

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September, 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631, spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish-Muslim cultural sites in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time, could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY H. KEENAN DILL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Shirley Keenan Dill. Mrs. Dill, an active member of her community, passed away on January 16, 2010 at the age of 81. She was a model citizen and adored by her colleagues. Her faithful dedication and commitment toward others is unquestionably worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Dill was a lifelong resident of the Parlin section of Sayreville, New Jersey. She was predeceased by her three sisters, Claire Ginsky, Evelyn Szarvas and Joan Dooling and by two brothers, George and William Keenan. Surviving are her husband Homer Dill and daughter and son-in-law Sandi and Wayne Krainski. She also had three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dill attended Our Lady of Victories School and is an alumna of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Proud to represent her Irish heritage, Mrs. Dill was recognized for her role as the Welcome Home Queen in 1946 following World War II.

Mrs. Shirley Kennan Dill has an exceptional record of community service. Mrs. Dill served as President of the Sayreville Lady Dems for eighteen years. Throughout her life, she also worked on numerous political campaigns, most notably that of former Governor Jim McGreevey. She was best known for making the campaigning process fun and organized unique events such as pep rallies and parades. Similarly, she also led the Democrats to organize multiple volunteer efforts, many of which benefited terminally ill children. Mrs. Dill was also involved with the Sayreville Historical Society, Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club, Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women and the New Jersey State Federation of Democratic Women. Mrs. Dill was best known for her wit and standing up for what she believed in. She is remembered as an individual who poured her heart and soul into the community and was best known for advocating on behalf of the people of Sayreville. Her persistence served as motivation to other women interested in pursuing political opportunities. Mrs. Dill's hard work has undoubtedly touched many lives and has helped countless people throughout central New Jersey.

As a result of her exceptional work, Mrs. Dill was the recipient of the Peg Roberts Award from the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women. This award is presented to an individual who promotes the Democratic Party and is involved with government and volunteering. Mrs. Dill was the first woman from Middlesex County to be bestowed with this honor.

Madam Speaker, Shirley Keenan Dill dedicated her life to community activism and her actions have touched the hearts and minds of countless men, women and children. Her legacy has served as an inspiration to us all and she will be truly missed.

JUDGE SAMAC RICHARDSON

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Judge Samac Richardson for his exceptional public service career in my home state of Mississippi.

Judge Richardson currently lives in Brandon, Mississippi in the Third Congressional District, where his reputation for fair and just judgment led to a post as Circuit Judge for Mississippi's 20th Judicial District in Madison and Rankin Counties. Mississippi's Circuit Court serves 22 districts with 49 judges, trying both felony criminal cases and civil actions.

Prior to his thirteen years of elected service on the Circuit Court, Judge Richardson spent five years as Rankin County Court Judge, six years as Assistant District Attorney, five years as a public defender, five years as Rankin County School Board hearing officer and three years as Pearl, Mississippi City Attorney.

Judge Richardson's conservative interpretation of the Mississippi Constitution is without doubt a reflection of his Mississippi upbringing. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1975 from the former Jackson School of Law, now Mississippi College School of Law, completed his undergraduate studies in Accounting at Mississippi State University, attended courses at East Central Community College and graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1965. Additionally, Judge Richardson is a 1993 graduate of the National Judicial College.

Judge Samac Richardson will retire from the bench in December leaving behind a legacy of impartiality. Judge Richardson has dedicated his life to a career of public service and for this, Madam Speaker, this Member of Congress thanks him.

HONORING SENATOR STEVEN C. PANAGIOTAKOS

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Steven C. Panagiotakos from the Fifth District of Massachusetts for his exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Lowell and the towns of Tyngsboro, Westford, Groton, Dunstable and Pepperell as a Massachusetts State Representative and Senator.

Senator Panagiotakos was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in 1996. Prior to that Senator Panagiotakos served two terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and two terms as a member of the Lowell School Committee. Rising through the ranks to become Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Panagiotakos was charged with the oversight to develop and guide the Commonwealth's budget through one of the worst fiscal crises since the Great Depression.

Senator Panagiotakos has exhibited a lifelong commitment to the City of Lowell and the communities he represents. Known for his leadership style of compromise with Democrats and Republicans, he was able to help secure funding for local projects such as the

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Hamilton Canal District, the Emerging Technology Center at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, the redevelopment of the Lawrence Mills and the Julian D. Steele public housing project.

Senator Panagiotakos and his wife, Christine, along with their two daughters, Giana and Alexandria, live in the Highlands neighborhood in Lowell, just two streets over from his childhood home. As Senator Panagiotakos said it best, "The thing that made me the most proud was not being called 'Senator' or 'Mr. Chairman,' but when they said 'Steve Panagiotakos, from Lowell.'"

Upon his retirement, I wish to thank him for his friendship, recognize him for his unyielding leadership in the Massachusetts Senate, and congratulate him for his distinguished career.

IN HONOR OF THE NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, CARDEROCK DIVISION—SHIP SYSTEM ENGINEERING STATION (NSWCCD-SSES) PHILADELPHIA

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division—Ship System Engineering Station, NSWCCD-SSES, at the Philadelphia Naval Business Center. Since 1910, when Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop authorized the first funding be directed to what is now the Ship Systems Engineering Station, SSES, that organization has served our community, Navy and nation with great distinction.

Today, SSES executes a budget of over \$380 million and employs 1,600 engineers, scientists, technicians and support personnel. That workforce reflects the hard working, industrious nature of dedicated patriotic Americans throughout the Delaware Valley. The results of their labor are a stronger nation and safer world. With the singular purpose of sending USN Bluejackets to sea with the best possible equipment, this proud organization, under the leadership of Rear Admiral Jim Shannon, Captain Alexander Desroches and Patricia Woody maintains a covenant between our citizens and Sailors. It guarantees that our Navy will always be better designed, built and maintained than any other in the world. In conflicts for a century, our Navy has sailed into harms way with a quantitative advantage in readiness that is the result of those talented, dedicated professionals of SSES Philadelphia and their 54,000 colleagues of the Naval Sea Systems Command, NAVSEA, located in 34 cities across the United States and Asia. Together they help fulfill the vision of General George Washington, who wrote to Marquis De Lafayette nearly two hundred thirty years ago, "It follows that as certain as the night succeeds the day that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it everything honorable and glorious."

As NAVSEA and NSWCCD-SSES work today to support our naval forces in two conflicts, it is my honor to join all the good citizens of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and Americans throughout this great nation in recognizing their 100 years of excel-

lence in naval engineering and wish them another century of continued success in every endeavor.

HONORING JAMES GREEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Green. James 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 38, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, James contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. James planned and constructed a picnic shelter for visitors and staff at the Saint Joseph Fire Museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Green 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 OF TIM SMITH AND ALAN COLE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize two innovative Delaware entrepreneurs, Tim Smith and Alan Cole, of Delmarva Digital, a leading web application software company based in Laurel, Delaware and serving the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The son of a United States Air Force veteran and a public school teacher, Tim Smith is the definition of success. Tim is co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Delmarva Digital. But Tim Smith is more than just successful in business; he is also a devoted husband and a pillar in his community, contributing his time to charitable causes including traveling to developing countries to teach aspiring entrepreneurs how to achieve their dreams.

Alan Cole is the son of a State Police officer and a professor at Delaware Technical and Community College. He is a highly decorated combat veteran having served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As a Military Intelligence Officer with the National Security Administration, Alan held the highest security clearance that exists. Alan is a founder and Chief Technology Officer of Delmarva Digital, where he is the lead software and systems architect, network and security expert, and the manager of operations.

I am proud to join the Laurel Chamber of Commerce in recognizing exceptional Delaware entrepreneurs like Tim Smith and Alan Cole. I thank them for their hard work in busi-

ness and for their dedication to their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARREN SLOCUM

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Warren Slocum for his 23 exceptional years of public service to the residents of San Mateo County.

Warren has demonstrated a commitment to serving the public's interest ever since he took office in 1987. He is a graduate of San Diego State University, and has studied at both Harvard and Stanford Universities. Throughout his career, he has remained deeply committed to enhancing democracy through streamlining and bringing greater efficiency to the way people vote. He conducted California's first Poll Worker Academy, its first Internet Voting Demonstration Project, and founded the California Trial Court Training Institute at Stanford University.

Madam Speaker, Warren Slocum is that rarest of all public officials—a policy wonk and green eyeshade administrator with a delightful personality. For example, he was passionate about helping people vote by mail. When others argued that it would be fraught with problems or high costs, Warren disputed this assertion through detailed—some would argue painfully explicit—discussions of the inner workings of modern voting. Warren's bottom line is always the same: The right of people to govern must always be supported by secure voting systems that make it easier to express the will of the people.

Madam Speaker, in an era when no one understood butterfly ballots or chads, Warren Slocum promoted the sound use of computerized equipment, and he also did something innovative—he hired high school workers to help run the voting machines. My staff reported a sharp contrast between a computerized polling place in Orange County and one in San Mateo. In Orange County, one of the baby boomer voters kicked the electric plug out of the socket at 7 p.m. on election night and a dozen computerized voting machines crashed. The result? 100 baby boomers scratching out their ballots on paper because the baby boomer poll workers couldn't get the machines up and running again. In San Mateo County, by contrast, the teenagers hired by Warren Slocum would simply roll their eyes with that, "What will our parents do next?" look, and then reboot the computers. Madam Speaker, sometimes the old lead the young by example, but in the world of Warren, the savvy lead us all in pursuit of a better democracy, whether the savvy are old or young.

Warren Slocum is also the co-founder of the Smart Voter Project, a revolutionary website that was the first to offer personalized election information based on a voter's address. He created efficiencies in the valuation of property in his role as the county's tax assessor. He actively reduced the assessments of homes when values fell during times of economic hardship, and he found highly competent personnel to value newly-purchased property and improvements of property in a timely manner.