

northern part of Cyprus. Since then, Cypriots have suffered from the division of their country and countless violations of their human rights by Turkish occupation forces. Even today, there is one Turkish soldier for every 2 Cypriots, making Cyprus one of the most heavily militarized places on Earth. It is important that we recognize not only the anniversary of the invasion, but also the island's ongoing problems at the hands of Turkey.

On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops unlawfully occupied the northern part of Cyprus with a heavily-armed force that maintains control of 37 percent of Cyprus today. This has resulted in the usurpation and exploitation of Cypriot property, as well as the creation of hundreds of thousands of refugees. Additionally, an influx of Turkish immigrants has settled into the evicted Cypriots' homes, permanently altering the demographics of Cyprus and outnumbering native Cypriots by two to one. The UN has passed a multitude of resolutions calling for Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus, but they have been continually ignored.

As Cyprus has always been a reliable partner of the United States, we must not forget the injustices suffered by its people. We must uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. By invading Cyprus, Turkey is in direct offense to all of these. As much as we would rather have no such grievance to recognize, it is important that we commemorate these injustices today.

I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing the hope that Cyprus will be reunified soon and that peace will return to this beautiful and historic land in the eastern Mediterranean.

IN MEMORY OF DORILL WRIGHT

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam. Speaker, I rise in memory of Dorill Wright, a close, personal friend of my wife, Janice, and me, who passed away on Sunday.

Dorill served as Mayor of Port Hueneme, California, from 1974–1990 and served as a city councilman and planning commissioner before that. He decided to run for office, he said, because if you're unhappy with government, you should do something about it. It was that same philosophy that led me to my first run for public office.

A member of the Christian Church of Oxnard, Dorill and Jacquelyn, his wife of 63 years, believed in God, community and family and devoted their efforts to all three.

Born and raised in Missouri, Dorill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After college, the Navy hired Dorill and four other engineers to form a research laboratory for structures with electrical check equipment.

In 1950, the staff and laboratory were transferred to the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Battalion Center and in 1957 Dorill transferred to Point Mugu. There he served as a field and design engineer and was later named head of the technical support department.

In 1965, Dorill moved his family to Port Hueneme and Dorill started his long and lasting impact on the city. He joined the Chamber of

Commerce, was appointed to the city Planning Commission, was elected to the City Council in 1970, and served on the California Coastal Commission, the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Wastewater Treatment Authority and the Ventura County Association of Governments.

The dedication and love Dorill gave to Port Hueneme was reciprocated when the city named the cultural center in his honor.

Jacqueline passed away in 2005. Surviving Dorill are his three daughters, Valory Wright-Pietruszenko, and her husband, George; Jacquelyn Jay, and her husband, William; and Dorilan Arko, and her husband, Ron; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to the Wright family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

VIET BAO DAILY NEWS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRITING ON AMERICA AWARD

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Viet Bao Daily News' 10th Anniversary of the Writing on America Award. In 2000, Viet Bao Daily News established the Writing on America Award with one simple mission—to create an opportunity for Vietnamese people to share their individual experiences.

The writing competition soon turned into a grand annual award celebration, and then became a uniting set of stories for thousands of Vietnamese people. The initial objective of the writing contest was to preserve the Vietnamese language and cultural values. However, the impact exceeded Viet Bao's initial expectation. The writings have become more than just a compilation of shared, collective philosophical values—they are a means to preserve historical values.

I applaud Viet Bao Daily News for these important achievements. I would also like to congratulate all of the winners and participants, who have contributed countless inspiring stories on their experiences and journey to assimilate in American society. I look forward to seeing the future contributions that Viet Bao Daily News will make to this great country.

HONORING THE VEILLEUX/VIGUE FAMILY REUNION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maine Veilleux/Vigue Family Reunion which takes place on September 11, 2010 at the St. John Regional Catholic School in Winslow, Maine.

The history of Maine is rich with the stories of Franco-American heritage. As residents of Maine for many generations, the Veilleux and Vigue family history is intertwined with the history of Maine.

In 1658, Nicolas Verieul, the Veilleux/Vigue family patriarch, immigrated to Canada, and in 1665, he and Marguerite Hyardin, his wife, began the Verieul family. Eventually, many Verieul descendants moved to Maine to become integral parts of the seasonal labor workforce in the early 1800's and permanent residents of Maine in the mid to late 1800's.

The Veilleux/Vigue family history is a story of hard work and significant achievement. Many descendants of Nicolas and Marguerite Verieul have founded their own businesses and thrived as entrepreneurs in the State of Maine. Members of the family have been homemakers, service members, doctors and business owners. What marks them all is their dedication to family, community and hard work.

With their family reunion, the Veilleux/Vigue family has great cause for celebration. For generations, their pioneering family has prospered in Maine and helped make our state a better place. This occasion is a chance to honor the past generations for their sacrifices to give their children a better life today and look ahead to the bright future of the Veilleux/Vigue family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the hard work, dedication and accomplishments of the Veilleux/Vigue family for their reunion September 11, 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 474, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EARMARK RESCISSION, SAVINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings and Accountability Act, and commend my colleague Rep. Betsy Markey for bringing this legislation to the floor today.

Consistent with the Democratic majority's commitment to budget discipline, this bill rescinds unobligated funding for 309 earmarks contained in previous surface transportation authorizations, saving taxpayers \$713 million. While some only like to talk about fiscal responsibility, we are actually delivering it, scrutinizing the budget line by line to find savings for the American taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, this is good government legislation. It's common sense legislation. It's what our constituents expect of us. And it's part of the Democratic agenda to bring real and responsible budget discipline back to Washington, DC.

I urge a "yes" vote.

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SOMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Korean American Voters' Council for their continued commitment to the advancement of the Korean American community and to remind my colleagues about House Resolution 121, the "comfort women" resolution which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 30, 2007.

The Korean American Voters' Council was a strong advocate and key initiator in educating members of Congress on the "comfort women" issue three years ago when House Resolution 121 was passed. The Korean American Voters' Council is a grassroots non-profit organization built up of volunteers who work on constituency development, civic participation, voting rights advocacy, and community education within Korean American communities across the country.

Friday, July 30, 2010, will mark the third anniversary of the passing of House Resolution 121. House Resolution 121 calls upon the Government of Japan to make an official and unequivocal apology, taking responsibility for the Japanese Imperial Armed Force's role in enslaving over 200,000 girls and women of Asia as "comfort women" before and during World War II.

House Resolution 121 was sponsored by my distinguished colleague, Representative MICHAEL M. HONDA, and it was my privilege to serve as a co-sponsor of this bill and to hold the first hearing ever held in the U.S. Congress on this sensitive subject. The hearing was held before the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment on February 15, 2007 and paid tribute to those who suffered while acknowledging the past contributions of those Members of Congress like former Chairman Henry Hyde of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and also the late Congressman Lane Evans who also championed this cause.

It has been three years since passage and the resolution clearly expressed a need for a formal acknowledgement and apology by the Government of Japan, through the Prime Minister to the victims of this atrocity. The Government of Japan has had multiple changes in the Prime Minister position and not one has formally acknowledged and apologized for this human rights violation. The victims are running out of time for this apology, as most of them are elderly, and the time is now for the Government of Japan to formally apologize for their past mistake.

I strongly urge the Government of Japan to formally acknowledge and apologize in order to begin the reconciliation process and to create better relationships in the future. Japan cannot move forward by erasing the past and it is of the utmost importance that Japan follows through on House Resolution 121.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO
REVEREND EARLINE MCGREGOR

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on August 13 a birthday dinner will be held for Reverend Earline McGregor of Kendleton, Texas, to celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday and thank him for his years of community service. It is my pleasure to join the people of Kendleton in wishing Reverend McGregor a happy birthday and thanking him for all he has done for his community, his state, and his country.

Earline McGregor was born on August 26, 1926 in Brenham, Texas. He spent over a year in the army in World War II. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Earline McGregor decided to continue to serve his country by joining the Air Force. After twenty years of distinguished service in the Air Force, he retired with an honorable discharge in 1971.

Since leaving the military, Reverend McGregor has worked as a Metro Bus Driver in Austin and also owned his own landscaping business. Today, Reverend McGregor serves his community by working as an associate minister and Sunday school teacher at Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Kendleton, Fort Bend County, Texas under the leadership of Pastor Pleas Mayfield Sr.

Madam Speaker the parishioners of Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and the entire Kendleton community, are fortunate to have the services of someone as dedicated to public service as Reverend McGregor. It is therefore a pleasure to once again join the people of Kendleton in wishing a very happy birthday to Reverend Earline McGregor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Monday July 26th, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1320, H. Res. 1504, and H.R. 3101 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote. Last night I was conducting a town hall meeting at the Mahomet Village Hall in Mahomet, Illinois and was unable to travel to Washington, DC in time for the votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 467 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1320, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 468 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1504, Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 469 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3101,

Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING FIRE CHIEF POSEY W. DILLON AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM DANIEL ALTICE

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor two brave firefighters from Rocky Mount, Virginia, who passed away on July 26, 2010.

Earlier this week, Fire Chief Posey W. Dillon and volunteer firefighter William Daniel (Danny) Altice were tragically killed in a fatal traffic accident while responding to a house fire in Rocky Mount, Virginia. While we mourn this heartbreaking event, we are reminded of the risk our first responders assume every day to protect us all. Throughout Franklin County and the 5th District, we are in mourning over the passing of these two courageous men, who committed themselves to the service of others.

Fire Chief Dillon was a man of remarkable faith, who strove to serve his community throughout his life. From 1980 to 2000, he served on the Rocky Mount Town Council, including 8 years as Vice Mayor. In 2006, he was reappointed to the Town Council and re-assumed his position as Vice Mayor two years later. Additionally, he spent 33 years with the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department. During this time, he rose up through the ranks, becoming Chief in 1990, a position he would hold for 20 years. His vision and leadership throughout his 30 years of civic involvement helped shape the town of Rocky Mount and his legacy will continue long after his passing.

Danny Altice began as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 20 and served the Rocky Mount community for over 47 years. During his distinguished career, he spent seven years as Fire Chief from 1977 to 1984, and was awarded the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Service Recognition Award by the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department. He helped teach younger members of the department how to handle difficult situations and could always be counted on for his leadership through challenging circumstances. In becoming a firefighter, he followed in the footsteps of his father, who was a founding member of the Rocky Mount volunteer force. His legacy will be carried on by his brother, who serves as a firefighter in Rocky Mount, as well as his son, who serves in Boones Mill.

My heart and prayers go out to the families of our fallen heroes and to the entire Rocky Mount community, which has lost two of its finest. In remembrance of their sacrifice, I have requested that two flags be flown over the United States Capitol and then presented to their loved ones. On behalf of Virginia's 5th District, I honor the passing of these heroes, and ask that their legacies be remembered for years to come.