

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th Anniversary of the Turkish invasion of the Republic of Cyprus. In 1974 Turkey illegally invaded the northern part of the island nation Cyprus, and that occupation continues today. As a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I recognize and support the Republic of Cyprus as the sovereign political government of the island. This position is supported by the United Nations, and since 1974, more than 75 resolutions have been adopted by the U.N. Security Council calling for the return of the refugees to their homes and properties and for the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Cyprus.

In 2006, I cosponsored H. Res. 603, which urged the U.S. government to advocate for the immediate withdrawal of Turkish forces from the territories of the Republic of Cyprus. I will continue to support Cypriots as they seek a peaceful solution to the conflict dividing the island. It is my prayer that these two countries can find a solution to serve the best interest of all the people in the region, and one day live in peace.

HONORING THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization—one committed to special needs children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction and visionary leadership of president Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun and executive vice president Yehuda Kaploun deserve high praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children, an all-volunteer organization, is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities, or, as the Foundation prefers to recognize them, "Outstanding Children." The organization provides these children and their families with a wide range of programs, including social, physical, financial and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions; collects, purchases and distributes clothing for children in need; and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized.

The Foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in other institutions and has distributed gifts to thousands of children during the holiday season—including hundreds of toys given to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots and local law enforcement agencies' programs.

The corporate and individual supporters of the Foundation include concert chairmen Mr.

and Mrs. Richard Gans, Mr. Avi and Dr. Laura Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Rothman, the Jelly Belly Candy Company, Metropolitan Lumber Company, Mr. Robert Gans and the Croton Watch Company, as well as Ms. Rachel Sapoznik, Mrs. Janice Lipton, Mr. and Mrs. Yakov Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Rubin, Ms. Patti Shlesinger and Esther Kaploun, who heads the Division of Volunteers.

On July 24, 2010, at the Sullivan County Community College in Lock Sheldrake, New York, the Moses and Aaron Foundation, under the Honorary Chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will sponsor its 14th annual Summer "Chazak-Strength" Concert honoring and paying tribute to Special and Outstanding Children and their families.

The Guests of Honor will be the Special and Outstanding Children, many of whom will join the entertainers on stage to perform. More than forty organizations, camps and schools serving the physically and mentally disabled children will be represented.

The Chazak Concert, like all the Moses and Aaron Foundation's programs, demonstrates a caring and compassionate concern for others' quality and dignity of life and merits the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut, and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation as an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American society.

HONORING NATHAN SCHLAUD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Schlaud. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Schlaud for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TERRY WEIDEN

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished veteran, an amazing community servant, a true patriot. Terry Weiden selflessly worked for the residents of LaSalle County, not the least of which were his fellow veterans. Mr. Weiden passed away Tuesday, July 6th, leaving a deep void in our hearts.

Born in Utica in 1954, Terry Weiden would eventually serve his country in the Armed Forces. As a military police officer in the United States Army, he rose through the ranks to become a Sergeant and served with distinction for thirteen years.

After his distinguished military career, Mr. Weiden became an active member of the Utica American Legion Pierce Davis Post 731 and the LaSalle Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4668. He is perhaps best known for his work as chairman of the Utica Veterans Day Parade, the largest Veterans Day parade in north-central Illinois.

Mr. Weiden's reach in LaSalle County was broad and extended beyond the veterans community. Mr. Weiden also served as the commissioner of the Utica Emergency Medical Training program for four years and led his local Knight of Columbus chapter, which helps make up one of North America's largest Catholic charities.

Mr. Weiden made his community and our country a better place. For the generations of Americans to come, his service and philanthropy stands as a splendid example.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH PEACE OPERATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Turkish peace operation which prevented an attempt by Greece to annex the island of Cyprus. Although peace prevails in Cyprus today, the social, economic and political development of the Turkish Cypriots has been restricted for more than four decades.

Despite their continued commitment to achieving a just and lasting settlement that respects the political equality of the two peoples on the island, the Turkish Cypriot people are still waiting for the international community to honor the promises it made to them that their isolation would be lifted. While the Greek Cypriots were given full membership in the European Union, despite rejecting a United Nations plan to unify the island, Turkish Cyprus is still largely isolated from the international community.

Madam Speaker, if the process is to move forward toward a lasting settlement it is important that the United States Congress recognize the unwavering commitment of the Turkish Cypriot people to unify the island and encourage the lifting of their isolation.

The current opportunity for a settlement arises from the ongoing negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General. The Turkish Cypriot side needs to be commended for the seriousness and commitment it has displayed in the negotiations. I would particularly like to applaud the new Turkish Cypriot president, Dr. Dervis Eroglu, who wasted no time after his election in resuming negotiations. It is time that this positive stance of the Turkish Cypriots be reciprocated. The Greek Cypriots should be encouraged to respond in kind to these gestures of good will.

We now find ourselves at a critical juncture in the history of Turkish and Greek Cypriot relations. It is vital that the United States joins a number of other voices in the international community who hope that a mutually acceptable settlement might be reached. In order to promote the spirit of good will generated during the recent meetings, I encourage this body to seize this opportunity to support the two Cypriot leaders as they work toward reunification.

RECALLING THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recall the tragic anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus that occurred on July 20, 1974.

Thirty-six years ago, Turkey attacked the Republic of Cyprus. Tragically, the legacy of that brutal act continues to this day. To this day, approximately 40,000 Turkish troops continue to occupy Cyprus. Turkish troops, in blatant disregard for the Rule of Law and the basic rights of the Cypriot people, continue to illegally divide the island into two areas. As a result, the Republic of Cyprus is one of the most militarized areas in the world.

I strongly urge both sides to fully comply with the guiding principles of the July 8, 2006 agreement. This agreement sought to establish working groups to operate together to reunify Cyprus into one bizonal, bicomunal federation with political equality. The July 8 agreement is an important achievement that has given both parties the framework to work toward a permanently unified and free Cyprus. Since September 3, 2008, the leaders of the two communities have held direct talks that are continuing regularly.

On March 5, 2010, President Demetris Christofias of the Republic of Cyprus sent a letter to President Obama and other world leaders to assist him in moving forward a proposal that would allow experts under the umbrella of the United Nations to enter the city of Famagusta and conduct a study to plan for the restoration of the city and refurbishment of its infrastructure, among other things, so that its inhabitants may return.

These are positive steps toward liberating the Cypriot people. A lasting and equitable solution for the people of Cyprus, the goal of a united Cyprus, and the restoration of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots is too important to abandon.

While the international community should support the Cypriot and Turkish leaders as they work toward a solution, the solution to the illegal occupation of Cyprus must be solved by the Cypriots themselves. Any solution must serve the interests of the people of Cyprus and must not be imposed by outside parties or subject to arbitrary timeframes.

Madam Speaker, I remain committed to the goal of a united and free Cyprus. After 36 years of illegal occupation, the Cypriot people deserve to be free from division and oppression at last.

INTRODUCING THE INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Investing In Our Future Act. This bill will discourage currency speculation while investing in future generations here at home and in vulnerable communities around the world.

The world's largest financial institutions regularly buy and sell world currencies for a quick profit. In fact, the global currency transaction market has a daily trading volume of \$4 trillion. A significant amount of these trades are purely for speculative purposes. These speculative trades make wealthy individuals and companies even richer, but add no value to our economy. On the contrary, speculation distorts markets, increases market volatility, and destabilizes our economy.

The Investing in Our Future Act will place a 0.005 percent tax on the trillions of dollars of currency trades that take place each day. The revenue generated would go into three separate trust funds: one to provide domestic long-term, sustainable funding for child care; another for global health funding; and a third trust fund for climate change mitigation in the developing world.

A tax of 0.005 percent on all currency transactions is a trivial amount for those who engage in trades for legitimate purposes. One study estimated a worldwide tax on currency transactions involving the dollar would decrease currency speculation and shrink the volume of the market by 14 percent. This legislation would, in the words of the late Nobel laureate James Tobin who first proposed such a tax, "throw some sand in the well-greased wheels" of speculation.

The imposition of a currency transaction tax is a minor inconvenience to a financial institution, but could represent a major step forward to meet and exceed our commitments to our children and to impoverished nations and communities.

A Child Care Assistance Trust Fund will receive 20 percent of the revenue generated by this tax. In our own country only one in seven children eligible for subsidized childcare actually receives it. The fund will help working parents of the 15.3 million children under the age of six find affordable childcare.

The Multilateral Global Health Trust Fund will receive 40 percent of the revenue generated by this tax. Dozens of poor countries lack the basic medical infrastructure to diagnose, treat, and prevent diseases like malaria

and tuberculosis. With funding towards these major diseases in developing nations, we can save lives and eliminate the threat of many of these illnesses within a generation.

The Global Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Trust Fund will receive the other 40 percent of funds generated by this tax. Climate change brings the side effects like hunger, poverty, and natural resource exhaustion to many developing countries. Conservative estimates are that \$100 billion is needed annually to help developing countries adapt to climate change and this fund will bring much needed assistance to them.

By contributing revenues from this bill towards these causes, we would be investing in the future of the residents of the developing world, and ours as well. I urge my colleagues to support the Investing in Our Future Act.

RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, Social Security is the most successful and important antipoverty program for seniors in our nation's history. It has helped millions of American seniors achieve retirement security and live with dignity in their old age. At Social Security's 75th birthday, we must increase our efforts to ensure that this critical government program is strong for future generations. We can leave no better legacy for our children and grandchildren than a commitment to eradicating poverty among senior citizens, the men and women who fought our wars, educated our children, and built our bridges and interstates.

We have all heard Minority Leader Boehner's comments on his plan to take Social Security benefits away from the men and women who need it most. Democrats are committed to stopping any Republican efforts to gamble away this bedrock program. Democrats led the efforts to establish Social Security in 1935 and strengthen it in the 1950s and 1960s. Democrats will continue to stand by Social Security. We are committed to ensuring this program's long-term solvency so that future generations will be guaranteed basic level of security in their old age. Social Security is a promise made to the American people that old age will not force hard-working Americans into poverty and destitution. As we have for 75 years, we intend to continue delivering on that promise.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the division of the Island of Cyprus.

Thirty-six years ago, Turkish troops invaded and occupied the island of Cyprus and divided