination in all of its incarnations, be it anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry, must be stopped.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with all of my colleagues, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Jewish and otherwise, in support of this resolution, and urge European governments to fight the spread of anti-Semitism within their borders. Frankly, if we do not, then history is bound to repeat itself.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CYPRUS
FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Cyprus Federation of America, Inc. which will solemnly commemorate the 28th year anniversary of the tragic invasion and occupation of Cyprus by the Turkish armed forces on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 2002. The Cyprus Federation of America is an umbrella organization representing the Cypriot American community in the United States. The largest Hellenic Cypriot community outside of Cyprus is located in the 14th congressional district, which I am fortunate to represent.

Twenty-eight years ago, on July 20, 1974, the Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus, in a tragic and brutal disregard for the human rights of Cypriots. Since then, 37% of Cyprus has remained under Turkish rule. The Cyprus Federation of America has been leading the effort to promote an end to the devastating occupation.

The occupation of Cyprus has had a devastating impact on the people of Cyprus. Families have been separated, parents have lost the right to bequeath land that has been in their families for generations, churches have been desecrated and historical sites destroyed. More than 1,500 Greek Cypriots, including four American citizens, were missing after the invasion and we still do not know what happened to many of them.

In a spirit of remembrance and commemoration, a concert will be held on July 20, 2002 at the SummerStage in Central Park, New York, with the participation of two exemplary artists from Greece, Dionyssios Savopoulos and Alkinoos Ioannides. These remarkable performers have been strong advocates against the division of Cyprus and the human rights violations perpetrated by the Turkish army in Cyprus.

On July 21, 2002, memorial services will be held for the victims of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus at the Cathedral of Holy Trinity in Manhattan. His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Church of America, will officiate.

After twenty-eight years of occupation, all Cypriots deserve to live in peace and security, with full enjoyment of their human rights. I am hopeful that their desire for freedom will one day be fulfilled.

In recognition of the spirit of the people of Cyprus, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Cyprus Federation of America, and in solemnly commemorating the twenty-eighth anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus. I hope

that this anniversary will mark the advent of true freedom and peace for Cyprus.

A CALL FOR PEACE IN CYPRUS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, it has been 28 years since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. In 1974, Turkish troops evicted 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes, making them refugees in their own country. And yet, the elapsing of more than a quarter century has not darkened the memory of the invasion. Turkey's continued violation of the Greek Cypriots' human rights, and the need for the reversal of Turkey's actions and a return to peace, remains as strong today as it did in 1974.

For 25 years, Turkey has fought to increase its grip on Cyprus. In violation of international law, Turkey has moved more than 80,000 settlers into the ancestral homes of the Greek Cypriots. A campaign of harassment and the destruction of cultural sites has been used to intimidate the Greek Cypriots.

Despite these abuses, the people of Cyprus continue to work toward peace. The Cypriot Government called for the demilitarization of Cyprus, despite the threat of the Turkish army occupying 37% of the island's territory. Cyprus is seeking to join the European Union, a step that will move them forward. Even as it is constantly confronted with uncertainty and instability, the Cypriot Government acts in the best interest of its people.

The world community has joined the call for peace, yet Turkey continues to threaten with force and non-compliance. To the international community, the objection over the invasion of 1974 remains as strong today as it was then. For the Greek Cypriots, who struggle to move forward underneath the burden of human rights violations and refugee status, the desire for peace is unending. In the name of democracy and in the defense of human rights, we need to continue to support the people of Cyprus in their efforts to bring peace and stability back to their country.

IN HONOR OF OUR NATION'S FIRST
RESPONDERS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor, and thank our nation's fire, rescue, and police squads. These "first responders" represent our first line of defense—made all too clear on September 11, 2001 and since. And they continue to play an invaluable role in our daily lives, serving their local communities, protecting our families, and risking their lives for our safety.

Much has been said about these valiant men and women. The President and my colleagues here in Congress understand the indispensable role that our local first responders will play in the defense of our nation.

I can certainly speak of their intrepid actions. On the night of July 8, 2002, a fire dam-

aged my home in New Jersey. My wife, daughter, and grandchildren were present at the time, when a smoke alarm roused them from their sleep.

Members from the Lawrence, Lawrenceville, Pennington, and Union police, fire, and rescue squads quickly responded, ensuring the safety of my family. And members from Bucks County, Hunterdon County, Montgomery, Princeton and West Trenton backed up these departments by filling their vacancies and providing mutual support.

I am fortunate that my family escaped without getting hurt, and I would like to thank the men and women serving on the Bucks County, Hunterdon County, Lawrence, Lawrenceville, Montgomery, Pennington, Princeton, Union, and West Trenton police, fire, and rescue squads for promptly responding to my family's 911 call and for containing the fire before it caused irreparable damage to my home.

As legislation establishing a Department of Homeland Security takes shape, it is imperative that we include our first responders. Homeland Security is hometown security. These brave men and women continue to answer our calls everyday, and I share in the admiration and gratitude of all Americans in expressing my thanks for their service. All Americans could help these men and women by surveying their homes and offices for fire and other safety hazards—checking smoke detectors, escape plans, and escape routes.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor these brave men and women. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their local police, fire, and rescue squads.

SUMMER MUSIC

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, this evening, July 17th, Mark Damisch, the Mayor of Northbrook, Illinois will preview the classical piano program he will take on the road to Europe late this summer. I want to congratulate this accomplished pianist as he celebrates his 42nd year of performing. While many in Northbrook and throughout the Chicagoland area know him as a prominent civic leader as demonstrated through his service as the mayor of Northbrook and his work with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, he has been participating in good will cultural events throughout the world for almost 30 years.

In March 1974, while on a New Trier High School Choir tour of Europe where the choir performed with the Vienna Boys Choir, Mark arranged, promoted and played a series of Concerts in Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the Soviet Union. In 1977, Mark returned to the stage to perform in a seven week tour around the world. He performed concerts in Washington, D.C., Keflavik, Iceland, Oxford, England, Oslo, Norway, Hannover, Germany, Tokyo, Japan, Mondorf, Luxembourg and Honolulu, Hawaii. The Tour was recognized by President Jimmy Carter, Illinois Governor James Thompson and Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic. All of the concerts were dedicated to forging better relations between the United States and citizens in the host countries.

This summer's tour will consist of twenty-five concerts performed in 42 days, including tonight's engagement at the Chicago Theater as well as two concerts sponsored by the International Music Foundation and a sold out performance at the North Shore Senior Center in Northfield.

Mark Damisch is an accomplished and talented musician as well as a thoughtful and respected leader in his community. I commend him on bringing his talents beyond our Chicagoland borders and working with others throughout the world in promoting his love of music. I look forward to continued work with my friend Mark Damisch, and express our community's best wishes for a successful summer of music.

TRIBUTE TO RAY MCKENNA

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ray McKenna of East Hartford, Connecticut. There is truly only one name that can be associated with sports in my hometown of East Hartford: Ray McKenna. For kids like myself, growing up in Mayberry Village, Ray was a person to look up to. He is a legendary figure and it only proper that he be recognized for his achievements and his positive influence on our community.

I am also submitting for the RECORD a radio commentary by Scott Gray of WTIC 1080 AM in Hartford, who captured the essence of Ray McKenna and his importance to East Hartford.

[From WTIC AM News Talk 1080, May 16, 2002]

COMMENTARY FOR TODAY

(By Scott Gray)

University of New Mexico women's basketball coach Don Flanagan wrapped up his acceptance speech on being inducted into the East Hartford Explorers Tap-Off Club Hall of Fame at the Marco Polo restaurant last night with a simple thank you. Flanagan, who knows something about winning, felt it was important to thank another big winner from East Hartford, the man responsible for the annual fete, Ray McKenna. But he wasn't thanking Ray for putting on the dinner or for his induction into the hall of fame, he was thanking him for giving a kid from the Mayberry Village section of East Hartford, which has produced a list of national and international sports luminaries, inspiration, inspiration, and a chance to see such heroes as Bill Russell, Bob Cousy and Tommy Heinsohn play basketball in an intimate setting in his hometown. I did mention Flanagan knows about winning. In sixteen seasons as a high school coach at Eldorado High in Albuquerque he had a record of four hundred one wins and thirteen losses. In seven seasons at New Mexico he's turned the program into a big winner, with a 144-72 record and games played in front of average crowds approaching nine thousand, fifth highest aver-

age in the nation. But on the second Wednesday of every May the biggest winner in East Hartford is named Ray McKenna. He talks about the committee that puts the annual dinner together. I've never seen one. The committee is named Ray McKenna, the guy who coached the East Hartford Explorers to more than eleven hundred wins and less than two hundred fifty losses, and thirteen New England Basketball Association titles. And every year they celebrate the team, they celebrate the town, they celebrate East Hartford sports. Every year they fill the banquet room at the Marco Polo, they come for Ray McKenna. Mayor Tim Larson beams about the new UConn football stadium going up in his town, and the innovations that will be part of it. Congressman John Larson, if he can't be there in person, reads the names of the inductees, the Explorers and, as he says, the legendary Ray McKenna into the Congressional Record. Dave Cowens and Larry Costello and John Calipari and Jim Calhoun and Geno Auriemma have all come to be part of the celebration of Ray McKenna. Dom Pemo, Tom Penders, George Blaney and Nick Macarchuk have all come. Bill Detrick and Howie Dickenman, the legends of Central Connecticut, rarely miss it. They come to celebrate a glorious past and to honor it's heroes. They come to honor the new stars and bright young citizens of East Hartford High School basketball and those kids from neighborhoods like Mayberry Village who go on to greater glory. They come, like Don Flanagan, who broke away from a busy schedule, to say thanks to Ray McKenna. There's a baseball park in the town named for the humble former East Hartford mailman, who utters his classic expletive, "pretzels", anytime someone suggests he's more special than he believes himself to be. However Ray McKenna may downplay his own accomplishments, accomplishments that have enriched so many lives, this I know to be true. When you say Ray McKenna in East Hartford, magic happens. With a comment from the sports world, I'm Scott Gray.

CONGRATULATING NATIONAL JEWISH MEDICAL AND RESEARCH CENTER ON ITS U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKING

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate National Jewish Medical and Research Center on being named "U.S. News and World Report's" best respiratory hospital in the nation for the fifth consecutive year in its annual survey of "America's Best Hospitals."

National Jewish was selected by board-certified pulmonologists, as well as by the numbers—mortality rates, ratio of registered nurses to beds, technology, and other factors culled from the annual survey of hospitals by the American Hospital Association. In short, this is an honor bestowed upon National Jewish by its peers.

National Jewish is located in the heart of my congressional district of Denver, Colorado.

Founded in 1899, this nonprofit and non-sectarian institution is dedicated to enhancing prevention, treatment and cures through research, and to developing and providing innovative clinical programs for treating patients regardless of age, religion, race or ability to pay.

I am pleased and proud that the only medical and research center in the United States devoted entirely to respiratory, allergic and immune system diseases is a stellar institution and is in my congressional district.

HOLY CATHEDRAL MINISTERS CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 9th, 2002 members of the Holy Cathedral Church of God in Christ (COGIC) congregation and the Milwaukee community will join together to celebrate Pastor and Lady C. H. McClelland's 20 years of ministry and community service.

Dr. Charles H. McClelland was appointed pastor of Holy Cathedral in September 1982. In July 1989, with his wife Prentiss and a congregation of less than 300 members, Pastor McClelland led his flock from the former Eagle Eye COGIC congregation into its present location on North 40th Street in Milwaukee. Since then membership has continued to thrive and now numbers over 1,200 strong.

The mission of Holy Cathedral is to "reap the harvest of souls by preaching of the gospel as well as the provision of an array of services that are Christ centered through the Word of Hope Ministries." The Word of Hope Ministries, founded by Pastor McClelland, includes a Family Resource Center, Health and Social Service programs, an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) Support Group, Job Placement and Training, and a training lab in the Family Technology Center.

The wide range of ministries offered through Word of Hope, directly address the needs of the surrounding community. The Men's Ministry focuses on spiritual development for all men, with special focus on the challenges facing young black males in the city of Milwaukee. There is also a Women's Ministry, designed to address the physical, moral and spiritual development of lay women. Members of the congregation also reach out to prison inmates, nursing home residents and poor through the Urban Ministry.

So it is with great pride that I congratulate Dr. and Lady C.H. McClelland on a lifetime of service to God, and on 20 years of service, not only to the congregation of Holy Cathedral Church of God in Christ, but also to the surrounding Milwaukee community.