

Ismael "Smiley" Cordova was born on May 17, 1935 in Los Chavez, New Mexico. He would go on to accomplish many things in his life, but was best known for founding Belen Consumer Finance, which he owned and managed for over 25 years, providing loan services to the citizens of Belen and its surrounding area.

When he wasn't helping locals qualify for loans at work he was contributing in other ways. Ismael proudly served in the United States Army National Guard, was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, and an avid parishioner at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church.

More than that, Ismael was a devoted husband and father. Together, Ismael and his wife Kandy made a dynamic duo full of life, knowledge and exuberant warmth to a community that they loved dearly. A savvy businessman and spirited legislator they inspired everyone who had the opportunity to share their company. Ismael loved his four beloved children whom he kept close to his heart and the family gatherings where everyone would reminisce on the amazing experiences growing up in Los Chavez.

A successful businessman, loving father and husband—Ismael was indeed a caring man of faith and courage. His character, love of family, charisma and selflessness were felt by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with family, friends and everyone who has experienced Ismael's generosity and compassion. May the memory of Ismael live on in our hearts.

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF A DIVIDED CYPRUS

### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the heels of the 40th anniversary of a divided Cyprus. A division that has left both Turkish and Greek Cypriots bogged down in an unacceptable status quo that continues to impede economic and social progress on the island. Until these differences are resolved, all Cypriots will feel the negative effects of this division and Cyprus will be unable to realize its full potential in the international community.

This past February represented a significant shift in the deadlock when both Cypriot leaders resumed long stalled negotiations and issued a joint statement outlining principles the two sides will use to work toward a reunification of Cyprus. Both sides have met regularly since this announcement and real progress is being made. That said, many controversial issues remain and the path forward will be a difficult one. This makes it even more important that the United States Congress, the Administration, the United Nations, Turkey, Greece, and other stakeholders remain engaged and continue to encourage expeditious, good faith negotiations on both sides.

I believe these negotiations represent a historic opportunity to put all Cypriots on a path to peace and prosperity. During this process, it's important that all parties remain focused on the future of Cyprus and refrain from inflammatory dialogue that only serves to derail

progress. A comprehensive settlement is within reach and I would encourage my colleagues to support this effort.

#### ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS IN MOSUL, IRAQ DESTROYED BY ISIS TERROR- ISTS

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following list of Christian churches and institutions in Mosul, Iraq, that have been destroyed by "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS) since the Islamist terrorist group captured the city on June 10. According to the Assyrian International News Agency, all of the 45 Christian sites in Mosul have been destroyed, occupied, converted to mosques, converted to ISIS headquarters or otherwise shuttered.

The following is the full list of destroyed Christian sites compiled by the Assyrian International News Agency, grouped by denomination:

#### SYRIAC CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Syrian Catholic Diocese—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul
2. The Old Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood, Mosul (The church goes back to the eighth century AD)
3. The New Church of the Immaculate—Maidan Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
5. Museum of Mar (Saint) Toma—Khazraj Neighborhood
6. Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation—Muhandiseen Neighborhood
7. Church of the Virgin of Fatima—Faisaliah Neighborhood
8. Our Lady of Deliverance Chapel—Shifaa Neighborhood
9. The House of the Young Sisters of Jesus—Ras Al-Kour Neighborhood
10. Archbishop's Palace Chapel—Dawasa Neighborhood

#### SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. The Antiquarian Church of Saint Ahodeeni—Bab AlJadeed Neighborhood
3. Mar (Saint) Toma Church and cemetery, (the old Bishopric)—Khazraj Neighborhood
4. Church of The Immaculate (Castle)—Maidan Neighborhood
5. Church of The Immaculate—Shifaa Neighborhood
6. Mar (Saint) Aprim Church—Shurta Neighborhood
7. St. Joseph Church—The New Mosul Neighborhood

#### HOLY APOSTOLIC CATHOLIC ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST

1. Diocese of the Assyrian Church of the East—Noor Neighborhood
2. Assyrian Church of the East, Dawasa Neighborhood
3. Church of the Virgin Mary (old rite)—Wihda Neighborhood

#### CHALDEAN CHURCH OF BABYLON

1. Chaldean Diocese—Shurta Neighborhood
2. Miskinta Church—Mayassa Neighborhood
3. The Antiquarian Church of Shimon alSafa—Mayassa Neighborhood
4. Church of Mar (Saint) Buthyoon—Shahar AlSouq Neighborhood

5. Church of St. Ephrem, Wady AlAin Neighborhood
6. Church of St. Paul—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District
7. The Old Church of the Immaculate (with the bombed archdiocese)—Shifaa Neighborhood
8. Church of the Holy Spirit—Bakir Neighborhood
9. Church of the Virgin Mary—Drakziliya Neighborhood
10. Ancient Church of Saint Isaiah and Cemetery—Ras AlKour Neighborhood
11. Mother of Aid Church—Dawasa Neighborhood
12. The Antiquarian Church of St. George—Khazraj Neighborhood
13. St. George Monastery with Cemetery—Arab Neighborhood
14. Monastery of AlNasir (Victory)—Arab Neighborhood
15. Convent of the Chaldean Nuns—Mayassa Neighborhood
16. Monastery of St. Michael—Hawi Church Neighborhood
17. The Antiquarian Monastery of St. Elijah—Ghazliyan Neighborhood

#### ARMENIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

1. Armenian Church—Maidan Neighborhood
2. The New Armenian Church—Wihda Neighborhood

#### EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1. Evangelical Presbyterian Church—Mayassa Neighborhood

#### LATIN CHURCH

1. Latin Church and Monastery of the Dominican Fathers and Convent of Katrina Siena Nuns—Sa'a Neighborhood
2. Convent of the Dominican Sisters—Mosul AlJadeed Neighborhood
3. Convent of the Dominican Sisters (AlKilma Monastery)—Majmooaa AlThaqafiya District
4. House of Qasada AlRasouliya (Apostolic Aim) (Institute of St John the Beloved)

#### CEMETERIES

1. Christian Cemetery in the Ekab Valley which contains a small chapel.

#### CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISH- MENTS OF ELIZABETH PARKER

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 29, 2014*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Elizabeth Parker of Harding Township, New Jersey for her distinguished career in journalism and to congratulate her on receiving the esteemed Emma C. McKinney Award from the National Newspaper Association. Liz has been an important presence in the media for over 30 years, providing readers an insightful digest of news and thoughtful commentary that has helped shape the community.

Liz has spent much of her career with the Recorder Community Newspapers, a premier outlet for New Jersey news and opinion. There she rose to the position of Editor, where under her leadership the Recorder's reach soon extended to 17 weekly newspapers serving the diverse constituencies of Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon and Essex Counties. She now serves as Co-Publisher and Executive Editor of the New Jersey Hills Media Group.

Liz's leadership has been recognized nationally, most notably with her selection as