

Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, and serves on the boards of various organizations. They are the proud parents of two daughters: Cheray and Brooke.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that I can call them friends. I commend them for their many years of valued service to citizens of the 4th Congressional District. I wish them the very best in their retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2011 BRONX DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the twenty-second annual Bronx Dominican Parade and Festival which will take place on Sunday, July 24, 2011. This famed event is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year. It is a wonderful celebration of the spirit and richness of Dominican culture.

Under the continued leadership of Felipe Febles and Rosa Ayala, the Bronx Dominican Day Parade, Inc., La Gran Parada Dominicana del Bronx, has grown into an important institution that increases the self-awareness and pride of the Dominican people in order to promote economic development, education, cultural recognition, and advancement.

Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican people live in Washington Heights, a significant number have enriched the Bronx with their unique culture and spirit. The Dominican culture is one characterized by, among other things, diverse multi-culturalism, strong family values, distinctive art, amazing music and unique cuisine. We are grateful that so many have chosen to make the Bronx home.

Mr. Speaker, the roots of Dominican New Yorkers lie in a country with a fascinating history and arresting beauty. The Dominican Republic is the home of a number of people from various heritages. As a result, the culture is charged with strong Taino, African, and European influences. One visit to the Dominican Republic will put to rest any questions one might have as to why Dominicans in America retain such a strong sense of pride in their homeland and never stop missing it.

The achievements and contributions made by Dominican-Americans and Dominican residents have spanned the realms of politics, science, the Armed Forces, literature, public service, and the arts, and undoubtedly make them an integral part of American society.

The Bronx Dominican Day Parade and Festival of the Bronx is a great opportunity to celebrate Dominican culture, history, and its bright future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Dominican Day Parade and Festival of the Bronx.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed two votes this evening, which included rollcall votes 601 and 602. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 601, H.R. 33. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 602, on Approving the Journal.

TRIBUTE TO COHOCTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men of women of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department who have tirelessly served our local and national community for 125 years. As the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department celebrates its 125th anniversary, I applaud the many ways they have served our community.

From July 22–24, members of the department will hold several events commemorating the service of their valiant volunteers. Historical displays, parades, competitions and dinners will be held. The department will even be publishing a commemorative book on its history to celebrate this milestone.

For the past 125 years, members have selflessly given their time and energy to serve our community throughout periods of emergency and disaster. While the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department should be commemorated for all of their service to our community, I want to especially highlight their tireless work during the 1972 Flood, the Ice Storm of 1991 and the Blizzard of 1993—three major storms which devastated the Chemung Valley.

Furthermore, the department also aided the national community during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Under a mutual aid request, the department sent an ambulance and personnel to the Twin Towers Site after the attack. The ambulance was equipped with medical supplies donated by the local community for use by the FDNY.

Members of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department have repeatedly risked their lives in order to save our friends and neighbors. I am proud to recognize such a self-sacrificing and courageous organization. I congratulate the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department and thank them for their 125 years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on amendment rollcall No. 615, No. 616, No. 617, No. 618, No. 619, No. 620 as well as rollcall No. 621 for final passage of H.R. 1315, I am not recorded because I was attending to a family

matter. Had I been present, I would have voted: No—Representative Sheila Jackson Lee Amendment No. 4; no—Representative Brad Miller Amendment; no—Representative Sheila Jackson Lee Amendment No. 3; no—Representative Carolyn Maloney Amendment; yes—Representative Scott Rigel Amendment; no—Democrat Motion to Recommit; and yes—Final Passage of H.R. 2551.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on July 21, 2011 in order to attend the funeral of one of my staffers. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 612, 613, 614, 619, 621 and “no” on rollcall votes 615, 616, 617, 618, and 620.

CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE
WATERS' STATEMENT ON THE
LOSS OF HER FRIEND AND COM-
MUNITY ICON, LILLIAN
HARKLESS-MOBLEY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am heartbroken that one of my closest and dearest friends, Lillian Mobley, has passed away. I worked with Lillian—known throughout South Los Angeles communities as “Ms. Mobley”—for over 3 decades. We have marched together, participated in protests together, and fought off anyone who attacked our community together. Lillian was my ‘shero.’

Lillian Mobley is without a doubt the most accomplished and successful community activist South Los Angeles has ever had. She helped found numerous community institutions and organizations that include Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital, Charles Drew Medical Center, Los Angeles Southwest College, Black Women's Forum, the Lillian Mobley South Central Multipurpose Senior Citizens Center, Mothers in Action, Grandma's Hands Los Angeles Birthing Project, Watts Towers Community Action Council and others. She is on the Walk of Fame in Watts, has a building named after her at the Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, a clinic at Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital that also houses a bust of her image, the Mother of Africa statue at WLCAC was dedicated to her as well as the amphitheater at Watts Towers and a Family Housing Center, and of course the senior center she founded that now carries her name.

She served on the board of over 20 organizations and was highly sought after by politicians hoping to win her endorsement to be elected to office. And it was only if Lillian believed that their election to office would benefit the community and help preserve the very institutions she helped to create like Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital would she support them.

Lillian Mobley is one of the icons of South Central and the Watts communities of Los Angeles that has helped to educate the city and

the country about the problems of poor people and working folks and the struggles that they encounter on a daily basis. She was the voice that articulated their pain, their challenges, their hopes and dreams. Lillian has joined the legendary African American women who have passed on but clearly left their marks on the hearts and souls of the people they fought for. Women like Mary Henry, Caffie Greene, Jonnie Tillman, Margaret Wright, Edna Aliwine and Opal Jones.

We spent countless hours in meetings on issues related to health, seniors, youth, and education. Lillian was not only concerned with these issues, she tackled them with vigor. She was all about doing the work, even the 'grunt work' as she liked to call it, to bring resources to help families and youth in South Central Los Angeles and Watts. She did all of this while battling with her own health issues. If Lillian was not at an important meeting it was only because she couldn't attend either due to her grueling dialysis schedule or because she was hospitalized. Lillian was a woman before her time who maintained her empathy and concern for the young and old. She was truly humble in her work and never asked or expected any recognition form of recognition from others.

One of the greatest experiences we had together was taking 80 African American women on a trip to Africa. Lillian was so happy and proud to travel to the motherland and said it was one of the most enjoyable moments of her life. I will hold on to this and other fond memories I have of Lillian to help come to grips with this devastating loss.

I join with other elected officials, community leaders, and the residents of South Central, Watts and South Los Angeles in paying homage to our queen, Lillian Mobley.

IN HONOR OF SUE POPP

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of my good friend, Sue Popp, who passed away on July 11, 2011, in Sacramento, California. Sue was not only a close friend of mine, and someone I knew for almost 40 years, but she was a friend to Sacramento—someone who spent her life dedicated to public service, providing for others, and championing causes for the less fortunate.

Born in 1938 to a prominent Sacramento family, Sue spared no expense to help provide for those she cared for. Her entire life was dedicated to her friends and the people she loved. If she saw the good in you, you had a friend and defender for life.

Sue was a dedicated humanitarian as well as a trusted friend. She spent a lifetime chairing many of Sacramento's non-profit boards, raising money for her favorite charities, and serving her community. No effort was more important to her than the plight of Sacramento's youth. She developed a close bond to the children of Sacramento early in her philanthropic life. This spirit of generosity carried with her as she served in the Stanford Home for Children, Junior League, Fairytale Town, Capitol Public Radio, the Crocker Art

Museum, and the Sacramento Country Day School Auction, where I had the distinct honor to serve with Sue as her co-chair.

Without a doubt, Sue was one of the most dynamic women I have ever had the privilege to know. Her passing leaves a tremendous void in Sacramento, both in terms of her unwavering dedication to improve the lives of those she touched, but also in terms of her sheer presence. The warmth and generosity Sue exuded to friend and stranger alike is seldom seen in today's world. We will be hard-pressed to replace it. She was truly a friend to Sacramento—one that will be dearly missed by all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Sue Popp—someone who dedicated her life to doing what was right, and serving others. She leaves a legacy of boundless generosity, charisma, energy, and class. We should each aspire to follow her example in our own lives, both professionally and personally. I will miss her dearly, and pray that her son, Curtis, his wife, Susan, and her grandchildren, Fletcher and Olivia, will find comfort in the fact that Sue provided so much love and kindness to those of us who had the honor to share in her life.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus and to remember this tragic event for the Greek Cypriot people.

The commemoration of the 1974 Turkish military invasion of the island of Cyprus serves as a solemn reminder for all freedom-loving people to mourn those who lost their lives in the invasion and to condemn the ongoing Turkish occupation. For the past 37 years, Cyprus has endured the illegal military occupation of over one third of its territory by the Turkish armed forces, an occupation which stands in violation of more than 75 U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for the withdrawal of Turkish troops. Despite this unjust infringement upon Cyprus, both the United States and the Cypriot governments remain committed to achieving a peaceful resolution of this dispute through diplomatic negotiations.

The strong relationship between the United States and Cyprus is not based solely on a shared interest in ending the Turkish occupation of Cyprus, but also on the fact that both countries share a deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. The United States and the rest of the international community have a moral obligation to stand with Cypriots as they work to reunify their island and end the Turkish military occupation.

As a friend of Cyprus, I will continue to work with my colleagues to realize a reunification of the island as a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation that will protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots. However, any solution must include a prompt with-

drawal of Turkish occupation forces. Cypriot President Demetris Christofias remains committed to negotiating a just, viable solution to this problem in accordance with the many U.N. Security Council Resolutions adopted on this issue since 1974, with the High Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979, and on the basis of the ideals and principles upon which the European Union was founded.

Mr. Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 37th anniversary of this violent invasion that brutally divided the island nation of Cyprus, and to encourage Turkish Cypriot leaders to negotiate in good faith with their Greek Cypriot counterparts to settle this dispute and to develop a plan for reunification that addresses the serious concerns of all Cypriots. The reunification of Cyprus must remain a priority for this Congress and for the international community. On this important anniversary, we mourn the deaths of those killed in the invasion and the lost opportunities for reunification over the years, but we look forward to a future of a reunited and peaceful Cyprus.

CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF "THE RICKEY"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in celebrating the revival of "The Rickey," a cocktail of Presidents and Members of Congress who, in the 1880s, frequented Shoemaker's Bar, which today is the home of the J.W. Marriott Hotel, near the White House.

The invention of The Rickey, made with a combination of gin or bourbon, half a lime, ice, and sparkling water, is attributed to Colonel Joe Rickey. The cocktail became well known nationally, appears in cocktail books, and was recently named the District of Columbia's native cocktail in a resolution introduced by D.C. Council member Jack Evans and approved by the D.C. Council.

This week at the J.W. Marriott, D.C. residents celebrated The Rickey as I unveiled a plaque commemorating it as a part of the city's rich history. Much of the energy for the revival of The Rickey as D.C.'s cocktail was driven by Garrett Peck, author of "Prohibition in Washington, DC: How Dry We Weren't," and Bob Madigan, who acted as emcee at the celebration.

As Congress tries to reach a sensible compromise on the debt limit, we would do well to remember The Rickey, the drink dejour at a time when Presidents, Members of Congress, and members of the press on "Newspaper Row," as that part of 14th Street was known, drank together and enjoyed good relations. Let us take the spirit of The Rickey to heart this week and settle our debt-limit differences. Having a Rickey might even help.

I ask the House to join me in commending the J.W. Marriott for their recognition of the political history of the city, especially to a part of Washington's history that will humanize politicians.