

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS ON ITS PRESIDENCY
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Republic of Cyprus as its first six-month rotation of the European Union Presidency comes to a close. The EU Presidency is a significant event in the history of this nation with which the United States has such a close relationship.

This small, but vigorous country has overseen a number of historic events during its tenure in the Presidency. Most notably, the EU approved a new round of sanctions against Iran. These sanctions are the toughest measures imposed by the EU to date and target Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile program. The sanctions ban financial transactions, prohibit the export to Iran of materials that could be used for its nuclear and ballistic program, ban the importation of natural gas from Iran, and impose an asset freeze and travel ban on 34 additional Iranian entities reportedly providing financial support to the Iranian government. I would like to congratulate the Republic of Cyprus for overseeing the enactment of these sanctions as they will work in tandem with the strong US sanctions imposed against Iran. This is a critically important step that will help to keep the rulers of Iran from fulfilling their quest for nuclear weapons. Furthermore, it will help to ensure the security of our strongest ally in the region, Israel, by maintaining regional stability. Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to the Republic of Cyprus on a successful EU Presidency.

DR. FREDERICK L. GROVER, MD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Frederick Grover for his service to our community.

After serving in the Navy, Dr. Grover diligently worked to ensure the future of cardiothoracic medicine. Throughout his career, Dr. Grover trained and mentored over 39 thoracic surgery residents. As the Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University Colorado School of Medicine, Dr. Grover preserved the success of our medical communities for generations to come. Dr. Grover's selfless devotion to his students provided an exemplary standard of service.

Dr. Grover's continual efforts in aiding the men and women whom served our nation are undoubtedly worth the upmost gratitude. For 12 years, Dr. Grover dedicated himself as the Chief of Surgical Services at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver. During this time, Dr. Grover pioneered the VA Cardiac Surgery Database as the Medical Director of the Continuous Improvement. It is his daily endeavors, as well as promotion of future medicines, that exemplify the level of service Dr. Grover continues to emulate.

Dr. Grover distinguishes himself as a caring member of the community by striving to aid

numerous professional organizations. Whether it is his advocacy through the formation of healthcare policy at the national level, or serving as President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Dr. Grover is truly a remarkable member of our community.

Dr. Grover's commitment to enriching the community serves as a great example to those in medicine, and throughout all disciplines. It is with great pride and admiration that I am able to briefly speak on the successes of Dr. Frederick Grover. I am certain the effects of his service will continue to benefit our communities in Colorado for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL SERVICE
TECHNICIANS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Service Technicians.

Central Service Technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment, and serve in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers throughout the country.

These individuals provide support to patient care services and are tasked with ensuring supplies needed for patient care are decontaminated, cleaned, assembled, and sterilized.

The Central Sterile Supply Department of a health care facility is the heart of all activity surrounding instruments, supplies and equipment required for operating rooms, Endoscopy suites, Intensive Care Units, birth centers and other patient care areas.

Central Service Technicians play an important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections.

Mr. Speaker, Central Service Technicians are instrumental to patient safety and I am honored to recognize their vital role in the health care arena.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS MCKENNON
"KEN" SHEA

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Thomas McKennon "Ken" Shea, a life-long resident of Dumas, Arkansas, who passed away at the age of 58 on November 29, 2012. Ken was born on August 9, 1954 in Dumas, Arkansas and I would like to recognize his life and achievements.

Raised in Dumas, Arkansas, Ken attended Dumas High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Ken returned to Dumas after graduating from LSU to become associated with his father at McKennon Implement Co. Inc, the family's John Deere farm equipment dealership, and served as president and sales manager there while helping to oversee his family's farming interests. Following the sale of the McKennon

dealerships Arkansas Ag in 2011, he was Location Manager for Arkansas Ag in McGehee. He was a past president of the Southeast Equipment Dealers Association.

Ken led an exemplary life and was extremely active in many different capacities. He was past president of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce, Dumas Lions Club, and Walnut Lake Country Club Boar. He served as chairman of the Dumas Airport Commission, on the Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority (Yellow Bend Port) and on the Dumas School Board. He represented the Dumas area on the Southeast Arkansas Levee District Board and had been a member of the AgHeritage Farm Credit Services Board of Directors since 1993. Ken was chosen as the Ding Dong Daddy of Dumas for 1996 and was named Dumas Lions Club Man of the Year in 1993, the same year his wife Debbie was honored as Woman of the Year at the annual Dumas Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Ken was also very active at the First United Methodist Church where he served as past chairman of the Administrative Board, a member of the governing council, and a Sunday School teacher.

Leading by example through a lifetime of dedication, community service, and commitment to agriculture, Ken has left an undeniable mark on the Desha County community. Dumas is a better place, more cohesive community because of Ken Shea and he will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences are with his wife of 35 years, Debbie; his son, the Rev. Thomas McKennon Shea Jr. and wife Anna Collins Shea; his daughter, Sarah Helen Shea Studebaker and husband Peyton Mills Studebaker; his brother, William Warrick "Bill" Shea; his sister, Anne Shea Carroll; and his two grandchildren, Jackson Reade Studebaker and Thomas McKennon "Mac" Shea, III. While Ken may no longer be with us, his spirit will live on forever in the lives he touched.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,338,092,943,716.61. We've added \$5,711,215,894,803.53 to our debt in nearly 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO TOM VICINI

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Tom Vicini, for his tremendous leadership and tireless dedication to inspire young people in southern and eastern Kentucky live a drug-free life.