

staff find the best possible health care services for their needs. For years, she has collected feedback on the quality of health practitioners and shared both praise and concerns with prospective patients. As a result, she was well-known in doctors' offices throughout the region; they were always asking, "Ahhh, you were referred by Nurse Goldberg? Who is this Nurse Leslie?"

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Leslie joined her mother and sister in this vital profession after graduating from the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. She went on to work at the New York University Hospital in neurosurgery and the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents.

In 1990, Nurse Goldberg joined the Office of the Attending Physician and dedicated the end of her great career to serving and caring for the Members and staff of this institution. She is a part of our family. We mourned with her when her loving husband, Alan Goldberg, passed away far too early in life; and we celebrated when she returned to us—her adoptive, extended family.

We all know how much she adores her three sons, Michael, Aaron, and David and daughters-in-law, Lisa and Amy. And her grandson, Ari, is the light of her life. While we will miss her laughter, her smile, her caring, skillful techniques, and infinite knowledge, I applaud her for taking the time to fulfill her personal dreams—travel, volunteer, and most importantly take care of Ari and the grandchildren to come.

Nurse Goldberg, we will miss you terribly; you leave enormous shoes to fill. Thank you for your 20 years of service and for keeping us safe, healthy, informed, and always smiling.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on July 19, 2010, I regret that I was not present to vote on H. Res. 1491, H.R. 5604, and H. Res. 1516.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all bills.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 448—"yea"; roll No. 449—"yea"; roll No. 450—"yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF  
TROY AND PATSY KILGORE

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today, the 60th wedding anniversary of Troy and Patsy Kilgore.

In April of 1948, Troy Kilgore and Patsy Morrison met while attending Anniston High School. Troy and Patsy married 2 years later on April 9, 1950.

The couple resided in Anniston and raised three children, Dana K. Lloyd, Debbie K. Owen, and Patrick "Sparky" Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore worked at The Anniston Star newspaper retiring after 50 years of employment.

The Kilgores attend Alexandria Baptist Church, and are proud grandparents of Jamey Lloyd Robertson, Robert Owen, Rachel Owen Dietrich, Randa Owen Cash and Morrison Kilgore. They have two great grandchildren, Anna Kate and Parker Robertson.

I salute this lovely couple on their 60th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 448 on Monday, July 19th, 2010, I was unintentionally late upon return to the House Chamber. As a result of travel delays due to inclement weather, I consequently missed the vote on H. Res. 1472. I share the overwhelming sense of the House and supporting the designation of the week of September 13th as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE TURKISH IN-  
VASION OF CYPRUS

### HON. SUZANNE M. KOSMAS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. KOSMAS. Madam Speaker, on the 36th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus, it is important to remind ourselves of the continuing human rights violations that have left the island and its people divided. The occupation that began on July 20, 1974 has resulted in the forced removal of Greek Cypriots from their homes in the occupied zone, the destruction and desecration of Greek Orthodox churches and chapels, and years of suffering for families with missing relatives whose fates may never be known.

An occupation force of over 40,000 Turkish troops has allowed for the colonization of the seized lands by 160,000 settlers from main-

land Turkey. These settlers are unlawfully occupying property seized from Greek Cypriots that have either fled their homes or been expelled in the wake of the invasion. This unlawful occupation has resulted in the adoption of 75 resolutions 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 the face of continuing oppression and hardship, President Demetris Christofias has been partaking in continuing negotiations with the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community in an effort to reach a comprehensive settlement based on a bizonal, bicomunal federation as a single sovereignty, with a single citizenship that is recognized as a single international entity. The only acceptable solution must reunite the island, its people, its institutions and its economy while safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all Cypriots and ensuring the withdrawal of Turkish occupation forces from Cyprus.

Such a solution would not only serve the best interests of all Cypriots, but it would also serve the interests of Turkey and ultimately the interests of the United States in promoting peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE TURKISH IN-  
VASION OF CYPRUS

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate what is now the 36th year since Turkey's invasion and occupation of the tiny island Republic of Cyprus. On this commemoration last year, I cautioned this chamber that Turkey's failure to honor democracy, human rights and the rule of law would accelerate Turkey's drift away from the West, on a course openly adverse to the interests of NATO, America and the European Union.

Over the past year, Turkey's conduct has validated this concern. To many, this comes as a surprise. Yet, had we been honestly engaged with our NATO ally over the past three and half decades, we would have long ago recognized that the invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus is a symptom of Turkey's indifference to human rights, religious tolerance and democratic values. That indifference, which is engrained in Turkey's broader approach to world affairs, makes it an unreliable partner for the United States and a weak link in the NATO alliance.

In the summer of 1974, NATO member Turkey invaded and occupied more than one-third of the island Republic of Cyprus. Coming at the height of the Cold War, and at a time of delicate relations between Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, and the NATO alliance, Turkey's invasion of Cyprus risked war with NATO member Greece and a resultant rupturing of the NATO alliance.

Adding insult to injury, the weapons used by the Turkish military to invade Cyprus were those of its NATO benefactors, principally the United States. In 1975, the Congress imposed an arms embargo on Turkey for its offensive use of American weapons. Rather than fulfill

its NATO obligations, or follow its legal obligations as demanded by Congress, Turkey retaliated by closing all American military installations on Turkish soil, and by severely restricting American access at two NATO bases. At that time, military installations in Turkey were deemed essential surveillance posts in the Cold War fight against the Soviet Union. Turkey refused to reopen these facilities until the U.S. lifted the arms embargo, signaling that its relationship with the United States was never more than a transactional one, rather than one rooted in a shared commitment to the rule of law, individual liberties, democracy, and collective Western security.

July 20th marks 36 years that the Turkish military has occupied Cyprus. In that time, neither the Republic of Cyprus nor its people have directed any aggression towards Turkey. In stark contrast, Turkey maintains an active colonization program where it is illegally resettling some 180,000 Anatolian Turks into the homes and possessions of the 200,000 Greek Cypriots it evicted from the occupied territories. The Turkish military is also systematically eradicating the Hellenic and Christian heritage from the occupied territories. All but 5 of the 500 Greek Orthodox Churches in the occupied territories have been looted, desecrated, or destroyed. To no avail, the international community including the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice have all called on Turkey to honor its international obligations and cease and desist from these hostilities against the people of Cyprus.

The Republic of Cyprus is a full-fledged member of the European Union. Turkey seeks that status as well, but as a NATO member illegally occupying European Union soil, Turkey put NATO and the EU at loggerheads. The result is that the EU and NATO are unable to cooperate in the consolidation of their economic and strategic interests in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey's ongoing occupation of Cyprus is compelling evidence that it has little interest in meeting the standards of individual liberties, human rights and religious tolerance shared by America and other democratic nations. Lacking the ties that bind, Turkey is apparently quite willing to jeopardize relations with its long-time allies. Witness its 2003 denial of the deployment of U.S. forces along the Northern Iraq border and its recent vote in the U.N. against Iran sanctions.

The United States and its allies must call upon Turkey to abide by international law and meet its responsibilities as a dependable NATO partner. And on this, the 36th anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus, the United States should demand an immediate withdrawal of the 45,000 Turkish soldiers now occupying northern Cyprus. Until that occurs, policymakers in the White House and in the Congress must press the issue in every interaction with their Turkish counterparts. In this way, the United States can work towards establishing a strong, enduring, and values based alliance with Turkey that will serve to bring justice to the people of Cyprus, strengthen NATO, and reinforce collective Western security.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (H.R. 4173)

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 4173). This legislation will finally bring accountability to big banks and ensure Minnesota families are protected from high-stakes Wall Street speculation. I want to thank my colleagues on the House-Senate conference committee for their hard-fought negotiations to finalize this landmark bill.

In the fall of 2008, our country's financial system stood on the brink of collapse. The failure of large financial institutions quickly led to sinking home prices, a collapse in retirement savings, and job losses on a scale not seen since the Great Depression. Despite overwhelming opposition from Republicans and relentless lobbying from special interests, Congress has responded with legislation that imposes the toughest regulation of Wall Street in a generation.

House Republican Leader JOHN BOEHNER told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review on June 29th, 2010 that these tough new rules are like "killing an ant with a nuclear weapon." I could not disagree more. Wall Street's recklessness cost Americans 8 million jobs and \$17 trillion in retirement savings. When Republicans controlled Congress and the White House, they weakened the regulations American families relied upon for protection and left the economy vulnerable to financial crisis. H.R. 4173 restores common sense rules for banks and creates new protections for consumers after a decade of recklessness. The passage of this legislation protects taxpayers and their retirement funds, college accounts, and homes from risky decisions by CEOs, lenders, and speculators. The era of Wall Street gambling with the economic security of the American people is over, and a new age of financial accountability and transparency is about to begin.

Rebuilding the American economy and putting people back to work requires a stable financial sector that is regulated responsibly. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this historic legislation.

## HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT CHRISTIAN G. RATA CZAK

### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Christian G. Rataczak, who passed away on July 9, 2010.

Born in Minneapolis, Christian moved to Phoenix with his family when he was five months old. After high school and college, he joined the National Guard and was deployed

to Afghanistan for a year where he served as an Apache helicopter mechanic in Bravo Company, 1/285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. Wearing the uniform of the United States Army and serving his country was something he never took for granted. He was an outstanding soldier who will be remembered fondly by his Officers, NCOs and fellow Soldiers for his outstanding personality and attitude.

Christian worked for Dillon Aero of Scottsdale, and loved his job. His coworkers remember him as someone who was a joy to work with and was always willing to help no matter the circumstance.

We remember Christian and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Christian made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Christian is survived by his mother Cheryl, his father Dave, his sister Jennifer, brother-in-law Todd, nephew Tanner, niece Hailey and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. His father, Dave, the former Adjutant General of the Arizona Guard, and his wife Cheryl are both close members of the Arizona military family and we mourn this tragic loss with them.

This body and this country owe Christian and his family our deepest gratitude, and we will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,242,893,842,328.75.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,604,468,096,034.95 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

## HONORING THE UNL PANHANDLE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, July 24, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Panhandle Research and Extension Center will celebrate 100 years of service to Western Nebraska.

It goes without saying agriculture is the lifeblood of Nebraska's Third District, and the entire state as well. The Third District of Nebraska encompasses 65,000 square miles. It