

business to his district, but rather for being a good and decent man. It is for this reason his nickname was Gentleman Jake. This gentleman served in the Navy during World War II, and worked his way through college by delivering milk to Austin homeowners. During his first congressional campaign and every time after when he was out in public, he was shaking the hands of those he served. He enjoyed hearing about their lives and telling stories about his. He listened to their problems and sometimes used his own money to fix whatever problems they were having.

Representative Jake Pickle was a good man who will be terribly missed by all who knew him.

So tonight as I stand in the well of this esteemed body, a place so loved and respected by Jake, I am comforted in the thought that the Lord above is thankful to have this great servant back home in heaven where I am sure he is telling stories and shaking the hands of everyone that he meets.

COMMENDING THE CONTINUING
IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the historic state visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India. This visit comes at a time of ever-warming relations between the United States and India as these two great nations build partnerships in commerce, security, science, health, and technology. At a time of great global unease and change, our proud country has found a fast friend in India.

In this chamber tomorrow, the Prime Minister will deliver a momentous address to our Joint Session of Congress. His presence in this house will send an unequivocal message to the government and the people of India. That message is that the United States stands in full support of the Indian commitment to democracy, peace, and prosperity. This address will show Indian and American citizens the significance of the enduring relationship between our two great nations.

The United States and India have been partners in the birth of freedom, in 1776 and 1947, from which we grew to be the world's oldest and largest democracies. Let us now be partners in the war against terror as we fight for a more secure existence. Let us be partners in trade and economic growth that benefits all citizens. Let us be partners in scientific and technological advances that promote the collective well-being. Let us be partners in expanding access to first-class health care and quality education. Let us be partners in our strong values, our commitment to our families, and our belief in humanity.

Let the occasion of Prime Minister Singh's address also highlight the advances and contributions of Indian-Americans. The pioneers of this community first settled in California in the

mid-1800s and worked as farmers. This tiny minority was not granted the right to American citizenship until 1947 and faced severe visa restrictions until 1965. From such humble beginnings, Indian-Americans have grown dramatically to a national population of 1.9 million. They are now the fastest growing Asian-American group in our great Nation. My district in Ohio is home to 2,480 Indian-Americans, who make vital contributions to our economy, culture, and society.

Mr. Speaker, from my first visit to India in 1977 to having an Indian-American intern in my office every year since 1994, I have grown to appreciate and value the gifts of this nation to the world. I am thankful and proud to host Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the United States. I call on my colleagues to work tirelessly to strengthen our growing relationship and forge new ties with the great nation of India.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF
BRENDA PILLORS, PHD (JULY 20,
1952–JUNE 12, 2005)

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, God's whisper to come on home to Brenda [Brenda Pillors], our sister in service and life, on the frontlines in the battles and opportunities to improve life and health for all, came on June 12, 2005.

It is with honor that I present this special tribute in memory of our outstanding colleague and dear friend, Brenda Pillors, Chief of Staff to Congressman ED TOWNS. Today, July 20th marks what would have been a celebration of Brenda's earthly birthday. Colleagues, family and friends know personally that Brenda did so very, very much to improve the lives and the quality thereof for people everywhere and across all walks of life.

Brenda's impact on health legislation, policy and all other aspects thereof remains from that on minority health and health disparities, to health professions, to children's and women's health; from Medicare and Medicaid, to healthcare reform, to health commissions and agency advisory councils, to the National Health Service Corps; from NIH, to FDA, to SAMHSA, to CDC, to HRSA, to AHRQ, to OMH, to OCR, to IOM; for HIV/AIDS, to diabetes, to obesity, to sickle cell disease, to cancer, to heart disease; from clinical trials, to life trials; from bioengineering, to health technology, to alternative medicine; from behavioral health, to workforce diversity, to affirmative action.

Brenda Pillors was always there—from pharmacology, to immunology, to vaccines; from hospitals, to community health centers, to men's health; from environmental health, to health justice, to nutrition, to birth defects; from the uninsured and underinsured, to urban and rural health; from infant mortality, to head start, to mental health; from nurses, to doctors, to specialists, to community health workers, to researchers; to private and public sector officials; from you to me. Her impact goes on and on—you know Brenda's tremendous heart, impact and reach.

We will always remember you Brenda—your dedication, your commitment, your leadership, your expertise and your understanding, and indeed your smile, your laughter and your voice. Brenda Pillors—truly a leader in public service and servant in God's army of service and love.

My "Sister," we will miss you always—your legacy of achievements is written in the hearts of the lives of those you have helped and touched in oh so many, many ways. Your presence and legacy is embedded in the walls and along the halls of the U.S. Congress, and is written in legislation, Congressional hearing questions and transcripts, hearing reports, committee and conference reports, agency reports and justifications, and throughout the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Brenda was and truly lived the "purpose driven life." Thousands, upon thousands, upon thousands, upon thousands of lives have been improved and in fact many saved, and futures are much brighter because of Brenda's life and works. The majority of the people who have and will benefit from her works will never know her. Even the lives of generations to come will benefit from her work. We have always been proud of Brenda.

Dear Brenda, we thank you, and we salute you and we honor you—our "sister in service striving throughout her life to ensure justice and equality for all—Brenda Pillors, PhD."

Reflections of our love, appreciation and respect for Brenda Pillors, on this day which would have marked her 53rd birthday. From me to you, we thank God and your family for sharing you with us, the Nation and the world—Fredette (Fredette West).

THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ILLEGAL TURKISH INVASION
AND OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and bring attention to the illegal Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus. It was 31 years ago today that Turkey invaded Cyprus. During the invasion they expelled 200,000 Greek-Cypriots from their homes and neighborhoods, making them refugees overnight. Turkish troops killed 5,000 Greek-Cypriots, of which 1,500 are still missing. There have been 30,000 Turkish troops occupying the island nation of Cyprus ever since.

It is the proper role of the Members of the United States Congress to not only condemn the brutal Turkish invasion of 1974, but also to urge the next step in addressing the issues of the past. We must promote a plan for reunification that addresses the serious concerns of all Cypriots. We must encourage Turkish-Cypriot leaders and their Greek-Cypriot counterparts to negotiate in good faith. We must show the world that the reunification of Cyprus is a priority for the United States.

On the 31st anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, we grieve for those killed during the invasion, and we lament the lost opportunities for reunification over the years. We urge both parties to continue to work toward a reunited and peaceful Cyprus.