

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIVISION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, as you know, July 20th marked the 40th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus. At this time, the need for reunification becomes even more apparent.

Although negotiations between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots have been occurring since 2008, the two sides have been unable to reach an agreement that would reunite the country. Both sides must come to the table and discuss key status issues, including the right to return, future governance structures, and the citizenship status of Turkish settlers. As a member of the European Union, a united Cyprus can act as a stable and democratic strategic partner for the United States in a volatile region.

Unfortunately, while these unsuccessful negotiations have been taking place, many Greek Cypriots face continued discrimination and obstruction. A number of Greek Cypriots have been unable to return to their homes in northern Cyprus, and their property is often illegally confiscated and sold without their consent. They live in fear of the Turkish military troops that still occupy the island and are unable to determine the fate of those who have been missing since the 1974 division. Greek Cypriots are denied access to religious sites and a number of important sites have been looted and destroyed. The discovery of gas fields off the coast of the island has been complicated due to territorial disputes between the communities. It is unlikely these issues will be resolved unless a final resolution is agreed upon by both sides.

In February, with help from the United States, the negotiation proceeded when leaders of the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots reached an agreement regarding the language of the "joint declaration," which identifies the goals both sides hoped to reach by the end of the negotiations. Negotiations have resumed since the "joint declaration" was established and must continue until there is a consensus on the final status of the island.

Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Cyprus in May underscored U.S. support for negotiations and the importance of Cyprus as a key partner in the region. The United States must uphold its commitment to helping the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots reach an agreement regarding the reunification of their country. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing continued support for the people of Cyprus as negotiations continue.

IRAQI CHRISTIANS DRIVEN OUT OF MOSUL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, we have learned that radical militants—the Islamic State terror group ISIS—are systematically targeting Christians in Iraq.

Ten years ago, there were 60,000 Christians in the city of Mosul.

Today there are none.

Through violence, slaughter, and intimidation, the Christians have been murdered or driven out of the city—simply because they are Christians.

In a civilized world, we cannot let this stand.

The United States of America cannot and should not try to solve every world problem.

But when we withdraw completely, we leave a vacuum of leadership—and bad people will do bad things if given the opportunity.

I join with my colleagues in condemning these atrocious actions.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS DOUGHERTY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments and life of Dennis Dougherty who passed away last February at the age of 70. As his friends and loved ones gather to celebrate his life, he deserves our recognition as a distinguished veteran, businessman, community leader, advocate and philanthropist.

Dennis was dedicated to improving life for so many through both local and national politics as well as community organizations. He had a profound impact on countless lives, particularly on the young people of Colorado, and he was the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2005 Equality in Business Award from the Human Rights Campaign and the Matthew Shepard Foundation's Essential Peace Award.

Born in 1943 in Omaha, Nebraska, Dennis was drafted to fight in Vietnam at the age of 21. As a proud veteran and patriot, he led the charge for progress in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, and his influence was a guiding force for public policy and opinion. He testified before Congress on the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and he mentored several young men who served in the armed forces.

Dennis relocated to Denver after his service in the military. He was the founder and CEO of the technology company Visual Electronics. His business success gave him the means to become a generous philanthropist, contributing to causes that ranged from disabled skiers to homeless youth. Moved by the story of Matthew Shepard, the gay college student who was tortured and killed near Laramie, Wyoming, Dennis became a major supporter and board member of the foundation started on Matthew's behalf. An unwavering and unapologetic voice in the community as an openly gay veteran, Dennis wanted to fight against the challenges he faced in his youth.

Dennis had a heart of gold. Every year he cleaned out his closet to donate to an organization that helped homeless vets get back on their feet. He always felt that a good suit gave them a better shot at a new start. In each jacket he put a note that read "someone loves you."

I am one of those lucky enough to call Dennis a friend as well. I know and have worked with numerous others who were touched by Dennis' efforts or encouragement in some

way, and many have gone on to do great things for our community. I have fond memories of the times he and I rode together in his pride and joy—his red convertible—in Denver parades.

Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Dennis Dougherty. Every day he fought to expand opportunity, equality and freedom. His determination sustained him through many challenges—with tremendous results for our community. He leaves behind a legacy of charity and compassion and serves as a role model for all who believe as he did: that "we are one tribe, y'all."

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, July 25, 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Legal Services Corporation, a private, nonprofit corporation tasked with ensuring equal justice for all Americans who are unable to afford legal representation. The creation of LSC was long-championed by President Richard Nixon who ultimately signed its enabling legislation on July 25, 1974 with bipartisan support from the Congress. Federally-funded, LSC awards grants to 134 local legal aid programs, with nearly 800 offices serving every congressional district and the U.S. territories.

LSC-funded legal aid programs provide vital civil legal assistance to the needy, including women seeking protection from domestic abuse, mothers trying to obtain child support, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures that could leave them homeless, veterans seeking benefits duly earned, seniors defending against consumer scams, and individuals who have lost their jobs and need help in applying for unemployment compensation and other benefits.

Unfortunately, because of a decrease in its federal funding over the last several Congresses, LSC-funded programs have had to turn away more than 50 percent of eligible clients seeking assistance. With the growing number of Americans eligible for services and increased demand for legal services, the need for legal aid attorneys has never been greater. We should do more to support this vital program and protect our fellow Americans.

As President Nixon said in support of his legislation creating LSC, "[W]e must provide a mechanism to overcome economic barriers to adequate legal assistance." On this 40th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation, we should recommit ourselves to the founding principle and continue to ensure that LSC can fulfill its critical mission through sufficient funding.

I commend LSC and its grantee programs for the vital work they do every day on behalf of Americans who need qualified counsel and for continuing its mission of equal justice for all.

HONORING MRS. TAKIYA FRYE-
LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable educator in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Mrs. Takiya Frye-Lewis is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Frye and the late Mr. Levester Frye, Sr. She is married to Mr. Casey T. Lewis and is the mother of two girls; Ciera and Keziah and is expecting a son in July of 2014 who will be named Casey, Jr. Although born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Takiya Frye-Lewis has been a resident of Bolivar County, Mississippi for 17 years and she considers herself a "transplanted native."

Mrs. Lewis graduated from Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1997 and received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Mississippi Valley State University in 2005 and her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in 2008 from Mississippi Valley State University.

Mrs. Lewis serves in the capacity of a Pre-K teacher at the Coahoma Opportunities Incorporated Head Start Center in Clarksdale, Mississippi. During her 7 years of teaching diverse socio-economic youths ranging in the ages of 3 to 5 years old, she has found it challenging and rewarding. She desires that all of the children in her classroom and care receive the necessary tools to advance their understanding, knowledge of all subject matter which is taught, even devoting time for individualized coaching and tutoring.

Mrs. Lewis loves teaching and believes in helping children and adults strive towards their life endeavors. Her future objectives are to take the teachers exam and become a kindergarten teacher in a public school district.

Mrs. Lewis devoted endless hours to running errands, home care needs, feeding and clothing the less fortunate. Also, she is active in her church by serving as Vice President of the Youth Department, President of the Purity Class, and President of the Youth and Adult choirs.

Mrs. Lewis is a member of the NAACP and Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON's Bi-Monthly Municipal Meetings which is hosted by his Mound Bayou District Office where she is outspoken on issues which affects her community and our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Head Start professional for her dedication and service to educating the youths.

IN MEMORY OF C. DAVID CAMPBELL AND HIS LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO PHILANTHROPY AND FOUNDATION WORK IN THE GREATER DETROIT COMMUNITY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to mark the passing of an incredible philanthropic lead-

er of the Greater Detroit community and a dear friend, Mr. David Campbell. As the President and CEO of the McGregor Fund, David devoted many years of his professional life to building a brighter future for the residents of Southeast Michigan.

As a lifetime resident of Michigan, David grew up with a deep affection for his state. After graduating from Midland High School and obtaining Bachelor's Degree from our shared alma mater, Alma College, David went on to obtain his Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. David was later bestowed an honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Madonna University for his work as a passionate advocate for higher education.

David's incredible journey in Southeast Michigan began when he and his wife, Susan, moved to Detroit in 1980 for him to assume the role of Dean of Students for the College of Creative Studies. While at CCS, David earned a reputation as an empathetic and thoughtful leader that sought to uphold the highest standards of integrity. After six years at CCS, David brought his passion for helping others to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, where he served as Vice President of Programs for eight years. In 1995, David continued to expand his impact on the Greater Detroit community when he accepted the position of Executive Director for the McGregor Fund, a foundation dedicated to promoting the well-being of mankind. David later went on to serve the McGregor Fund as its CEO, President and Trustee. In his nearly twenty year tenure at the helm of the McGregor Fund, David oversaw the awarding of more than \$150 million in grants to Detroit area non-profits in the areas of human services, education, healthcare, arts and culture, and public benefit.

It is hardly surprising, given his reputation and passion, that David felt compelled to broaden the range of his impact on the Southeast Michigan community. In addition to his primary work with the Community Foundation and the McGregor Fund, David was an active leader on boards for many non-profit organizations. His volunteer work included service as a founding member on the boards of: the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, City Year Detroit, City Connect Detroit, Detroit Local Initiatives Support Coalition, Excellent Schools Detroit and Michigan Future Schools. Thanks to David's work at the Conservancy, Detroit is realizing so many gains from its unique position within the Great Lakes. His record of service included work on the boards of New Detroit, the New Economy Initiative of the Community Foundation and the Greater Downtown Partnership. In these roles, David was integral to developing the infrastructure and securing the creation of endowments that are empowering the creative entrepreneurs of today and for succeeding generations to move their ideas from concept to reality.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to an incredible record of philanthropic leadership and service to the Greater Detroit region, David was a devoted family man. David's family was an immense source of pride for him, and my thoughts are with Susan, and their daughter, Morgan, his parents: Charles and Margaret, and his siblings: Sandra and Kevin, during this difficult time. My family and I were fortunate to call David a friend and we will greatly miss his ceaseless passion and determination for improving the well-being of the Greater Detroit

region. Even as the community mourns his loss, we can all take pride in his accomplishments, his legacy of service and his vision of a prosperous Greater Detroit community—a vision which will continue to inspire current and future generations of leaders to invest deeply into the Southeast Michigan region and create the innovations that are putting the Detroit community at the forefront of the 21st Century economy.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS, AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Turkey's occupation of Cyprus. In July 1974, Turkish forces invaded the Republic of Cyprus under the auspices of protecting Turkish Cypriots, dividing the nation and assuming control of one-third of the island.

During the occupation, more than 5,000 Cypriots died and approximately 170,000 Greek-Cypriots fled their homes, forced to abandon their property and sacrifice many of their possessions. In the wake of the invasion, more than 1,500 Greek-Cypriots remained missing. To this day, Cyprus continues to try and locate the remains of the missing and provide some closure to the families.

Despite the international community's expressed opposition to Turkey's invasion, the self-proclaimed "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" has declared independence from the Republic of Cyprus for 40 years. The status quo is untenable. Cyprus must achieve a resolution satisfactory to all Cypriots, which invariably necessitates a unified republic, free from foreign occupation.

I applaud the Cyprus Government's recent attempt to reignite the negotiating process by proposing a series of bold, innovative confidence building measures. I call on Turkish Cypriots to abandon their intransigence and begin working constructively to achieve a comprehensive settlement.

For more than fifty years, Cyprus has been an invaluable, reliable American ally in the Middle East. We must stand with Cyprus and support its efforts to retain its rightful sovereignty.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
MC CARTHY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert McCarthy upon his retirement as the Register of Probate of Plymouth, Massachusetts after over four decades of public service.

During his long and noteworthy career, Mr. McCarthy served in a number of positions in Massachusetts, including East Bridgewater