

States. The Foundation is committed to the support of medical research in finding effective treatments and eventually a cure for melanoma. The Foundation also educates patients and physicians about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of melanoma, while acting as an advocate for the melanoma community to raise awareness of this disease and the need for a cure. The MRF Web site is the premiere source for melanoma information seekers. More information is available at www.melanoma.org.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY FOR MELANOMA RESEARCH

The Society for Melanoma Research (SMR) is an all-volunteer group of scientists working to find the mechanisms responsible for melanoma and, consequently, new therapies for this cancer. SMR contributes to advances in melanoma research by bringing together researchers to unite the scientific community and hasten the discovery of preventative and curative therapies. More information is available at www.societymelanomaresearch.org.

CELEBRATE PEACE EFFORTS ON CYPRUS WITH PROGRESS, NOT PARADES

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, Turkish Cypriots in the northern region of Cyprus mark every July 20th as the anniversary of Turkey's military intervention in that country in 1974. In fact, as part of the "Peace and Freedom Day" celebration this year, the Turkish Naval Frigate "Gelibolu" reportedly anchored off the northern region of Cyprus and the "Turkish Stars"—Turkey's military jet acrobatics team—performed in the skies over northern Cyprus.

For over three decades, significant international efforts have been undertaken to peacefully reunify the island nation of Cyprus. The new Cypriot government is currently working hard to engage with the leadership of the Turkish Cypriots and find a way to end the division of Cyprus, once and for all. Nevertheless, a date for new reunification talks has yet to be set, barricades still stand across the island, and the government of Turkey continues to withhold its public support for the talks and has yet to remove its military presence on Cyprus.

Madam Speaker, these displays this past weekend by the Turkish military are unproductive, coming, as they do, at a time when the status of Cyprus remains in limbo. Cyprus cannot remain a divided island with a divided people.

Congress last year adopted House Resolution 405, a measure I was proud to cosponsor, which emphasized that the reunification of Cyprus should be based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation. Other responsible nations have also stressed that such a reunification should include a single sovereignty and a single citizenship, with the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus safeguarded. It is commendable that some steps have recently been taken towards establishment of such a solution.

On May 23rd, the President of Cyprus and a designated representative for the Turkish Cypriot community—issued a joint statement

in which they reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. Both sides also recently agreed to reopen a crossing point at Ledra Street in Nicosia, a key thoroughfare through that divided capital that has been closed for over 40 years. So there is some movement, but much remains to be done. There must be a solution that will end the occupation, reunite the island, and restore and safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people as a whole.

I suggest that a more fitting celebration this year of the so-called "Peace and Freedom Day" that I mentioned at the start of my remarks would consist of an announcement of the resumption comprehensive talks on reunification and a public expression of support for those negotiations. At some point soon, the final parade of Turkish troops should be their permanent departure from the island of Cyprus and the removal of all Turkish military forces there.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON ALBAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sharon Alban, co-publisher of the Ogden Reporter, for earning the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Iowa Newspaper Association's convention.

The Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious honor given by the Iowa Newspaper Association, and former recipients of the award select the winner. Excellence runs in Sharon's household as her husband Gary won the award in 2005. In addition to Sharon's award, the Ogden Reporter was awarded three press awards in the Iowa Newspaper Foundation's annual Better Newspaper Contests.

In 1966, Gary and Sharon bought the Ogden Reporter. Sharon began on the streets selling ads. She found a niche in sales in addition to her day-to-day work with the newspaper. In addition to Sharon's diligent work with the newspaper, she is very active in her church and is involved in many community activities and events.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Sharon Alban for her leadership and dedication to representing Iowa in the Ogden Reporter. I consider it an honor to represent Sharon and her husband Gary in Congress, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO POCAHONTAS REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Iowa, on celebrating their 50th anniversary as a congregation.

Beginning in 1955, a group of Baptists began meeting together in Rolfe, Iowa where

study classes and evangelical meetings were held in preparation for a new church community in Pocahontas. In January 1958, the Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church was organized. Later that year it was officially received into the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The first services and meetings were held in the Farm Bureau building until 1961, when the first church building was raised. The church building was the former Methodist Church from Havelock, Iowa. The congregation continued to grow, and in 1978, it was decided to build a new church to accommodate the growing congregation. A new church building was completed and dedicated in 1981 and remains the congregation's church today.

Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church has been an integral part of the surrounding Pocahontas community, and for this I offer the congregation my utmost congratulations on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners and the current Pastor, Tim Kuhn, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5959) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank Chairman REYES and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for their great work on this bill and for agreeing to include my amendment in the Manager's amendment to the bill.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment recognizes that we have a responsibility to the Iraqis and Afghans who have willingly put a target on their own backs by choosing to help our servicemen and women and our diplomats. These interpreters put themselves and their families in immense jeopardy every single day.

Unfortunately, Congress has been shamefully slow in ensuring their safety. Only now are we beginning to make progress in providing the opportunity of resettlement to those whose lives are at risk because of their work for us. This has come about largely because of the advocacy of our own troops, who have benefited day in and day out from the services of these interpreters and who have come to call them their brothers. They are asking us to stand up for the people who have stood up for them.

Meanwhile, our intelligence community faces a critical shortfall in linguists and cultural experts. Our national security is jeopardized daily by our inability to field the specialists necessary to translate and interpret valuable intelligence information.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment is simple, it requires the Director of National Intelligence to

assess whether some of the critical language needs in the intelligence community can be met by these Iraqi and Afghan interpreters who have already proven their loyalty through their service to our government. In doing so, my hope is that we could meet this urgent need for translators and interpreters in the intelligence community while providing meaningful employment to individuals who have risked their lives in service of our country.

I thank Chairman REYES and the Committee again for their support of my amendment, which is included in the Manager's amendment, and urge my colleagues to support it as well.

TRIBUTE TO CARLO J. DiMARCO

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carlo J. DiMarco for his appointment as the 112th president of the American Osteopathic Association, the national organization that represents over 61,000 osteopathic physicians.

Dr. DiMarco has established himself as a distinguished leader within osteopathic community. A graduate of LaSalle College and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), DiMarco spent more than 30 years working in Delaware County in Philadelphia, where he worked to strengthen and expand the ophthalmology residency program at PCOM. He has served as a board of trustees member and past president of several prestigious osteopathic organizations including the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association, as well as the American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

In 2005, DiMarco was recruited to LECOM, located in my hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania. As the Professor and Regional Dean of Clinical Medicine, DiMarco is further developing the instructional and training programs at LECOM. By building relationships with students, residents and physician colleagues, DiMarco continues to contribute to his profession. He also serves as the director of the Ophthalmology Residency Program at Millcreek Hospital in my hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dr. DiMarco has truly been a community leader in the ophthalmology field. An outstanding physician, he continues the osteopathic tradition of assuring exemplary ophthalmology.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Carlo DiMarco and wishing him the best for a successful and rewarding tenure as the 112th president of the American Osteopathic Association.

DRILL RESPONSIBLY IN LEASED LANDS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6515, the Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands (DRILL) Act. I would like to thank the Speaker and the Democratic Leadership for taking action on the urgent and vitally important issue of high fuel prices and energy security.

In the face of high gasoline and fuel prices that are creating economic hardship for Americans, it is important that we maximize use of the resources that we have at our disposal today. The DRILL Act does this by requiring oil companies to drill in the 68 million acres of federal lands already leased but sitting idle. Such a measure is an important first step in our country's energy policy.

We have heard many calls from President Bush and our Republican colleagues for opening up new lands for drilling, both in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Though these may seem like quick-fixes to our energy problems, they are misleading and do not address the problem of high prices and dependence on fossil fuels in the short or long-term. Neither OCS nor ANWR would produce oil for at least the next ten years. Congressional expert projections indicate no significant impact on oil and natural gas prices before 2030. Even then, there is no guarantee that increased production would affect prices at all. Oil prices are determined on an international market, and OPEC could neutralize the effect on oil prices by offsetting any additional supply U.S. oil production brings to the market.

The reality is that while we must look for ways to increase our domestic oil production in the shorter-term—as the DRILL Act does,—we cannot drill ourselves out of our energy problems in the long-term. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil but only holds 3 percent of the world's known oil reserves. To ensure our country's security, prosperity, and environmental sustainability we must shift to cleaner sources of energy and increase efficiency in our energy use. Moving to clean, renewable energy sources will enhance our energy independence, bolster our economy through the creation of green jobs, and promote environmental sustainability. Biofuels, wind and solar energy are promising alternatives to oil and coal, and it is vital to invest in research and production incentives for these technologies. At the same time we must increase energy efficiency in our buildings and transportation sector.

Most importantly, Americans must think critically and proactively about lifestyle changes that simultaneously preserve the prosperity of our country and promote responsible stewardship of our planet.

Mr. Speaker, America's energy problem is a daunting one, but it is one we can solve if we work together to enact responsible policies for the short and long-term. I urge my colleagues to support the DRILL Act, as it is an important first step in the right direction. In the long-term, we must enact smart, forward looking policies that move us toward cleaner, sustain-

able energy and ensure prosperity and a healthy planet for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO GLADYS MARTENS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gladys Martens on the occasion of her 100th birthday on July 15, 2008.

Gladys was born on July 15, 1908 in Adair County, Iowa, as Gladys Petrie. She is a graduate of Drake University and was a teacher in Linden, Iowa. In 1939, she married Grant Martens and moved to a farm in rural Madison County, where she lived until 1997. Gladys is a life-long member of Van Meter Trinity Lutheran Church and currently lives at the West Bridge Care Center in Winterset, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Gladys' birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Gladys has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Gladys Martens for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Gladys in the United States Congress, and I wish her happiness and health in her future years.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE ARMED SERVICES

SPEECH OF

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2008

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, in 1940 the U.S. population was about 131 million, 12.6 million of which was African American, or about 10 percent of the total population.

During World War II, the Army had become the Nation's largest minority employer. Of the 2.5 million African Americans males who registered for the draft more than one million were inducted into the armed forces. African Americans, who constituted approximately 11 per cent of all draftees. Along with thousands of black women, these inductees served with distinction in all branches of service and in all Theaters of Operations during World War II.

I have a proud personal connection to one of those who risked their lives in the segregated service. Over 966 Black military aviators were trained at the Tuskegee Airfield. One of these men, I am proud to say, was my uncle, the Reverend LeRoy Cleaver, Jr.

The Tuskegee Airmen carried a heavy burden. Every single mission, every success, every failure was viewed in relation to the color of their skin. They could fly the skies valiantly and return to the tarmac only to have their white peers refuse to return their salutes.