

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on July 16, 2008, by voice vote the House passed H.R. 5959, the Intelligence Authorization Act for 2009. I did not support this legislation and would have voted against passage had a roll-call vote been held.

THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, today we commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Today we also honor the memory and sacrifice of the nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots who were forcibly removed from their homes, the 5,000 Cypriots who were killed during the invasion and the nearly 1,500 Greek Cypriots who remain missing to this day.

Cyprus and the U.S. share a deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, human rights, and the international rule of law. As that commitment is tested, we must draw on our common values and mutual democratic vision to promote stability, prosperity and peace.

The United States has a moral and ethical obligation to stand with Cypriots to reunify their island and end the military occupation. We will continue to work together with the people of Cyprus toward their goal to reunify the island as a bicomunal and bi-zonal federation with a single sovereignty, single international personality and single citizenship with respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots.

By working together and building on our common values and interests, the people of Cyprus and the United States can achieve a united island that fulfills the promise of peace and democracy for which a generation of Cypriots have paid so dearly.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. LOBDELL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert C. Lobdell of Menlo Park, California, who passed away on Monday, July 7, 2008 at the age of 82. He leaves his beloved wife Nancy to whom he was married for almost 56 years; his four children, Jim, John, Terri and William; and 11 grandchildren.

Born in Mankato, Minnesota in 1926, Robert Lobdell moved to Manhattan Beach with his family in 1942. During World War II he served in the Army Air Forces and later attended Stanford University where he earned a law degree in 1950. He married Nancy Lower in

1952 and they lived in Long Beach, California for more than 30 years before moving to Menlo Park in 2004.

After receiving his law degree, Mr. Lobdell went on to work for the Los Angeles Times and the Times Mirror, the newspaper's former parent company, from 1965 to 1986. During his time there, Mr. Lobdell served as vice president and general counsel, successfully argued numerous major media cases, and developed a reputation as one of the Nation's leading First Amendment attorneys. Among his many important media cases, Mr. Lobdell successfully argued that a newspaper had the right to control the content of advertisements it publishes and won a landmark media case in 1982 brought by the Federal Trade Commission, which tried to stop the practice of media companies giving discounts to frequent advertisers. He also worked to free Times reporter Bill Farr in 1973 after he was jailed for refusing to reveal his source to a judge in the Charles Manson murder case.

Mr. Lobdell received numerous accolades from his peers and earned their respect, admiration and affection. He was known as a hard-working, kind colleague, and a fine lawyer who advocated hard-hitting journalism and fiercely tackled legal challenges to protect and support the editors and journalists at the Times.

Mr. Lobdell was a devoted husband and father and when he wasn't working, he spent time with his wife and children. An active member of the community, he served on the boards of numerous organizations. He had a love of the arts and at age 60, he became part of the student body at Cal State Long Beach, taking classes including Italian, literature and history, as well as a study abroad program. His family remembers his great enthusiasm for life which lasted until the end.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Robert C. Lobdell and in extending my deepest sympathies to his entire family during this difficult time. As an exceptional lawyer and free speech advocate, a loving husband, father and grandfather, he has left lasting legacies which have made our country stronger and better.

HONORING THE FEDERAL DRUG
AGENTS FOUNDATION**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Federal Drug Agents Foundation and its work to support and recognize federal agents, task force members and their families.

The Federal Drug Agents Foundation is a Long Island-based, not-for-profit organization that provides many services to the men and women who risk their lives to make this country safer and drug-free. The organization also provides these services to the family members of these men and women, as well.

The Foundation serves as an anchor of support for the American law enforcement community. It provides bereavement support and financial assistance for families of agents and task force members who die in the line of duty, including individual grants. The Founda-

tion also provides support to agents and task force members who become injured in the line of duty.

When agents and task force members experience grave financial loss or severe trauma or encounter situations for which there is no other source of assistance available, the Foundation steps in to provide relief. This support is essential for those agents who put their lives on the line to keep Long Island safe.

The Foundation has also established a scholarship fund for agents and task force members who wish to pursue degrees in criminal justice, political science, law and related areas. This helps ensure our law enforcement community can benefit from the knowledge and experience of these hard-working, dedicated men and women. Funds like this make it possible to encourage future generations of committed agents in the criminal justice sector.

The Federal Drug Agents Foundation also makes charitable grants to Federal, State and local law enforcement related agencies. Among the organizations supported by the Foundation are the Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, and various State and local law enforcement agencies and support groups.

I am honored to recognize the generosity and compassion of the Federal Drug Agents Foundation for the services it provides on Long Island. I applaud the Federal Drug Agents Foundation for their steadfast support and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY REIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Reis for reaching an important milestone as a public servant to the people of Winneshiek County, Iowa.

For the past 25 years, Larry has served on the Winneshiek County Conservation Board (WCCB). Before working on the County Conservation Board, he grew up in Lime Springs, Iowa, where he followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents by enjoying his time with nature and becoming a passionate outdoorsman. Larry's first job was a campground manager in Little Sioux, Iowa.

In 1983, Larry became the WCCB naturalist and maintenance technician. Ten years later, another staff person was hired, which allowed Larry to primarily work as the county naturalist. In this past year, WCCB again hired another staff person, and Larry began spending part of his time working as the natural resource manager as well.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Larry Reis for his service to Winneshiek County. I consider it an honor to represent him in the United States Congress and I wish him the best in his future work with the Conservation Board.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF CYPRUS AND COMMENDING EFFORTS TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO THE REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, this past weekend marked the 34th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkish forces. During the war, approximately 5,000 Cypriots were killed and close to 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly removed from their homes. This anniversary also marks another year in which Cyprus is divided between north and south and between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities.

However, despite 34 years of division in Cyprus, I am more optimistic today about reaching a just and lasting settlement than I have been in many years. In February of this year, the Greek Cypriots elected a new president, Demetrios Christofias. Immediately following his election, President Christofias followed through on his commitment to make the solution of the Cyprus problem his top priority.

President Christofias found a willing partner in Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Talat. The leaders of the two main Cypriot communities met on March 21 for the purpose of trying to implement the provisions of the U.N.-brokered July 8, 2006 agreement. This agreement, which sets forth a framework for negotiations with the objective of trying to achieve the unification of Cyprus based on a bizonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The March 21 meeting also established a number of Working Groups and Technical Committees, as described in the July 8 agreement, in order to prepare the ground for full-fledged negotiations leading to a comprehensive and durable settlement.

The two leaders have already met on three occasions and will meet again on July 25 when they will review the progress of the Working Groups and Technical Committees. It is my hope that both leaders can agree to move forward and begin full-fledged negotiations.

The House of Representatives has already voiced its strong support for comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue. On October 9, 2007, the House on a voice vote passed House Resolution 405, which expressed its support for the immediate implementation of the July 8, 2006 agreement as the way forward to prepare for new comprehensive negotiations leading to the reunification of Cyprus within a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. In addition, the resolution called upon the United States Government to fully support the immediate implementation this agreement in its entirety.

I believe the time is right for a permanent settlement in Cyprus. We have two leaders—President Christofias and Turkish Cypriot Leader Talat—who are ready and willing to reach an agreement. I also believe that the people of Cyprus, whether Greek Cypriot, Turkish Cypriot or members of the other ethnic groups on the island, recognize that a settlement leading to a reunified Cyprus will help

lead the way to a future of peace and prosperity.

LEADING MELANOMA RESEARCHERS ESTABLISH LINK BETWEEN UV EXPOSURE AND SKIN CANCER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I want to bring to my colleagues' attention a powerful statement from more than 500 of the world's leading skin cancer researchers on the harmful effects of over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

The petition was prompted by a national media campaign initiated by the indoor tanning industry, which seeks to dispel the link between melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, and UV exposure from natural or artificial sources (such as tanning beds).

Backed by clear, evidence-based data demonstrating the harmful effects of UV radiation, nearly 500 of the world's premier melanoma researchers expressed their concern by signing a petition affirming the role of UV exposure in increasing one's risk for skin cancer. Please find below the official language of the statement signed by nearly 500 researchers:

MELANOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND SOCIETY FOR MELANOMA RESEARCH'S UV EXPOSURE & TANNING JOINT STATEMENT

There are clear, evidence-based data demonstrating harmful effects of UVA and UVB radiation, including carcinogenic/mutagenic effects on DNA. Purposeful exposure to UV rays increases the risk for skin cancer, including multiple types which may be lethal. Use of indoor tanning (outside of medical practice) represents one of the most striking examples of an avoidable cause of lethal cancer in man. We deplore any efforts to distort scientific research for financial gain, and urge regulatory agencies to crackdown on this practice because the lives of so many people, including young people, are at stake.

The petition was prompted specifically by two ads the Indoor Tanning Association (ITA) ran earlier this year. The ads not only distort scientific research, but ignore the clear, evidence-based data demonstrating harmful effects of UVA and UVB radiation.

I am attaching a press release issued by the Society for Melanoma Research and the Melanoma Research Foundation accompanying the public release of the petition.

RESEARCHERS TAKE HARD LINE AGAINST UV EXPOSURE—HUNDREDS AFFIRM HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ULTRAVIOLET RAYS, DISCOURAGE INTENTIONAL TANNING

WASHINGTON, DC.—Researchers have expressed concern over a new campaign initiated by the tanning industry, which seeks to dispel the link between melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, and UV exposure from natural or artificial sources (such as tanning beds). In response, nearly 500 of the foremost experts on melanoma signed a statement affirming the existence of evidence-based data demonstrating the harmful effects of UVA and UVB radiation. The statement, which was initiated at the 5th Melanoma Research Congress in Sapporo, Japan on May 7-12, not only states that UV rays increase one's risk for skin cancer, including melanoma, but also maintains that the use

of indoor tanning (outside of medical practice) represents an example of an avoidable cause of lethal cancer.

Studies show that UV light is a carcinogen (i.e. causes cancer). This occurs when skin cells are damaged after UV exposure (either from the sun or a tanning bed). The same DNA damage that triggers tanning also appears capable of causing cancerous mutations in skin cells. If those mutations are not completely repaired—as frequently occurs—skin cancers may result. Additional data demonstrates that indoor tanning devices emit UV radiation that is similar to, and sometimes more powerful than, that emitted by the sun. In fact, a systematic review of worldwide data, published in the March 2007 issue of the International Journal of Cancer, found a prominent, consistent increase—75 percent—in risk for melanoma in people who begin using tanning beds in their teens or twenties. Additionally, the review also showed that people across all age groups who have ever used tanning beds face a 15 percent higher risk of developing melanoma than those who have not. Even more dramatic increases were seen in certain non-melanoma forms of skin cancer, such as squamous cell carcinoma, a tumor that only on occasion spreads from the skin and may then be lethal.

Many scientists also point out that vitamin D, although produced in the skin, can easily be obtained by non-UV related means, such as dietary supplements. These dietary supplements would not carry the risk of cancer associated with UV radiation, in cases where increased vitamin D levels are deemed beneficial.

The Melanoma Research Foundation's (MRF) Scientific Advisory Committee stated, "The petition was developed to reinforce that the scientific community continues to stand behind strong data supporting the connection between skin cancer and UV-exposure. As physicians and scientists, we are concerned that this campaign may confuse the public, putting them at an increased risk for a disease that is too often lethal."

Melanoma is one of the fastest growing cancers in the U.S. and can strike people of all ages, all races and both sexes. In fact, one in 50 people have a lifetime risk of developing melanoma. Further, approximately 65 percent of all melanomas are attributed to UV exposure resulting from natural and artificial sources.

A wealth of information exists about how to reduce the risk of developing melanoma and other skin cancers, yet both MRF and SMR advise that the most important measure the public can take is to avoid intentional sunbathing and indoor tanning devices. For those who want to learn safe ways to access to vitamin D and look "tan," or for more information about melanoma and UV exposure, please visit www.melanoma.org or www.societymelanomaresearch.org.

ABOUT MELANOMA

Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, is one of the fastest growing cancers in the U.S., and can strike people of all ages, all races and both sexes. One in 50 people have a lifetime risk of developing melanoma. In fact, in 2008, more than 62,000 Americans are expected to be diagnosed with invasive melanoma, resulting in an estimated 8,400 deaths. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults 25- to 29-years-old and the second most common cancer in adolescents and young adults 15- to 29-years-old. Nationally, one person dies of melanoma nearly every hour—and this number is rising.

ABOUT THE MELANOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) is the largest private, national organization devoted to melanoma in the United