

Major Hankins is to be commended for his many years of faithful service. He is well deserving of this commendation and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Major J.R. Hankins and wish him future success in his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on July 26, 2010. My congressional district suffered massive flooding, and I needed to remain in Chicago to focus on the recovery. If I had been present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 467, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1320, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

Roll 468, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 1504, Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Roll 469, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 3101, Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

HONORING BRAD ROWALD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brad Rowald. Brad 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 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Cleveland, Ohio, as its members celebrate one hundred years of faith, hope and tradition.

The history of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church began on September 21, 1910 at 2280 West 7th Street in Cleveland when the structures of the church and rectory were officially dedicated. These buildings were built with the labor and generous donations of the parishioners, most of whom were immigrants from the Ukraine. Metropolitan Archbishop Andrew Sheptytsky of Lviv was present to provide a blessing to the newly opened parish. The buildings and grounds have since been restored and expanded, yet the original structures remain as strong and as beautiful as when first built.

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church grew quickly. It soon became a part of the community and a strong cultural connection for hundreds of Ukrainian families throughout Cleveland. To assist immigrants and families, the parish expanded services, including the establishment of a savings and loan to help young families secure loans to purchase homes. Picnics, concerts and fundraisers became a weekly tradition. The church offered musical treasures from Ukraine, including performances of a 60-string instrument, the bandura. Parishioners would also make and sell varenyky, a delectable Ukrainian dumpling, which quickly sold to Clevelanders of all ethnic backgrounds.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the members of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, past and present, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Their contributions to our community are immeasurable. The church continues to stand as a beacon of culture and faith for Ukrainian Americans, for the diverse people in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood and throughout our Greater Cleveland community.

STOP DISTORTING HISTORY AND WORK FOR REAL PEACE ON CYPRUS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, Monday, July 20, 2010 marked the 36th anniversary of the day in 1974 that Turkey intervened to stop an ethnic cleansing campaign against Turkish Cypriots by militant Greek Cypriots. As usual, a number of my colleagues have come to the floor of this Chamber over the last few days and weeks to lament the so-called "invasion" of Cyprus by Turkey. And as usual every year I come down to the floor to set the record straight and ask my colleagues

to stop perpetuating revisionist history that attempts to lay all the blame for the ills of Cyprus at the doorstep of Turkish Cypriots and Turkey; to ask them to lay aside the inflammatory rhetoric; and to ask them to actually work to bring peace to this troubled island.

So, once again, here I am but I am not going to focus on the past—I believe an objective evaluation of the history of Cyprus proves that the crisis on Cyprus is significantly more complex than the "blame Turkey" special interest groups would like people to believe. Instead, I am going to focus on the future. While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has a much greater impact on the global community. Over the past few decades this dispute has involved not only the two peoples on the island, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. Moreover, Turkey's membership to the European Union, which the United States enthusiastically supports, is unfortunately being impacted because of the situation in Cyprus.

All of us in this chamber, Republicans and Democrats, want to see peace and prosperity come to all the people of Cyprus. In fact, in 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution H. Res. 165 urging support for the U.N. backed Annan Plan—which proposed the creation of a new bizonal, bicomunal state. Unfortunately, the Annan Plan collapsed in 2004, because Greek Cypriots opposed the referendum which would have approved the plan.

Although Turkish Cypriots overwhelmingly supported the referendum, the Greek Cypriots became EU members, and despite promises made to Turkish Cypriots, they remain under international isolation despite their positive efforts. To their credit though, Turkish Cypriots continue to seek a settlement to the issue. This is a testament to their hope for the future.

In September 2008, Greek Cypriot leader Dimitris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat began a positive and concerted effort to reach some type of acceptable solution. From all reports, over the last two years, the two men have been able to reach a number of "understandings" regarding so-called "convergences."

However, on April 18, 2010, through a democratic process Turkish Cypriot voters elected a new President, Dr. Dervis Eroglu of the National Unity Party (UBP). Almost immediately the "blame Turkey" special interest groups began screaming that the change in Turkish Cypriot Leadership from Talat to Eroglu would lead to a period of retrenchment with future negotiations dominated by hardline views. Once again, though, the "blame Turkey" crowd was wrong. Since taking office, Dr. Eroglu has reassured everyone of his commitment for a just and lasting comprehensive settlement through the ongoing negotiations, under the auspices of U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

The first round of the new talks was held on May 26, 2010, and continued briefly on June 3rd and again on June 15th. Four additional sessions have been scheduled through the end of July. Are negotiations proceeding as rapidly and as smoothly as everyone would like; no, but progress is still being made. But, I believe that we are really on the cusp of a breakthrough that could lead to a fair and lasting peace on Cyprus; a peace where the two parties on the island enjoy political equality.

The United States has long maintained a position of strong support for a negotiated settlement. This position has been reaffirmed by the Obama Administration and I urge the Administration to continue to take an active role in the efforts to reach a mutually agreed upon resolution.

If the Administration can keep the sides talking; if the "blame Turkey" groups here in the United States can end the "blame game" and redirect their misspent energies towards the real work of reshaping Cyprus into a Cyprus that respects human rights and the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots; and if the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots can continue to demonstrate political will and negotiate in good faith for the future of all Cypriots; I am hopeful for the future of Cyprus.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The law prohibits discrimination by private and public institutions toward citizens with disabilities, mandating that any entity covered by the law take reasonable steps to make their property, lines of communication, and employment accessible to persons with disabilities. In the two decades since the law's passage, it has opened the door for over 50 million Americans to participate more fully in day-to-day activities and to pursue opportunities in society. One out of every five American households has a family member who has a physical or cognitive disability. This historic bill expanded access to physical buildings and countless activities, easing the ability of these citizens to go about their daily lives freely without concern that they will be denied access to a school, shopping center, business, or communication device. Access is a freedom that everyone should enjoy, and I am proud to celebrate two decades of a law designed to promote this freedom for so many. I am proud that many of the accommodations that resulted from this law are considered commonplace now.

My Congressional District has long supported the efforts to promote equal civil rights. Chicago has been a leader in the movement to improve the livelihood of Americans with disabilities. For example, the Chicago Transit System has implemented a comprehensive policy of equality by making 100 percent of the public buses wheel chair accessible, as well as improving service to meet the needs of the hearing impaired and the blind.

There is still more that we must do to promote equal rights for persons with disabilities. The recent health care law included an important step forward with the inclusion of the Community First Choice Option, which allows States to include within their Medicaid State Plans an option to receive community-based services for individuals with disabilities who are eligible for nursing homes and other institutional settings. The Community First Choice

Option gives people the choice to leave facilities and institutions for their own homes and communities with appropriate, cost effective services and supports. We must continue to work to encourage States to make this option a reality. We also must continue to work to make choice for receiving care in one's community mandatory at the federal level via passage of the Community Choice Act. We should build on the precedent set two decades ago with the enactment of the ADA by giving Americans with disabilities the freedom to choose where they live.

Equality is a founding principle of our country. It has been an arduous process for many groups of people—from the Emancipation Proclamation to the Nineteenth Amendment for women's suffrage to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was another milestone in equality for our Nation. Thousands of individuals worked in earnest to make this law possible, and thousands continue to champion this law's implementation. For these efforts, we honor the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the revolutionary bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Rollcall No. 467—"yea."

Rollcall No. 468—"yea."

Rollcall No. 469—"yea."

IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES SENATOR GEORGE VOINOVICH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of United States Senator GEORGE VOINOVICH as he is named the Honorary President of the American Nationality Movement at the Annual Captive Nations Commemoration held in Cleveland, Ohio. During his career, Senator VOINOVICH has served as a State Representative, County Auditor, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, Mayor of Cleveland and Senator. In each capacity, he served with honor and dignity.

Senator VOINOVICH learned early on the significance of family, heritage and faith. He was born and raised in the working class, ethnically diverse neighborhood of Collinwood along Cleveland's northeast side. His parents encouraged him to go to college, and he graduated with a BA degree from Ohio University, and in 1961, a law degree from The Ohio State University.

Since his first election to public office as a Member of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1967, Senator VOINOVICH has focused his public service on issues and causes that require strong leadership. He has focused on

children's issues, environmental issues, economic issues and government accountability. As Governor of the State of Ohio, Senator VOINOVICH brought together members of both parties to strengthen and enact new laws in the areas of child support, child safety and early childhood education. He also enacted stricter laws against child abusers and predators.

Since his election to the United States Senate in 1999, Senator VOINOVICH has served on numerous committees where he has worked diligently to ensure that the Federal Government works as efficiently and resourcefully as possible. In the 111th Congress, Senator VOINOVICH has continued his work protecting and preserving our environment including our most significant natural resource—our Great Lakes. He serves as co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force where he has worked to clean up and restore the Great Lakes, to safeguard the Great Lakes from oil and gas drilling, and to protect the Lakes from invasive species like the Asian carp.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Senator George VOINOVICH as he is named as Honorary President by the American Nationalities Movement. Senator VOINOVICH's lifelong public service reflects hard work, accomplishment and dedication on behalf of our community and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SIX OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOLS IN TEXAS' 26TH DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize six outstanding high schools located within the 26th Congressional District of Texas that were chosen by Newsweek to be placed on "America's Best High School List 2010."

"America's Best High School List" is compiled annually utilizing statistical data about the academia that public, magnet, and specialty high schools implement within their classrooms. Ranking of each school is based upon the rigorous courses that school staffs challenge their students with, such as advanced placement college-level courses and tests. Only six percent of public schools in the United States made the list this year.

Madam Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD the names of the high schools within my district that achieved this honor:

Keller High School (Keller ISD), Keller, TX;
Wakeland High School (Frisco ISD), Frisco, TX;

Flower Mound High School (Lewisville ISD), Flower Mound, TX;

LD Bell High School (Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD), Hurst, TX;

Marcus High School (Lewisville ISD), Flower Mound, TX; and

The Colony High School (Lewisville ISD), The Colony, TX.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to rise today and commend these exemplary high schools. I am proud to represent all of the hard working teachers, administrators, staff and students of these fine educational institutions in the U.S. House of Representatives.