

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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KAREN BAUMAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Karen Bauman and to acknowledge her dedication to the teachers, students, and people of Western New York. Mrs. Bauman passed away suddenly on June 30, 2010 at the age of fifty-eight.

Karen Bauman was born on October 5, 1951 in Buffalo, New York. She was the younger of two children born to Frank and Sophia Hlavna. She graduated from Hamburg High School in 1969 and continued her education at Bryant and Stratton College. After finishing school, Karen found a job working for Liberty National Bank. It was at this bank where Karen met her future husband, Thomas Bauman. They were married in 1979, and when their children were born, Steven in 1980 and Joseph in 1984, Karen decided to stay home to raise her family.

Karen became uniquely involved in education when her oldest son, Steven, began kindergarten in 1986. She started volunteering at St. Mary of the Lake School several times a week, but it wasn't until 1990, the same year her son Joseph started kindergarten, when she was hired full time. She stayed in her position as an aide for twenty years.

During her many years of service, Karen had the privilege of teaching many children, leaving an everlasting impression on their lives. One of her students, Nicole Santiago, wrote, "She was one of the sweetest women I have ever had the good fortune to know. The things she has taught me will stay with me for the rest of my life. I will miss her so much."

Everyone who knew Karen remembers how her smile and laughter would brighten up the room and how she was always involved with various school, parish, and community functions. Whether it was serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary of the Lake Church or helping out at various school functions at St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Karen dedicated her life to service and volunteerism. Karen believed in living a Catholic life and she passed that on to her two sons.

Mrs. Bauman is survived by her husband, Thomas Bauman, her sons, Steven and Joseph, her brother, Larry Hlavna, as well as one niece and six nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Bauman for her dedication to others and tireless service to the Western New York community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and extending her family our deepest condolences.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
PROGRAM

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, our nation will observe a landmark event next month as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program.

With its signing into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on August 14, 1935, our nation established a lifeline for countless millions of Americans and for thousands of the residents of the 10th Congressional District I have the privilege to represent. Throughout the past eight decades, Congress has always acted in a bipartisan manner to ensure the fiscal solvency of the program.

Ever since I was elected to Congress in 1970, I have dedicated myself to ensuring the financial security of the Social Security Trust Funds. At times, I had to speak out against Presidents of both parties who proposed changes in the system that would cut or eliminate Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments (COLAs) or even replace the program with private Social Security savings accounts. It was in the early 1980s that I established the bipartisan Social Security Caucus to fight against cuts in the COLAs and to preserve and protect the Social Security Trust Funds to ensure that benefits would continue to be there, as promised, for current and future generations of workers.

It was with great pride that I supported two of the major legislative initiatives to improve the delivery of Social Security benefits and to provide for the program's long-term financial solvency. The 1972 amendments adjusted benefits to allow them to catch up with inflation over the program's first 37 years and also instituted an automatic cost-of-living payment to allow them to stay in balance with inflation from there on out. The 1983 amendments made some adjustments to the program to reflect the longer lifespan of workers and the impact of inflation on the program and protected the long-term stability of the program for more than 75 years. That legislation passed the House 243-102 with my support as I joined 163 Democrats and 79 Republicans in approving the bill.

The 1983 amendments reflect what Congress can do in the interest of the American people when we work together in a bipartisan manner for the good of the people we are elected to serve. A House with a large Democrat majority joined a Senate with a Republican majority and worked with Republican President Ronald Reagan to make some tough decisions that protected the Social Security benefits for generations of older Americans.

As our nation looks down the road at our fiscal future, I will remain vigilant in seeing that Social Security continues to be a sound self-financing system that provides retirement security for generations of retirees. There is no doubt though that the time will come when we need to reexamine the financial footing of the system and it is my hope that we will once again join together in a bipartisan manner to make the best decisions for the American people.

Madam Speaker, too often Social Security has been used as a political weapon to scare older Americans for the benefit of one political cause or another. As we prepare to celebrate a milestone anniversary of the Social Security program, let us dedicate ourselves to reassuring the American people of our commitment to its long-term solvency and to honoring the greatest traditions of this House and this Congress to ensure that we address any future needs of the program in a bipartisan manner as we have done so many times in the past.

My resolve to protect Social Security for our nation's elderly remains firm and you can be sure of my continuing commitment in this regard. We owe the people we represent no less.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE CITY OF McMINNVILLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of McMinnville, which next week will celebrate its bicentennial.

Named after Governor Joseph McMinn, who helped write the Tennessee state constitution in 1796, McMinnville has been the center of economic activity for Warren County for the last two hundred years. Agriculture and horticulture have long been staples of the people who live in middle Tennessee, and McMinnville is no exception. McMinnville's position on the Cumberland Plateau makes it uniquely suited to growing a wide variety of crops and plants. Home to about 650 nurseries specializing in everything from evergreen trees to flowering shrubs, it's no wonder that McMinnville is known as the "Nursery Capital of the World."

For a rural Tennessee community, McMinnville has given our country its fair share of notable statesmen and entertainers. Carl Thomas Rowan grew up in McMinnville before attending Tennessee State and Washburn Universities. He was later appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State by President John F. Kennedy, served at the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, and became the first African American to hold a seat on the National Security Council.

In keeping with Tennessee's musical tradition, several McMinnville residents have become well known musicians in Nashville and throughout the United States. McMinnville native Uncle Dave Macon, also known as "the Dixie Dewdrop," became one of the first stars of the Grand Ole Opry. Dinah Shore moved to McMinnville with her family in 1924 and went on to become a television star and singer, performing alongside stars like Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Born and raised in McMinnville, Dottie West was made famous with her role as "Miss Country Sunshine" in a Coca-Cola commercial and her performances at the Grand Ole Opry.

As residents in McMinnville and across Warren County prepare to mark the city's 200th anniversary, I encourage them to take a moment and reflect on the history and heritage of their community so that it may be preserved as the city begins its third century.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY W. "RED"
CAUGHRON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and