

memory of an American whose life is a testimonial to the values our Nation celebrates.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Hellenic Caucus, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus. On this occasion, we mourn those who lost their lives and remember the barrier created in 1974. Sadly, that barrier still exists today, and despite attempts by the United Nations for a reunification settlement, the island remains divided between the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots. I thank Mrs. MALONEY and Mr. BILIRAKIS for their ongoing leadership in the Hellenic Caucus and for bringing much-needed attention to issues of importance to the Hellenic community.

On the occasion of this anniversary, in addition to mourning and remembering, let us also look forward. The events of this past spring represent great triumphs for the Cyprus state and reaffirm Cyprus's willingness and determination to become an integral part of both the European community as well as the greater global community. Just this past May, Cyprus joined the European Union and will enjoy all of the privileges and opportunities of full membership. Inherent in that membership is a commitment to the human rights and fundamental freedoms that underscore that partnership. Despite this step forward, the nation remains divided. As the Greek Cypriots steer their nation toward greater prosperity and legitimacy, the Turkish Cypriots continue to pursue division and isolation.

The government of Cyprus remains committed to reunification, as a bizonal, bicommunal federation with democratic and human rights for all Cypriots. In April, the people of Cyprus held a democratic vote on a reunification plan put forward by the UN. An astonishing 90 percent of the Greek Cypriot community turned out for this important vote. Yet, with 76 percent of Greek Cypriot voters opposing the plan, many in the international community were disappointed with the final outcome. What we must recognize is that any disappointment and criticism should be directed at the inadequacies of the reunification plan, rather than the free, democratic choice of the Greek Cypriots not to accept such a plan. Not only was the rejection of that plan an exercise of the democratic rights of the Greek Cypriots, but it further demonstrates their commitment to finding a viable and workable settlement.

In reflecting on this historic vote, we should heed the words of the Greek Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos: "We are determined to try, until the end, in a peaceful manner and through negotiations, to end the invasion and occupation. The people should be brave, patient, and work hard." Patience in particular is tantamount to this endeavor. A lasting solution is not one that will be attained with the implementation of a rushed plan.

Both the recent accession to the EU as well as this recent democratic vote should give us

renewed determination to seek a full and peaceful reunification. Along with my colleagues, I will continue to put pressure on the Bush Administration and the international community to help Cyprus work toward a peaceful solution. Now more than ever, the U.S. must continue its role in supporting negotiations. It has been a long, hard road, but with support from the United States, the European Union, and the United Nations, a reunification of Cyprus is still within reach. Such a reunification would benefit us all. It would bring long-awaited peace and stability to the people of Cyprus, to the region, and to the larger international community.

Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for their recognition of this important event.

HONORING THE GOOD SAMARITAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church of Oakland, California for 50 years of ministry and invaluable service to the community.

The Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church was founded in 1954 as the Good Samaritan Baptist Church by the late Dr. & Mrs. R.D. Garrison, Sr., who led the ministry for over 30 years. In 1982, Dr. Garrison, Sr. placed his son Apostle and Mrs. R.D. Garrison, Jr. at the head of the church, and the ministry was subsequently established as the Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church.

Since that time, the Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church has played an active role in initiating and expanding a wide range of charitable and community building activities. In addition to ministering and counseling countless members of the community, the church has played a vital role in local youth mentoring and development. The church is responsible not only for organizing local Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, but also for the creation of initiatives such as the After School Tutoring Program, which focuses on reading, writing, and math for children of all ages. Furthermore, the church has made extensive efforts in the areas of emergency meals and housing by working to provide food for the homeless, as well as shelter for countless families in distress.

From August 8th–15th, 2004, the Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary in Oakland, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending the church for the exceptional service it has provided to the community, not only in its capacity as an institution of faith and worship, but also as a leader in working to provide invaluable social and charitable services to the people of Oakland. By remaining committed to the areas of leadership and service throughout its fifty years of ministry, the Good Samaritan Christian Fellowship Church has contributed enormously not only to the Oakland community, but also to our shared goal of world peace.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOAL E. WOLF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Joal E. Wolf. Lieutenant Colonel Wolf distinguished himself as the Commander of the 3401st Military Intelligence Detachment and Chief of Staff of the Iraq Intelligence Task Force and Iraq Working Group of the Joint Staff at the Defense Intelligence Agency from April 2001 to May 2004. Lieutenant Colonel Wolf led daily operations in providing cutting-edge and time-critical assessments and trend analysis on military activity in and around the Iraqi theater in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lieutenant Colonel Wolf's leadership ensured over 4,000 tasks were completed efficiently and delivered timely to senior military and civilian leaders in the Department of Defense, White House and Congress. These intelligence products contributed significantly to the shaping of our national security policy and military planning, especially in the areas of infrastructure, economics, war crimes, sensitive site exploitation, anti-Coalition militants, weapons of mass destruction, and Coalition force protection. Lieutenant Colonel Wolf led his detachment to eclipse a bold 200 percent increase in production and in creating the Iraqi "55 Most-Wanted" deck of cards. For his service, Lieutenant Colonel Wolf was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal on May 28, 2004.

In addition to being a fine military officer, Joal is also my brother-in-law and a small business owner. Joal is the proud son of Mrs. Phyllis M. Wolf, a veteran of the United States Army, and the late Dr. Alan E. Wolf, who was also a veteran of the United States Army. My relation to Joal has allowed me to closely follow his selfless service and better understand the sacrifices that thousands of reservists and Guardsmen are making in the war against terrorism. I am personally grateful to Joal and all of the brave men and women in our military who are making tremendous sacrifices to serve our Nation during this difficult time.

COMMENDING THE RAOUL WALLEMBERG LIVING MEMORIAL AT THE AMERICAN SWEDISH INSTITUTE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my strong support for the American Swedish Institute's work to establish a Raoul Wallenberg Living Memorial in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The institute was founded by Swan J. Turnblad, a successful Swedish businessman in 1929. Mr. Turnblad donated his mansion to become an internationally recognized museum as well as the home to an educational center offering a variety of programs designed to celebrate the best of Swedish culture. Today the American Swedish Institute