

After serving in Vietnam as an Air Force officer, John joined the Bowie News as editor and became the editor and general manager of the new Bowie Blade News in 1978 when the two papers merged.

John reports issues fully and fairly and often shows his keen sense of humor. He is an adept writer, a skilled editor, and very much in tune to the needs, the hopes, and the vision of the people of Bowie. John's skills earned the Bowie Blade the 1999 Best in Show award by the Maryland, Delaware and D.C. Press Association, and his walls are covered by numerous other awards he and the paper have won over the years. The paper itself has received dozens of accolades under his stewardship.

Bowie, Mr. Speaker, is a vibrant community that has grown rapidly and changed greatly over the past 30 years. The city is in many ways a microcosm of the changes that have buffeted this country over the past few decades, from increased suburbanization to greater diversity. It certainly is no easy task to keep one's hand on the pulse of such a community, but that is exactly what John Rouse has been able to do for 30-plus years. He has kept himself constantly connected with the issues that are important to the city of Bowie and to its people.

John has snapped and growled at me more than once. I know that my colleagues can empathize with that in dealing with some of their local editors. But he has been an editor that I have been always in respect of. I always appreciate that his goal is to advocate for the best interest of his city, of his county, his State, and his country. He and I have grown to be friends and to hold each other in mutual respect and esteem.

Our democracy, Mr. Speaker, cannot continue to thrive without the likes of John Rouse, without whom the electorate would have a much harder time discerning fact from fiction when it comes to their local politicians, their community leaders, and the policies that are proposed.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say thank you, thank you to John Rouse, an editor of a small paper. Unlike Katherine Graham, not known worldwide, but equally important in the strength of our democracy, equally important to the informed citizenry of his community. I want to wish him the best of luck as he continues as the editor of this great little paper.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 61. Concurrent Resolution to waive the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 which require the adjournment of the House and Senate by July 31.

27TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an anniversary of human suffering, loss of life, and the usurpation of the basic rights of people and nations to live within secure borders. The anniversary I am referring to is that of the Turkish invasion and occupation of northern Cyprus 27 years ago. Some 6,000 Turkish troops and 40 tanks invaded the resource-rich north coast of Cyprus. In less than a month's time, more than one-third of the island was under Turkish control, displacing 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes.

Today, 35,000 Turkish soldiers, armed with the latest weapons and supported by land and sea, are stationed in the occupied area, making it, according to the United Nations Secretary General, one of the most militarized regions in the world. At an estimated cost of \$300 million annually, Turkey continues to defy the international community and the U.N. resolutions with its policies towards Cyprus.

To date, more than 1,600 Greek Cypriots and four Americans remain unaccounted for, serving as a silent reminder of the unlawful invasion.

Eighty-five thousand Turks have been brought over from Turkey to colonize the occupied area with the aim of changing the demography of the island and controlling the political situation. The Greek Cypriot community that remains enclaved within the occupied villages continues to live under conditions of oppression, harassment, and deprivation.

Throughout the occupation, the U.N. has been trying to encourage a solution to the Cyprus problem. U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan has sponsored proximity talks between the President of Cyprus, Glafcos Clerides, and Rauf Denktash, the self-proclaimed leader of the occupied area. Unfortunately, those talks have been suspended due to Rauf Denktash's abrupt departure from the negotiating table.

Turkey's military and financial backing provides a leverage for the Turkish Cypriot leadership in its unwillingness to make any compromises. In 2000, Turkey provided \$195.5 million to the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to relieve budget deficits and a 3-year aid package to boost the economy.

A sixth round of U.N.-mediated proximity talks did not convene in January, 2001, because Denktash refused to participate. The U.N. has said that Denktash has requested new talks not be scheduled. On May 29, 2001, the Turkish National Security Council, which expresses the views of the powerful Turkish military, declared an agreement depends on "the acknowledgment of the sovereign equality of two states on the island."

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a national interest in fostering peace and stability in the eastern Mediterranean region. We as a Nation cannot continue to pretend our NATO partner is not in clear violation of international law for its continued illegal occupation of its neighbor.

Last year, the Turkish government announced it had awarded a \$4 billion contract for attack helicopters to an American company, Bell-Textron. However, before the sale can take place, the Department of State must issue an export license, and its decision must take into account both foreign policy and human rights considerations.

Sending attack helicopters to Turkey runs directly counter to American interests and values in the region and does not in any way foster peace and stability in the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey has had a long record of using U.S.-supplied military equipment in direct violation of U.S. law. In 1974, Turkey employed U.S.-supplied aircraft and tanks in its invasion of northern Cyprus. Turkish forces continue to occupy today with the use of U.S.-supplied military equipment.

For the past 16 years, Turkey has been illegally using American weaponry, especially attack helicopters, in a campaign against its Kurdish population and has threatened to use them against Greece and Cyprus as well.

Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and even our own State Department have reported that Turkey has illegally used American attack helicopters in these attacks on the Kurds.

In a judgment delivered at Strasbourg on May 10, 2001, in the case of Cyprus versus Turkey, the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe found Turkey to be in violation of 14 articles of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The 16-1 decision relating to the situation that exists in the occupied northern part of Cyprus since the 1974 Turkish invasion, found Turkey to be in violation of (Article 2) right to life; (Article 3) prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment; (Article 5) right to liberty and security; (Article 6) right to a fair trial; (Article 8) right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence; (Article 9) freedom of thought; (Article 10) freedom of expression; (Article 13) right to an effective remedy; (Article 1 of Protocol No. 1) protection of property; and (Article 2 of Protocol No. 1) right to education.

We in the United States pride ourselves for our respect for fundamental freedoms. Human rights norms are the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. It is time, Mr. Speaker, for the U.S. to use its considerable influence with Turkey to press Ankara to end its 27-year occupation of Cyprus.

Why are we so accommodating toward a country whose military regularly intervenes in domestic politics; a country that refuses to come to terms with its history of genocide against the Armenians; a country that is in violation of international law in the Aegean Sea; a country that imprisons an

American citizen for allegedly conducting illegal prayer in a private home and insulting the secular regime; a country that has imprisoned four democratically elected Kurdish parliamentarians and a host of Turkish human rights activists and journalists; and a country that refuses to fully respect the rights and religious practices of its Christian communities?

It is time to speak out against these violations. It is time for the United States to take the lead.

EXONERATION OF CAPTAIN CHARLES B. McVAY III

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives a decision by the Department of the Navy that exonerates the late Charles Butler McVay III, captain of the heavy cruiser, the USS *Indianapolis* who was court-martialed and convicted 56 years ago after his ship sank in the closing days of World War II.

The survivors of that tragedy, Mr. Speaker, have relentlessly sought to have Captain McVay vindicated; and those who remain are relieved by the Navy's long-delayed yet justifiable decision.

On May 14, 1999, I ushered an 11-year-old student from Florida to drop H.J. Res. 48 into the system for consideration by the House. Hunter Scott went to a movie in Pensacola, Florida, and saw *Jaws*, in which there was a brief soliloquy about the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*. Hunter's interest in the ship's disaster was the beginning of a school history project, trips to Washington, D.C., media attention, and an upcoming movie.

Language to exonerate Captain McVay was inserted in the Defense Authorization Act of 2001. The legislation expresses the sense of Congress that Captain McVay should be exonerated because some facts important to the case were never considered by the 1945 court-martial board. Classified data were not even made available to the board.

Survivors of the greatest sea disaster in our Navy's history at that time sought to have their captain's name cleared for periods that spanned several years, oftentimes efforts that drew controversy. The magnitude of the crusade was elevated by this young man's trip to the movies, his campaign to derive justice for the captain and the crew. Indeed, one person can make a difference.

Captain McVay's record has been modified to reflect his exoneration, a profound tribute to the crew, myself and young Hunter Scott especially.

Of the 317 survivors of the USS *Indianapolis* disaster, only 120 remain alive today. One of our strongest supporters has been Michael Monroney. Mike, the

son of the late Senator A.S. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma and the retired vice president of TWR, Inc., is no stranger to Indiana. Mike served as administrative assistant to former Congressman John Brademas of Indiana in his first term.

Mike has an original poem, Mr. Speaker, which tells the story of the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*, the fight for the survival of his crew, and the steadfast loyalty to their Captain. I submit herewith for the RECORD his poem:

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEN OF THE USS INDIANAPOLIS

(By Michael Monroney)

A still across the peaceful night
As the great ship split the sea
No omen nor warning
Of the disaster yet to be
The ship soon steered a straightened course
When the midnight bells did sound
Still no omen nor warning
Of the blast to drive her down
But then it struck in black of night
The death that came their way
With no omen nor warning
With no time for them to pray
The ripping crash of metal torn
The sound of dreadful screams
Though no omen nor a warning
It was, for some, the end of dreams
The torpedo hits had doomed their ship
She slipped into the deep
Too many of her youthful crew
Rode down to eternal sleep
Spread far across the heaving waves
In shock and left alone
The men of the *Indianapolis*
Had lost their mighty home
The dawn was slow in coming
But, when the sun rose in the sky
You could hear the sounds of moaning
From those who were yet to die
The tropic sea was cold at night
A merciless sun by day
Oh, yes, Lord be my shepherd
For the time had come to pray
They fought the thirst and hunger
And the monster from below
They shared their fears together
And watched their comrades go
As dead men slipped beneath the waves
Those left were heard to say
Oh, Lord, Please be my shepherd
Time had surely come to pray
The days went by, their ranks grew thin
And hopes began to fade
Would salvation ever reach them
As apparitions on them played
Ashore their ship was never missed
Their fate was in God's hands
But upon the empty ocean
Rose visions of fair lands
They had no food nor water
And more their rank grew thin
Until an angel flew above
A man named Wilbur Gwinn
An oil-slicked sea and blackened forms
Is what the pilot saw
What ship has sunk? He asked himself
As he looked down in awe
He dipped his wings, their spirits soared
Help must be on the way
And all their prayers seemed answered
On that sunny August day
Soon a second angel came in sight
His name was Adrian Marks
He set the plane down on the sea
To save them from the sharks

Their prayers were finally answered
Those living had been saved
Oh, yes, the Lord's their shepherd
For their ordeal have been waived
But no so for their captain
His anguish lay ahead
They blamed him for this tragic loss
Unjust charges to him read

His youthful crew was mystified
What could he have done wrong?
A man of such great honor
And they stood behind him strong
The trial took place, the statement heard
But facts were not exposed
The jury's verdict had been made
Yet truth was ne'er disclosed
The captain's name was ruined
And, though many questioned why,
So great the weight upon him
By his own hand did he die
Yet he's never been forgotten
By his crew he's still revered
And they'll remain united
Until his name's cleared
They seek the wrongful verdict
Struck from their captain's name
And all left from that fateful night
Stay angered by his shame
Their numbers dwindle through the years
Yet their fervor is still high
For their captain they'll seek justice
Until the last of them shall die
As legend grows around these men
Their story transcends time
Such loyalty to their captain
Should also live in rhyme

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. INSLEE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TO HONOR ADAM WALSH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me as a member of the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, and I choose to make yet another plea to my colleagues for them to join this caucus, because today marks the 20th anniversary of the abduction of Adam Walsh.

Many of my colleagues are familiar with John Walsh, the host of America's Most Wanted. John and his wife, Reve, lived through the personal tragedy of having their 6-year-old son, Adam, abducted and murdered at the hands of a stranger in 1981. After suffering through this tremendously emotional ordeal, John became a dedicated advocate to end violence against children, to fight crime, and to expand victims' rights in our criminal justice system.

John has shown, through his efforts and over 19 years of hard work, that one committed individual can make a difference to benefit all. Working with his wife, John became the Nation's leading advocate in the cause of protecting our children from violence and