

empowerment. His efforts to educate young children through the creation of a God-centered school is truly commendable. It is my pleasure to introduce Reverend Green to my House colleagues.

CSIS AMERICAN-UKRAINIAN
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HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, as cochairman of the Congressional Study Group on Ukraine, I applaud the American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee for the constructive policy recommendations contained in a communique issued at its third meeting, which was held in New York City on November 17 and 18. The committee is a high-level group of distinguished Americans and the Ukrainians, chaired by President Jimmy Carter's national security advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a highly regarded policy research institute in the Nation's Capital.

The committee's communique, with 22 recommendations encompassing the areas of security policy, economic reform, and business investment, provides a strategic blueprint for enhancing American-Ukrainian relations on the grounds that an independent and secure Ukraine is good for Europe and its stability and is an important geopolitical interest of the United States. Its key recommendations, to which I invite my colleagues' attention, are:

A clear articulation by the United States of its vision of European security architecture and development of a consistent, long-term United States policy toward Ukraine that views and supports an independent, democratic, and economically successful Ukraine as a Central European state and a key factor of security and stability in Europe as a whole;

Creation of a ministerial-level United States-Ukrainian Joint Commission to deal with key issues such as energy supplies and security, environmental protection, and combating organized crime;

Extend eligibility to Ukraine under the NATO Participation Act of 1994 and encourage and support Ukraine's active participation in the Partnership for Peace Program;

Facilitate Ukraine's participation and integration into a variety of European multilateral institutions;

Acceleration and broadening of the Ukrainian Government's privatization program;

Renewed commitment by the Ukrainian Government, with international support, to implementing real macroeconomic stabilization;

Establishment by the Ukrainian Government of clear property and contract rights to protect and enforce foreign and domestic investors' rights; and

Creation of a joint American-Ukrainian Business Forum for business leaders to discuss business opportunities and obstacles in both countries.

After centuries under harsh imperial rule, Ukraine emerged from the wreckage of the Soviet Union as a New Independent State which wants to belong to an expanded European Community. As one who has long supported the struggle of the Ukrainian people to

free themselves from Moscow's yoke, I strongly believe that Ukraine's continued independence and its development as a democracy based on a market economy are vitally important elements in promoting enduring peace in Europe.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARY EDWARDS
WALKER

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Women's History Month to acknowledge the formidable accomplishments of a fellow New Yorker, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker.

Disregarding the prejudices of the 1840's and 1850's which looked with scandalized disapproval on attempts by women to join professions, Mary Edwards Walker successfully struggled to pursue her ambition to study medicine. Graduating from Syracuse Medical College in 1855, she became one of the first women physicians in the country.

In 1865, Dr. Walker became the first and only woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravely serving as a surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil War. She held this title with distinction for 35 years until the Adverse Action Medal of Honor Board took it away from her, claiming her status with the Army had been ambiguous. It wasn't until 58 years after her death that she reclaimed the honor she rightfully deserved.

Dr. Walker stood alone as an activist for women in a time when women thought their role in society was unchangeable. She fought for what she believed instead of just accepting what she was told.

The efforts of trailblazers like Dr. Walker made it possible for me to be standing here in the well today. As a woman and a Member of Congress, I am grateful for Dr. Walker's legacy and will work to uphold it for future generations of young women.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Greek-American community and the people of Greece who are celebrating Greek Independence Day. The Hudson Chapter #108 of the Order of A.H.E.P.A.—American Hellenic Education Progressive Association—and the Hudson County Department of Cultural and Heritage Affairs have the distinct honor of hosting a celebration commemorating Greek Independence Day on March 21 at the William Brennan Courthouse in Jersey City.

Greece's rich history can be traced back well over 2,500 years to the thriving city-states of Athens, Sparta, and Thebes. When the Western world looks to the birth of democracy, the first thing that comes to mind is Pericles and the Great Democracy at Athens. In more recent times, Greece was under Turkish rule

for nearly 400 years, until the 1820's, when a war of independence began. This struggle, which commenced under the leadership of Alexander Ypsilanti grew out of Greece's yearning for independence and freedom. Even though Greece's Independence Day is marked on March 25, 1821, Turkey did not officially recognize the independence of Greece until 1829, when the Treaty of Andranople was signed.

The Independence Day festivities celebrate Greece's enormous contributions to the arts, literature, and legal institutions of the Western World. For Greek-Americans, it is a celebration of their commitment to hard work and their success and recognition within this country. The achievements of Greek-Americans exemplify the greatness of our Nation's immigrant heritage. Their diligence and commitment has fostered their success in a wide variety of businesses, which have contributed to our Nation's prosperity.

The Hudson Chapter #108 of the Order of A.H.E.P.A. has helped unite the Greek-American community throughout Hudson County and the State of New Jersey. Since its inception, A.H.E.P.A. has actively combated discrimination and championed the cause of human rights, speaking out against human rights violations by any nation or group. They have fought for the rights of the Greek Orthodox Church whenever Turkey has challenged the Patriarchate, and they continue their endless fight for the freedom of Cyprus following the Turkish invasion and occupation.

Please join me in honoring the Greek-American community and the people of Greece on this joyous occasion. It is my pleasure to salute Greece and all Greek-Americans on this day.

A TRIBUTE TO DALE ANDERSON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dale Anderson, in honor of his retirement after serving as the mayor of the Borough of Florham Park for the last dozen years. This Saturday, Dale will be honored by the Florham Park Jaycees and the borough's mayor and council as the 1995 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to making his community a better place to live.

Anyone who knows Dale Anderson can assure you of his love and dedication to Florham Park. He and his wife Carole have resided in the borough for the past 30 years where they have raised three children. Dale's first involvement in public service came as a member of the Florham Park Jaycees and he served as its president from 1970 to 1971. Dale's service with the Jaycees launched him into what would become a 20-year commitment to public service.

As a sales representative with International Business Machines [IBM], Dale Anderson used the lessons he learned in the business world and applied them to managing municipal affairs. Like any salesman worth his salt, Dale took a "hands on," personal approach to governing, whether it was managing the annual budget of Florham Park or welcoming a new