

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.

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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.

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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).

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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.

ACKNOWLEDGING AFRICAN DESCENDANTS OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE IN ALL OF THE AMERICAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2005*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 175, a resolution acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The early history of the Americas is plagued with immeasurable acts of violence and inhumane cruelties. The establishment of the transatlantic slave trade is merely one of numerous blemishes that remain a part of our troubled past. From the late fifteenth through nineteenth centuries, an estimated ten million Africans were abducted, bound and shipped as human cargo to the Americas.

These men, women and children were used to build the foundation of nations spanning Latin America, North America and the Caribbean. Words can hardly do justice to the struggle these individuals faced on a daily basis. Working endless hours through unbearable conditions, African slaves constantly fought a losing battle to survive. Though disbanded several hundred years ago, the legacy of this institution remains imbedded in our societies even today.

African descendants throughout the Americas have historically suffered from societal and governmental marginalization. In the United States, African descendants experience disproportionately high infant mortality, illiteracy and poverty rates. As a nation, we have worked to fight against these racial disparities, yet they continue to persist.

Only recently have similar trends been analyzed and acknowledged in Latin American and Caribbean countries. This fight is ongoing both at home and abroad. We must extend our reach beyond domestic policy to advance an international discussion of racial issues.

Though America aspires to lead the world in the realm of economic policies and technological innovation, it constantly falls short of promoting racial equality. As pioneers in all other industries, it is our duty to be at the forefront of all efforts geared towards amending the social and economic disparities that continue to haunt African descendants in the Americas.

The largest number of Afro-descendants living outside of Africa can be found in Latin America and the Caribbean. These individuals share in our early history and suffer from the residual effects that are evidenced in our own communities. It is equally our responsibility to aid and assist Latin American and Caribbean nations' efforts to overcome their institutionalized racial disparities. Our common past will forever link our futures.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution serves as a reminder of the history shared amongst the Americas. The emancipation of all men, though boldly declared by many nations throughout the nineteenth century, remains to

be realized. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution as a necessary step in addressing the racial inequities that persist in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean.

HONORING HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2005*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, in 1979, a small group of health care professionals and lay volunteers in Elizabethtown began meeting to explore the idea of establishing a hospice in Hardin County. On April 24, 1980, the Elizabethtown Area Hospice (EAH) served its first patient. The agency was staffed entirely by volunteers who provided care for patients and families living in and around Elizabethtown. In 1986, EAR became fully certified by Medicaid and Medicare. The next year EAH changed its name to the Hospice of Central Kentucky (HCK) and expanded its services to include five counties: Hardin, LaRue, Grayson, Meade, and Breckinridge. In 1989, HCK also began offering its services to patients living in Marion and Washington counties. In the spring of 1990, Taylor, Green and Adair counties became a part of HCK's service area.

As the organization has grown and expanded its services, its base of operations has also changed. EHA was first headquartered in a small office in Hardin Memorial Hospital. Over the years, HCK has moved to different locations around Elizabethtown as the agency grew. After a successful capital campaign in 1993, HCK moved into its new main office building located on Diecks Drive in Elizabethtown. Since expanding its services to Taylor County in 1990, HCK has operated a satellite office in Campbellsville.

A significant milestone in HCK's history occurred in 1996 when HCK joined with Hospice of Louisville to form the Alliance of Community Hospices, Inc. The following year HCK received its first certification from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

During its 25 years of existence, Hospice & Palliative Care has provided high-quality end-of-life care services to thousands of patients and their families living in the Central Kentucky area. In 2004, HCK provided almost 30,000 patient days of care to 625 patients and their families. These services include pain and symptom control, medication management, personal care, emotional and spiritual support, volunteer assistance and bereavement care. In addition to providing core hospice services, HCK also employs a children's counselor to provide children and adolescents with specialized counseling and support. HCK also sponsors a grief camp, Camp Evergreen, for grieving children and their families.

Licensed by the state of Kentucky, HCK accepts Medicare, Medicaid and many forms of private insurance. With the help of donations from the community, HCK provides care for seriously ill patients and their families living in the Central Kentucky area regardless of their ability to pay for services.

While HCK has grown and changed in many ways over the years, one thing has always re-

mained constant and that is the agency's commitment to providing the highest quality, most compassionate care possible to patients with terminal illnesses and their families. HCK dedicates its 25th anniversary to its patients and families. Their courage and their faith, in the midst of illness and loss, is a source of inspiration to others.

KELLY'S BODY SHOP, ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2005 CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2005*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Benjamin Mendoza, Sr., owner of Kelly's Body Shop in Santa Ana, California.

Kelly's Body Shop was opened in 1978 by three separate owners but was then bought in 1994 by Mr. Mendoza who consolidated its ownership.

Over the past 12 years, under Mr. Mendoza's ownership and strong management skills, Kelly's Body Shop has become one of the most successful businesses in Santa Ana, almost tripling its production and revenue in 2001.

Mr. Mendoza considers it the mission of Kelly's Body Shop to provide quality, timely and satisfactory repairs and services to all of its customers and the people of Santa Ana, California.

It is for these reasons that on June 15, 2005, the California Small Business Association awarded Mr. Mendoza a Small Business Award for his contribution and dedication to the city and people of Santa Ana.

Kelly's Body Shop is an example of a successful business in California that continues to give back to its community. I believe that Mr. Benjamin Mendoza, Sr., will continue to expand his commitment to the communities he serves.

LOUISVILLE YOUTH CHOIR TO TOUR AUSTRIA IN JUNE 2006

**HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2005*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the recent selection of the Louisville Youth and Children's Choir to represent Kentucky and perform in the 2006 Mozart Youth Choral Festival in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Amadeus Mozart's birth. Receiving the opportunity to perform in Austria, home of the musical capital of the world, is a great honor and wonderful experience for these young musicians.

Founded in 1967 by Italo Taranta, a former Professor of Music and Choral Conductor at the University of Louisville School of Music, the Louisville Youth and Children's Choir is the city's premier children's and youth choral training program, composed of young talent throughout metropolitan Louisville representing