

development and validation of critical C-IED solutions ahead of the threat.

As a father of a West Point Cadet from the Class of 2013, Captain Borrebach has worked tirelessly to improve the protection of those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines downrange as if they were his own. Over his tenure, he has contributed significantly to the improvement of the IED found and clear rate and correspondingly has helped prevent casualties and loss of life.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Captain Borrebach's remarkable accomplishments that have served this nation well in Afghanistan and Iraq. As he departs for his alma-mater, the United States Naval Academy, for his final assignment in his thirty-year career, I ask my colleagues to recognize his leadership and distinguished service.

CONGRATULATING JORDAN
BRITTON, MISSOURI TRACK AND
FIELD STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hollister High School's Jordan Britton for winning the Long Jump and the Triple Jump State Titles at the Class 2 Missouri Track and Field Championships.

Jordan worked hard throughout the season to achieve his state championship titles. After districts he was ranked first in Long Jump. Upon reaching the state competition Jordan found himself struggling to match his previous best jumps. With help from Head Coach Tucker Pierce and Jump Coach Greg Brown, Jordan was able to recover and found himself in fourth place before his second to last jump. It was then that Jordan put forward his best performance with a leap of 21 feet and 10 inches, which was just enough to give him the top prize in the Class 2 finals.

Jordan also took the Triple Jump with a leap of 43 feet and 6 inches, gaining his second title at the state championship. Having entered the state competition in third place, Jordan knew he would have to jump a personal best to even medal. Competing against the number one seed in the final, Jordan overcame a 43 foot leap to secure first place by 6 inches, again giving his best performance in the second to last jump.

The Hollister School District as well as the track and field staff are proud to have such a fine young man representing their school. He truly represents his family, school and the state of Missouri in a positive manner.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jordan on his State Track and Field Championship Titles.

CANCER-FREE LABEL ACT

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, exposure to cancer-causing agents increases every American's risk of cancer, and they are found in everyday products and in the environment.

Since only 5% of cancer is caused by genetic factors, people can reduce their risk of getting cancer by the other 95% of causes by reducing their exposure to carcinogens.

We all know that we can reduce our risk of getting cancer by wearing sunscreen, quitting smoking, and steering clear of asbestos. But what about everyday products? Which make-up has carcinogens? Which pesticides? Which air fresheners, carpet cleaners, flea collars, and yes, food items, increase your family's risk of cancer? Which baby shampoos?

The reality is consumers do not know. Even if our constituents memorized the list of known and probable carcinogens, many substances in consumer products remain hidden. Words like "fragrance" and "artificial flavoring" are used in place of specific ingredients to protect companies' trade secrets, and they should. But there is no denying that this protection makes it harder for consumers to make fully informed choices.

And even if known carcinogens were not part of a product's ingredient list, certain manufacturing or storage practices can result in the introduction of carcinogens into a product, which then can pass into your body.

Today, I am introducing legislation called the "Cancer-Free Label Act." Under this bill, manufacturers who would like to market their products as being completely free of all known carcinogens would be allowed to seek a "cancer-free" label. By submitting a confidential application to be evaluated by the agency that regulates their specific product, a manufacturer could provide consumers assurance that the product is free of known carcinogens without having to divulge valuable trade secrets. The voluntary application would protect manufacturers' hard-earned intellectual property and could not be used by any agency of government for any reason other than determining the product's "cancer-free" status.

The application would simply include a full list of substances and a demonstrated adherence to best carcinogen-avoidance practices in manufacture, storage, and transportation. In addition, this program would not mandate any new bureaucracy to evaluate carcinogens; it simply creates a process for agencies to compare ingredients lists against existing government lists of known and probable carcinogens.

Unlike other well-intentioned efforts to get carcinogens out of consumer products, this legislation would not rely on mandates or bans. If a manufacturer does not choose to apply, there is no penalty. The labeling program is 100% voluntary. It would simply harness the power of the free market, enabling consumers to choose safer products for themselves and their families. We all remember the most recent example of this—it was consumer selection, not government intervention, that got BPA out of baby products.

I urge my colleagues to pass this market-driven legislation and give consumers and families across America the power to opt-out of cancer-causing substances in everyday products.

COMMEMORATING THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call my colleagues' attention to the 38th anniversary of Turkey's unlawful and tragic invasion of Cyprus. Turkey's occupation, which began on July 20, 1974, left thousands of innocent Greek Cypriot civilians without their homes, their land, and their families. It is crucial for us to commemorate this unfortunate situation and assist the people of Cyprus in reaching a solution.

Many of the Cypriot generation who suffered the invasion have not lived to see justice or a resolution to this conflict. Although many of the survivors have had the opportunity to return to their homes on the northern side of the island, it was only to discover them occupied by Turkish settlers.

Only Turkey recognizes the occupied northern side of the country as a Turkish Cypriot state, but it does not even provide a valid standard of living to their own citizens. This was made evident through the recent demonstrations by Turkish Cypriots who have displayed their own dissatisfaction with the Turkish occupation. More recently, Turkey has threatened the use of force to stop Texas-based Noble Energy from drilling for oil and gas off the shores of Cyprus and to blacklist any businesses that work with Cyprus for natural resource extraction.

Meanwhile, the Turkish government has begun to sow instability throughout its region. Turkey recognizes the terrorist Hamas government in Gaza and even received its leader in the Turkish parliament earlier this year—disturbing hypocrisy from a state that receives US support for its own fight against terrorism. Turkey also demands that Israel end its naval blockade of Gaza, despite the deadly security threat Hamas poses to Israel. Turkey's repeated, flagrant criticism of Israel is particularly troubling and potentially destabilizing.

Turkey continues to deny the Armenian Genocide during which 1.5 million Armenians perished and has threatened punitive measures against the United States if Congress recognizes this tragic event. Since 1993, Turkey has maintained a destabilizing blockade of Armenia.

The time has come for Turks to end their threats and denials, withdraw their troops, and return the territory that is not rightfully theirs. That way, the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—can make the decisions affecting their future.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense