

Under the U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2, a treaty is the supreme law of the land and its terms apply to state governments. These treaties require that their terms be publicized and that periodic reports be made at the federal and local levels. However, until attorney Ann Fagan Ginger of MCLI proposed the resolution, no state had publicized the treaty text or submitted information to be included in U.S. reports to the U.N. Committees administering the treaties.

In 2008, MCLI persuaded the Berkeley City Commission on Peace and Justice to ask Berkeley City Council to require that each of its agencies prepare periodic activity reports and submit them to the U.S. Department of State for inclusion in its reports to the four U.N. Committees. On September 29, 2009, the Berkeley City Council adopted the United Nations Treaty Reports resolution on the basis that the human rights treaties reporting process had heightened concern about human rights in the city.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone for the State of California. Thank you, MCLI staff and supporters, for all that you do to promote and protect human rights throughout the United States. I wish you continued success.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY ON "REPUBLIC DAY"

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Turkey in celebration of the 87th anniversary of Republic Day on October 29, 2010.

In 1923, Turkey officially became a Republic. Over the years, Turkey has joined with the United States and the international community on numerous critical issues ranging from energy security to the global war on terror.

Turkey and the United States share many important values and provide an example that freedom and democracy are key foundations for peace, prosperity, and security.

Again, as a member of the Congressional Turkey Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Turkey and all Turkish citizens in celebration of Republic Day and wish them continued success in building on the political, economic, and cultural progress envisioned by the great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KEVIN S. BOND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Kevin S. Bond for his accomplishments and contributions.

For many years, Dr. Kevin Bond has been an advocate for those in need and has assisted those burdened by the circumstances of their environment and economic conditions. He is committed to creating positive change

for urban America, and works tirelessly to uplift the people in the underserved communities of Brooklyn, New York. He has established himself as a strong and progressive voice for urban communities through his education and his grassroots approach.

Dr. Bond has continually striven to strengthen his education. In 1987, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Accounting at New York University. He completed a Master of Divinity in 1991 at New York Theological Seminary, and in 1995, completed the Doctor of Divinity degree at United Theology Seminary. He also has a Master's Degree in Education and Learning Technology from Mercy College in 2001 and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of St. Rose, completed in 2005.

Dr. Bond is the Pastor of Citadel of Praise and Worship Church, which was established in 1997 and has over 300 members. In 1997, he also established the Citadel Summer Camp Enrichment Program and Citadel Health and Wellness. The Citadel Homeless Ministry was started in 1998. Citadel Daycare and Learning Center was added in 1999, and finally, the Citadel Share Program began in 2000.

Additionally, Dr. Bond is the Dean at Stephen Decatur Middle School 35 in Bedford Stuyvesant, where he serves as Chair to several committees and boards. He has accomplished a great deal of progressive learning for the Board of Education, and has enabled a stronger math and reading tutorial program that has helped to increase scores on citywide standardized tests.

Dr. Bond is a frequent visitor to City Hall, where he champions initiatives that affect his community. He has contributed a great deal to the City Council in their endeavors to encompass the strength of religious leadership in their pursuit of improved community development relations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. Kevin S. Bond.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF ANN BROZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Broz, as we join with her in celebration of her 108th birthday on October 7, 2010.

Mrs. Broz was born in Homestead, PA on October 7, 1902. Her life changed abruptly at the age of eight when her mother died unexpectedly. Soon thereafter, her father moved with her to Cleveland, Ohio in search of work and a new beginning. She gradually adjusted to her new community and made close friends in school. She was a diligent, energetic student, and her natural curiosity about life never faded.

After high school, she began working at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Cleveland. In 1921, she met and married the love of her life, Frank Broz. Together, they settled in Fairview Park, where they raised their daughters, Ellyn and Patricia. Though her beloved Frank died many years ago, she has kept his memory alive through stories, photos

and through her family, which includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Broz is known for her great sense of humor, great energy, positive attitude and willingness to help others whenever needed. She is self-educated, an avid reader, and her passion for learning is as bright as ever. She is an avid gardener and a longtime member and viewer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Moreover, it is Mrs. Broz' kindness of heart, inner light and warm smile that continues to frame her life. She loves children and animals, and they are always quickly drawn to her. She is a lifelong civic leader who was often found volunteering at PTA meetings or at the Fairview Park Women's Club.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Ann Broz, as we celebrate her 108th birthday. Her kindness, joy for living, unshakable faith and unwavering belief in the goodness of life and humanity inspires our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,721,979,465,685.30.

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 \$3,083,553,719,391.50 so far this Congress.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPC MARC WHISENANT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and accomplishments of U.S. Army Specialist Marc Whisenant.

On Friday, September 24, a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our Nation during a training exercise in Kuwait.

At his funeral service at the Daytona Beach Baptist Church on Saturday, October 2, our community heard wonderful recollections of how this young man, Army SPC Marc Whisenant of Daytona Beach, while only 23 years old, lived and accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. As a member of the ROTC program and 2005 graduate of Spruce Creek High School, Marc joined the U.S. Army after graduation from High School. He knew that serving in the United States military would fulfill a life goal.

In the Army, Marc found his calling as an M1A1 Armor Crewman and honorably served tours of duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He received recognition for his work and accomplishments as an outstanding serviceman.

Many of Marc's brothers in arms have commented on what a fine soldier he was and how he always held a positive attitude—even in the toughest of conditions.

Marc was a soldier to his country, a friend to many, but most of all, he was dedicated to his family. Marc's memory will carry on in the hearts and souls of his proud parents, Jerry Whisenant and Elizabeth Cook, and his beloved sisters, Michelle and Monica.

My colleagues, please join me in recognizing the life and service to our Nation of Marc Whisenant. We are forever grateful as a Nation for Marc's service and sacrifice, and my deepest condolences are extended to his parents, family and friends.

RECOGNIZING TENDAJI W. GANGES AND THE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on October 28, the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives at the University of Michigan-Flint celebrated its 15th year.

The Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives was established in 1995 as part of Student Support Services. Its Mission statement is: The mission of EOI is to foster changes in institutional services and climate enhancing the ability of the University of Michigan-Flint to identify, recruit, serve and graduate students of diverse backgrounds with a particular emphasis on students from under-represented groups including non-traditional, educationally and economically disadvantaged, and those from urban and rural areas where college access and completion rates are significantly below the national average.

The Office operates 5 pre-college programs, 5 college programs and a diversity unit. Over the past 15 years the Office has expanded and now serves over 2,000 students annually.

Mr. Tendaji W. Ganges serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives. A product of the "Upward Bound" program implemented by the Higher Education Act of 1965, Mr. Ganges credits early college exposure to his success. He works tirelessly to enhance the access, impact and achievement of underrepresented groups in higher education. Mr. Ganges is an active participant in over 30 local and regional organizations. He is deeply committed to creating a gateway to higher education for all.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives and Mr. Tendaji W. Ganges for their work with the educationally and economically disadvantaged. Mr. Ganges and his staff are deeply committed to turning the dream of higher education into reality for thousands of students. I congratulate them on 15 years of successful work and hope they continue assisting students for many, many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF HARRIS AND JOSEPHINE SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today, the 50th wedding anniversary of Harris and Josephine Smith.

Harris was born July 12, 1941, and Josephine was born March 14, 1943, both in Ohatchee, Alabama. They first met at Ohatchee High School when he was in the 8th grade and she was in 6th grade.

On December 9, 1960, they were married in Ohatchee.

The couple raised one son, Robert Smith. Mr. Smith worked as an engineer with the Alabama Department of Transportation for 37 years. Mrs. Smith was a Business Education Teacher in the Calhoun County Schools for 30 years. Both are active in their church with Harris serving as a Deacon and Josephine playing the piano.

The Smiths are proud grandparents of Courtney Smith and Cassidy Smith.

On December 3rd, an anniversary celebration and dinner party will be held at Hill Crest Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama with over 100 friends and family members.

I salute this lovely couple on their 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN ALBERT BROWN

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Albert Brown, a World War II veteran and Bataan Death March survivor who, after celebrating his 105th birthday on October 26, is reported to be the oldest living veteran of World War II.

Albert Brown was born in North Platte, Nebraska, in 1905. After his father was killed in a railroad explosion, Albert's family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was a four-letter athlete in high school as well as a member of the ROTC. Albert went to Creighton University where he again excelled in athletics, continued his ROTC training and received a degree in dentistry.

In the late 1930's, as the world was preparing for war and Albert Brown was raising his family and building his dental practice, he received the call to report for active military duty. After training recruits at different army bases in the U.S., Albert shipped off to the Philippines in 1941, just before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was with the force of nearly 70,000 Allied troops that surrendered to the Japanese in Bataan and he became part of the infamous Bataan Death March.

One of Albert's personal recollections of the Death March was when he faltered and wound up at the back of the line of prisoners. A Japanese soldier bayoneted him in the buttocks

and ordered him to speed up. After this, and witnessing what happened to others who could not keep the pace, Albert said he never got near the end of the line again.

After surviving the Death March, Albert was put on one of the ships bound for POW internment on mainland Japan. While in transport, the prisoners were again deprived of nutrition, water and medical treatment. Albert survived the transport and would spend the remainder of the war as a prisoner of war. During this time, in addition to withstanding bitter cold and lack of nutrition, Albert described routine beatings at the hands of his captors. Albert was once struck with the butt of a rifle, causing fractures in his neck and back. Medical treatment was not an option, so Albert was forced to heal on his own until he was physically able to resume labor.

After the Japanese surrender, Albert came home to the U.S. and spent two years in a hospital where doctors treated an assortment of medical ailments resulting from his years in captivity. On discharge, one of the doctors told him to go home and enjoy himself because he would surely never see 50. At 105, Albert Brown, who now makes his home in Pinckneyville, Illinois, not only proved that doctor wrong but stands as a remarkable example of indomitable human spirit and survival under the most dire of circumstances.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Albert Brown for his dedication and tremendous sacrifice in service to his country and to wish him the very best in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO CITIZEN ACTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 35th Anniversary of Ohio Citizen Action, a non-profit, grassroots, non-partisan, citizen action organization whose main focus is protection of our environment.

Founded in 1975, Ohio Citizen Action has 80,000 members of all ages and backgrounds. Ohio Citizen Action inspires action and involvement through door-to-door and phone banking campaigns that communicate news and information to communities, and empower and organize citizens on a wide range of issues and projects with a focus on making our world a better place.

From organizing against companies that violate environmental laws, to implementing the "Good Neighbor Campaign" that utilizes elements of community organizing, Ohio Citizen Action's true grassroots activism continues to inform, empower, strengthen and protect our entire community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders, past and present, of Ohio Citizen Action as they celebrate their 35th anniversary.