

a community. While time may heal all wounds, the wounds of the division of Cyprus remain fresh today with thousands of Turkish troops continuing to occupy the northern third of the Island, with continuing support from the Ankara based government.

The Republic of Cyprus is a member of the European Union, a strong ally of the United States and a stable democracy in the Mediterranean. The Republic has opened the benefits of EU citizenship to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots on both sides of the divide. Since 2003 there have been confidence building exchanges and partnerships between the two communities and the residents have the ability to travel freely between the Republic of Cyprus and the occupied North.

With all these positive developments happening, some things still remain intractable.

The Turkish troop levels continue to be at the level present thirty-six years ago and Greek religious sites in the North still suffer from neglect. Communities may be free to travel but the Island is still divided based on ethnicity.

Bringing the Greek and Turkish communities together in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation is the goal of President Obama, the European Union and most importantly it is the goal of the Cypriot people. On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the division of Cyprus, I urge both Cypriot President Demetrius Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu to redouble their efforts to insure the removal of Turkish troops, free movement between the Greek and Turkish communities and for a final end to the division of the Island. The time is now for us as a Congress and with our President's commitment to move Cyprus to a future of peace and prosperity.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
LT. FRANK W. FOUTS V

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Lieutenant Frank W. Fouts V, a hero of his community, a proud father, and a loving husband. Lieutenant Fouts served the people of Kankakee as a firefighter and paramedic with honor and courage. Lieutenant Fouts passed away in the line of duty on July 1st, leaving behind an unimpeachable record of service to his fellow citizens and a deep love for his family.

Frank Fouts V was born on October 29, 1972 in Chicago Heights, IL. As a kid, Frank greatly admired his maternal grandparents, who were an active part of his upbringing. He attended local schools and enjoyed playing with his brother. When Frank Fouts graduated from Bloom Trail High School, he volunteered with the Grant Park Fire Department. Frank eventually was hired by the department and was certified as a paramedic. Frank continued to improve himself, attending Southern Illinois University and earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fire Science.

Frank then joined the Kankakee City Fire Department, where he literally wrote the book on responding to medical emergencies. A testament to his skill and knowledge, his texts on

the subject are required reading for all incoming Kankakee firefighters. Frank would build an impressive career, achieving the rank of Lieutenant in the Kankakee City Fire Department.

Frank Fouts was more than a firefighter. He was a family man, who cared deeply for his two young boys, Grant and Parker, and his loving wife, Kathy. A dedicated father, Frank set aside time each week for a boys' night, where he would spend time with his children. When his wife became ill, Frank was at her side, through the hardest hours of illness and recovery.

Lieutenant Fouts' commitment to community and deep affection to family are reasons why he was so adored and why his loss has brought such deep sadness. His service is in keeping with his profession's highest traditions of integrity and courage. We are forever in Frank's debt.

RECOGNIZING SNAP-ON  
INCORPORATED

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Snap-on Incorporated, headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the celebration of the company's 90th anniversary.

The company was formed in 1920 by Joseph Johnson and William Seidemann as the Snap-on Wrench Company. Johnson and Seidemann used the new concept of interchangeable sockets and wrench handles to start the company.

Snap-on products are the foundation for many technicians throughout the state of Iowa and America who earn a living working their skills. Snap-on Incorporated has exported their business and ideals across the country and the world, including a manufacturing facility located in Algona, Iowa. Snap-on also continues to be a supplier to the U.S. Government since World War II. At the present time, Snap-on directly supplies the Armed Forces of the United States of America and NASA. Tools from Snap-on can be seen throughout the military operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

I congratulate Snap-on Incorporated and current chairman and CEO, Nicholas Pinchuk on this historic anniversary. I am proud to have a Snap-on facility located within my district and wish them great success in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the anniversary of the Turkish invasion of the Republic of Cyprus. Thirty-six years ago today, Turkish troops entered the country in violation of international law, and have since maintained, and even increased their occupation of the Northern portion of Cy-

prus. Besides turning over Greek Cypriot property to new Turkish immigrants it is widely reported that there are currently roughly one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots that they are claiming to defend.

Over the past 36 years, the occupation of Cyprus has grown to the point where Turkish troops can be found in almost 37 percent of the country's territory. This increase in occupation has occurred despite the fact that countless resolutions have been adopted by the U.N. Security Council and the U.N. General Assembly discouraging Turkey's continued occupation. These resolutions, which call for the return of refugees and the withdrawal of Turkish troops, have been blatantly ignored.

Turkey's invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus represents a violation of human rights and creates an unnecessary ongoing situation of tension and uncertainty throughout the island. It has resulted in ethnic segregation and a noticeable division between the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. Most notably, the Turkish occupation has provoked the forcible expulsion of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots from their homes, leaving nearly one-third of the country in an ambiguous state of homelessness waiting to see if an agreement will ever be reached and their land will ever be returned.

Just weeks ago we celebrated America's Independence Day. We celebrated our freedom and thriving representative democracy. Please join me in taking a moment today to remember and recognize the country of Cyprus as they continue to push for a restored democracy and a safe resolution to Turkish occupation.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the thirty-sixth anniversary of Turkey's invasion, and subsequent occupation, of Cyprus. It is deeply concerning to me that every year we are compelled to gather in this chamber to remind the world of the devastating events that led to the division of Cyprus, and to remember those who were killed, injured, or displaced when Turkey invaded the island in 1974. It remains very clear to me, and to most of my colleagues, as well as the vast majority of the international community, that Cyprus must be made whole again and Turkey must be held accountable for its reprehensible actions in dividing the island.

Just fourteen years after gaining its independence from Great Britain, Cyprus was illegally invaded by 6,000 Turkish troops and 40 tanks. These troops swept over the northern section of Cyprus, occupying nearly 40 percent of the island, and forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes. To date, more than 1,600 people remain unaccounted for, including five American citizens.

Thirty-six years after the invasion, we gather to honor and remember those who died. The world does not forget that Cyprus remains a nation divided and that over three thousand Turkish troops still illegally occupy almost half of the island in violation of international law.

As Cyprus is a member of the European Union (EU), a strong ally of the United States, and a stable democracy in the Mediterranean, we need to continue to send a clear message to Turkey that the illegal and immoral occupation of Cyprus will not be tolerated.

In an effort to move forward, Cyprus has extended the benefits of EU citizenship to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots on both sides of the divide, and there have been subtle exchanges and partnerships between the two communities since 2003. Residents now have the ability to travel freely between Cyprus and the occupied North.

Even with these positive developments, some aspects of the division remain intractable. The number of Turkish troops in the North is the same as thirty-six years ago. Greek religious sights in the North continue to suffer from neglect. Communities may be free to travel, but the island is still divided into ethnic enclaves.

I am optimistic that President Obama has identified bringing the Greek and Turkish communities together in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation as a priority, along with the EU. Most importantly, this is also the goal of the Cypriot people. On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the division of Cyprus, I encourage Cypriot President Demetrios Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat to strengthen their efforts to remove Turkish troops, free movement between the Greek and Turkish communities, and end the division of Cyprus. It is time for us in Congress, with President Obama's commitment, to move Cyprus to a future of peace and prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with my colleagues in standing against Turkish oppression in Cyprus. Thirty-six years is a long time to wait, but it is my sincerest hope that our actions will persuade Turkey to end its unlawful occupation of Cyprus.

#### RECOGNITION OF HONDA'S MARYSVILLE PLANT AS IT PRODUCES THE 10-MILLIONTH ACCORD

##### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone for central Ohio auto manufacturers. On the morning of July 20, 2010, the ten millionth domestically-produced Honda Accord was manufactured at Honda's Marysville Auto Plant. The production center, located near Marysville, Ohio, has created thousands of jobs and brought billions of dollars in capital investments to central Ohio and the country as a whole.

In its 28th year of production, the Marysville automobile plant has undergone expansion along with continuous innovation and improved efficiency. It is one of the most flexible and efficient plants in North America, achieving top quality performance. In fact, the Marysville plant ranked among the top five in North America in the 2010 Initial Quality Survey conducted by J.D. Power and Associates.

The factory has evolved from its completion of 967 Accords in its first year of business to its current production capacity of 1,800 vehicles per day. Nearly all Accords sold in North America are now manufactured at the

Marysville plant. The success of this plant represents the achievements of the hard-working Ohioans who run its daily operations as well as our country's continued strength as a major global manufacturer.

Honda partners with 530 suppliers in the U.S. and 160 in Ohio in the production of passenger cars and light trucks. These purchases totaled \$12 billion last year, with \$5.5 billion in parts coming from suppliers in Ohio. The Accord has achieved considerable success in the United States, where it has remained a top-5 overall seller for the past twenty years. Numerous tests, past and present, rate the Accord as one of the world's safest and most reliable automobiles.

Honda has provided key investments in our community. Central Ohioans have demonstrated their skills and work ethic and have made the Marysville Auto Plant a leader in the region and world. I am proud to recognize this accomplishment as they produce the ten millionth Honda Accord in the United States, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Honda and the Marysville Auto Plant on this achievement.

#### THE 36TH COMMEMORATION OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

##### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, 36 years ago today, Turkish forces invaded the sovereign nation of Cyprus, killing 5,000 Greek Cypriots and displacing nearly 200,000. This blatant violation of international law and lack of respect for a country's right to self-determination is made worse by the fact that Turkish occupation of the northern area of Cyprus continues to this day.

This is a dark anniversary to mark, one that represents an entire generation of Cypriots expelled from their homes—their property confiscated, family members missing and religious artifacts vandalized and destroyed. This occupation desecrates the basic freedoms and rights of the Cypriot people. Nearly 37 percent of the island of Cyprus remains under Turkish military control insistent on an illegitimate sovereignty that is unrecognized by any nation but Turkey. This is completely unacceptable.

In the past 36 years, there have been more than 75 resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council—a council of which Turkey is a member. These resolutions call for the return of refugees to their homes and withdrawal of troops from Cyprus. President Demetrios Christofias has followed through on his election promise to make the solution of this problem his top priority and has had several full-fledged negotiations with the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community. Yet, the negotiations' success has been consistently thwarted by Ankara, which has not given great freedom to the Turkish Cypriot leaders to negotiate within the agreed-upon framework.

The legitimate, internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus stands firmly for peaceful resolution of the conflict. This path to a resolution calls for a single citizenship, a single sovereignty, and two politically equal communities. The solution to proceed with a bi-zonal,

bi-communal federation is, most importantly, Cypriot in design.

Cyprus must be the author of its own path forward. Yet, the United States can and must do more to encourage Turkey to support the process and the reunification of the island. We should use our influence with Turkey to urge it to actively support the reunification of the island and to withdraw its troops from the island. We must provide support and assistance to the process and those working to move it forward.

As a Greek American and as a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I could not feel more strongly about the reunification of Cyprus. Cyprus is a nation that has endured occupation long enough. For us, the issue is straightforward and clear: we must do all we can to aid our ally, the Republic of Cyprus, in righting the wrongs of the past 36 years and in so doing, to promote peace and security in the Mediterranean.

#### HONORING THE STATLER CENTER

##### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Statler Center, a program of the Olmsted Center for Sight, on its tenth anniversary of service and commitment to blind, visually impaired and disabled individuals across the nation to achieve their highest level of independence.

The Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D. Center for the Visually Impaired was founded in 1907 to serve the needs of blind and visually impaired individuals of all ages who reside in the eight counties of Western New York. It remains the only agency within its region specifically mandated to provide comprehensive blind rehabilitation, health-related and human services to this highly specialized population.

Consistent with the agency's mission to assist blind and otherwise disabled individuals achieve their highest levels of independence in their homes, communities and places of work, the Olmsted Center founded the Statler Center program in response to a critical need to create meaningful career opportunities for blind and physically challenged working age adults who are capable and motivated to live productive self-sufficient lives.

Now in its tenth year of operation, the Statler Center remains the first and only program of its kind in the nation, annually drawing students from throughout the United States and world. It offers an intensive ten-week curriculum that includes classroom instruction, technology training, job readiness skills and comprehensive and continuous placement and career advancement services upon completion of the program.

While the national unemployment rate for people without disabilities is upwards of 9%, physically or visually impaired individuals suffer at a strikingly higher rate of 70%. The Statler Center is instrumental in combating this disparity as their job placement rate is currently 82% with a starting salary that is well above minimum wage. In addition, the staff works intensively with Statler students and graduates throughout the entire application,