

home. In 1980, Paul joined his brother, John W. "Jack" Jr., CEO of Greater Buffalo Press, to serve as company president and COO of the largest printer of Sunday comics in the world and a leader in advertising insert printing. Greater Buffalo Press has seven plants in the United States as well as one in Canada, and, at one point, had 2,100 employees. In 1989 Paul moved to Nashville to serve as vice chairman of Sullivan Graphics, only to return to Buffalo in the 1990's. With Paul's increasing success in business, he gave back to his community. In 2006, his philanthropic foundation gave 40 grants worth close to \$300,000 to Western New York charities, churches, and schools, and he led a \$20 million dollar fundraising campaign for Canisius High School, where he graduated from in 1955.

Paul also served on the boards of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo Venture, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Contract Staffing, Dunn Tire Corp, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, Sisters Hospital Foundation, WNED, and Canisius High School. Paul was also chairman of the board of trustees at Canisius College and received the school's Board of Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award for his significant contributions to the Western New York community.

Paul's role as chairman of the Peace Bridge Authority was a recent testament to his great leadership in Buffalo. Three governors, both Republican and Democratic, have named Paul to the Peace Bridge Authority over the years. Paul's respectful manner, integrity, genuine character, and tenacious spirit made him a great champion for progress in Buffalo. Paul Koessler was widely respected because he was always respectful—to anyone and everyone he came in contact with. Paul was a strong and effective advocate for groundbreaking projects important to Western New York and will be especially missed as a leader and a partner in the effort to construct a new Peace Bridge.

Madam Speaker, Paul Koessler was a dedicated leader and beloved man who cherished his community. His legacy in Western New York is invaluable and enduring. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Niscah, and children, Susan, Joanne, Lana, Gretchen, Joe, Eric, Kimberly, Robert, Theodore, and Brian. I thank you for joining me in expressing to the Koessler family the deepest condolences of the House for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY ALLEN

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions and dedication of my communications director, Kimberly Allen, as she leaves to relocate to Richmond, Virginia with her husband, Tom Emswiler. Kimberly has been on my staff for more than 2½ years, and during that time she has demonstrated extraordinary talent, grace under pressure, and the highest ethical and professional standards as my public spokesperson. She has also done a superb job han-

dling the inquiries my office has received from national, State, and local media outlets. Kimberly has a true gift with words, is steadfastly loyal, and embodies the very spirit of teamwork.

Kimberly grew up in Annandale, Virginia and attended Annandale High School. She later attended Boston University's College of Communication and graduated with a bachelor of science in Communication in 2002. Before joining my office, Kimberly worked at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing as their communications assistant and webmaster. She later served as the communications and production manager for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Her previous experience served her well and helped make her a very effective communications director.

In addition to serving long hours as the brilliant spokesperson for my office, Kimberly is extremely involved in community activities and volunteers to help those who are less fortunate. Since 2002, she has annually prepared tax forms at weekend clinics for those who are not able to afford private assistance with their income taxes. She has also volunteered at "We Are Family," which provides groceries to families in need, since 2007.

Madam Speaker, over the past 2½ years, my office has come to know Kimberly Allen well and we will remember her as a conscientious and dedicated colleague, a gifted writer with a great sense of humor, and a loyal friend to her fellow coworkers. She has been a passionate advocate for protecting the freedom of the press, immigration reform, and human rights. Throughout her tenure with my office, Kimberly has provided me with good counsel and effective communication to the people of New Jersey. She has my deep respect and appreciation for all of the contributions she has made to my office and the work she has done. I wish Kimberly the very best and know that she has a bright future ahead of her.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, today, we sadly commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Turkish occupation of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. The legacy of this occupation still weighs heavily on the northern third of the island, which remains occupied by Turkish troops. In fact, the Turkish-Cypriot Administered North Cyprus has the dubious distinction of being one of the most militarized areas in the world, with nearly one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriot.

A devastating consequence of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus is the tragic humanitarian problem of missing persons. Today, there are more than 1,400 Greek Cypriots still missing as well as four missing Americans. A series of UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions condemn Turkey's invasion and call for the tracing of missing persons. As we mark the 34th year of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, I encourage all governments involved to

adhere to humanitarian principles and international practices regarding the effective investigation of the whereabouts of missing persons.

While we commemorate the past and our hearts go out to those suffering continuing hardship due to missing loved ones. Positive steps underway could lead to a brighter future for all Cypriots. We are encouraged that, for the first time in five years, both sides are engaging in constructive dialogue. Since March, leaders from the South and North have taken positive steps towards reunification and have met three times. I urge both sides to continue this positive discourse including at a meeting this Friday. I sincerely hope a solution to the Cyprus issue will soon be reached to reuniting the island under a government that safeguards human rights, completes the investigation into the whereabouts of missing persons, and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER TORY PETERSON

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Roger Tory Peterson (1908–1996) and the centennial celebration that will be held at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, NY from August 2008–August 2009.

Roger Tory Peterson was America's most prominent ornithologist and bird artist in the 20th century. Many people have regarded him as being a modern day John James Audubon who introduced millions of people to the joys of bird watching.

Not only was Peterson a world renowned ornithologist, but also photographer, film maker, writer and lecturer as well. Additionally to his credit, his Field Guide to the Birds has sold five million copies in five editions since 1934, and was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. This book was so successful that it led to an entire series of Peterson Field Guides to be developed. Peterson released 50 titles covering practically every aspect of the natural world. This launched a career that made him the most prominent and honored naturalist of our time.

For 60 years Peterson wrote and spoke about, illustrated, filmed and photographed the natural world. His articles, photographs and illustrations appeared not only in widely known magazines such as Life and National Geographic but also in a variety of other popular magazines. This allowed the public to become aware and appreciate nature through his work.

Peterson worked tirelessly in defense of the natural world. He was very outspoken and as a result he helped see through the passage of crucial environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the ban on DDT. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980 and was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, received 23 Honorary Doctorates and scores of other honors including the John Burroughs Award for Nature Writing, the Conservation Medal of the National Audubon Society, Conservation

Achievement Award of the National Wildlife Federation, the Smithsonian Institution's James Smithson Medal, World Wildlife Fund Gold Medal, Linnaeus Gold Medal from the Swedish Academy of Sciences, and was inducted into the United States Conservation Hall of Fame, all for his work on behalf of the natural world.

Founded in 1985, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, located in Peterson's hometown of Jamestown, NY is an educational institution charged with preserving Peterson's lifetime body of work and making it available to the world for educational purposes. Housed in its archives are thousands of items ranging from paintings, original graphic art renderings, photographs, films, manuscripts and correspondence that tell the story of Peterson's career.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute plays host to visitors from around the world that come to view these treasures. Yet, because Peterson educated, entertained and enriched the lives of people everywhere, these deserve greater and more widespread exposure through exhibition at museums and the other cultural venues nationwide.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the enduring Peterson who continues to enable millions of people to come to know and appreciate the value of nature and recognize the wellbeing of people and the natural world are one and the same. This deep, profound legacy deserves to be celebrated on the 100th anniversary of his birth, and is the reason why it is appropriate and necessary to celebrate Peterson's lifework and legacy.

THE DAILY 45: YOUNG ALONZO ROBERTSON DIES ON VACATION IN D.C.

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Chicago is but one of several American cities that are struggling through an escalating wave of gun-related violence this summer.

Last weekend, in a scene reminiscent of a military checkpoint in Iraq, police had to cordon off the streets of the Trinidad section of Washington, D.C. This was in response to a series of shootings and stabbings that left at least 11 people wounded and two people dead. Among the gunshot victims was 13-year-old Alonzo Robertson, a young boy who was vacationing with family and friends when he was murdered.

As police continue to investigate Alonzo's senseless death, I not only grieve this child's loss but I mourn the violation of a sense of community of the people who live in the Trinidad neighborhood. Just last month, area residents had to wade through a police checkpoint that, for a brief time, stopped the violence.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say 'enough is enough, stop the killing!'

TRIBUTE TO TOMMIE ANN GIBNEY

### 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 the accomplishments of a fine outstanding citizen, Tommie Ann Gibney.

Ms. Gibney is a shining example of a woman who tries hard and succeeds brilliantly. She does it all. She is a professional, a distinguished attorney, friend of many, wife, mother, and last month Ms. Gibney was able to add the title of President. She is one of only three women to ever hold the prestigious position as President of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America/New Jersey, an organization of over 2100 attorneys, paralegals, law clerks and law school graduates who protect New Jersey families by advocating for safer products and workplaces, a cleaner environment, and quality health care.

Ms. Gibney attended Seton Hall University for her undergraduate, graduate and law school degrees. As an associate at Andres and Berger in Haddonfield, New Jersey Ms. Gibney fights tirelessly for victims of nursing home abuse and neglect. She volunteers her services and vast legal knowledge to Trial Lawyers Care, 9/11 Legal Assistance and to the Hyacinth Aids Foundation. She is a role model for all law professionals both in and outside of the courtroom.

My congratulations to Tommie Ann Gibney and her family.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S ILLEGAL INVASION OF CYPRUS

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, tonight I join my colleagues on the House floor to commemorate the 34th anniversary of Turkey's illegal occupation of Cyprus.

On July 20th 1974, Turkey began its brutal invasion of Cyprus, which forced nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots to flee their homes—making one-third of the Cypriot population refugees in their own country.

Today, Turkey occupies the northern third of the island. It is one of the most militarized areas in the world, with more than 43,000 Turkish soldiers trying to maintain the status quo of the illegal occupation. Forty-three thousand soldiers may not sound like a lot, but consider that there is almost one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots.

When Cypriots were forced to flee their homes 34 years ago, a large number of their properties were unlawfully distributed to tens of thousands of illegal settlers from Turkey. Today, 34 years later, Greek Cypriots, who continue to own these properties, are prevented by Turkey from returning and enjoying their homes and properties. Included amongst

this number are approximately 5,000 Cypriot-Americans who own property in the occupied area but who have no legal recourse.

This is an outrage. Since Cypriot-Americans cannot return to their illegally-seized property, I believe they should be allowed to seek financial remedies with either the current inhabitants of their land or the Turkish government itself.

Last year, I introduced the bipartisan American Owned Property in Occupied Cyprus Claims Act. Through this legislation, Americans who are being denied access to their property and even their ancestral homes will finally be able to seek restitution.

Specifically, it authorizes the president to initiate a claims program under which the claims of U.S. nationals who Turkey has excluded from their property can be judged before the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. If this commission determined that Cypriot-Americans should be compensated for their property, negotiations would then take place between the U.S. and Turkey to determine the proper compensation.

My legislation would also empower U.S. district court to hear causes of action against either the individuals who now occupy those properties or the Turkish government.

The U.S. Government must not idly stand by and refuse 5,000 of its citizens any legal recourse to address the grave injustices committed by the Turkish government. For 34 years, these Americans have been separated from their homes and their businesses. It is time Congress vindicate the property rights of U.S. citizens in Cyprus.

While we commemorate the 34th anniversary of this illegal occupation, it is also important to recognize the progress that is being made on the island and some encouraging signs that we all hope lead to a united Cyprus one day soon.

Working Groups and Technical Committees have been set up by Cypriot President Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Talat to build the framework for possible substantive negotiations between the two leaders down the line.

The two leaders have also met—once in May and then again at the beginning of this month—to discuss the progress that the Groups and Committees are making. They will also meet this Friday to conduct a final review of the work that has been completed to date.

Another hopeful sign is the integration that continues to take place between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots as a result of the nearly 13 million crossings along the cease fire line that have occurred over the last five years. Over the last three years, Turkish Cypriot incomes have more than doubled, and more than 60,000 Turkish Cypriots have received Cypriot passports, which will allow them to travel freely in any E-U country.

Madam Speaker, as we commemorate the 34th Anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, we are hopeful that these recent developments will finally produce something all Cypriots have waited 34 years to see—a united Cyprus.