

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on July 16, 2008, by voice vote the House passed H.R. 5959, the Intelligence Authorization Act for 2009. I did not support this legislation and would have voted against passage had a roll-call vote been held.

THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, today we commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Today we also honor the memory and sacrifice of the nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots who were forcibly removed from their homes, the 5,000 Cypriots who were killed during the invasion and the nearly 1,500 Greek Cypriots who remain missing to this day.

Cyprus and the U.S. share a deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, human rights, and the international rule of law. As that commitment is tested, we must draw on our common values and mutual democratic vision to promote stability, prosperity and peace.

The United States has a moral and ethical obligation to stand with Cypriots to reunify their island and end the military occupation. We will continue to work together with the people of Cyprus toward their goal to reunify the island as a bicomunal and bi-zonal federation with a single sovereignty, single international personality and single citizenship with respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots.

By working together and building on our common values and interests, the people of Cyprus and the United States can achieve a united island that fulfills the promise of peace and democracy for which a generation of Cypriots have paid so dearly.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. LOBDELL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert C. Lobdell of Menlo Park, California, who passed away on Monday, July 7, 2008 at the age of 82. He leaves his beloved wife Nancy to whom he was married for almost 56 years; his four children, Jim, John, Terri and William; and 11 grandchildren.

Born in Mankato, Minnesota in 1926, Robert Lobdell moved to Manhattan Beach with his family in 1942. During World War II he served in the Army Air Forces and later attended Stanford University where he earned a law degree in 1950. He married Nancy Lower in

1952 and they lived in Long Beach, California for more than 30 years before moving to Menlo Park in 2004.

After receiving his law degree, Mr. Lobdell went on to work for the Los Angeles Times and the Times Mirror, the newspaper's former parent company, from 1965 to 1986. During his time there, Mr. Lobdell served as vice president and general counsel, successfully argued numerous major media cases, and developed a reputation as one of the Nation's leading First Amendment attorneys. Among his many important media cases, Mr. Lobdell successfully argued that a newspaper had the right to control the content of advertisements it publishes and won a landmark media case in 1982 brought by the Federal Trade Commission, which tried to stop the practice of media companies giving discounts to frequent advertisers. He also worked to free Times reporter Bill Farr in 1973 after he was jailed for refusing to reveal his source to a judge in the Charles Manson murder case.

Mr. Lobdell received numerous accolades from his peers and earned their respect, admiration and affection. He was known as a hard-working, kind colleague, and a fine lawyer who advocated hard-hitting journalism and fiercely tackled legal challenges to protect and support the editors and journalists at the Times.

Mr. Lobdell was a devoted husband and father and when he wasn't working, he spent time with his wife and children. An active member of the community, he served on the boards of numerous organizations. He had a love of the arts and at age 60, he became part of the student body at Cal State Long Beach, taking classes including Italian, literature and history, as well as a study abroad program. His family remembers his great enthusiasm for life which lasted until the end.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Robert C. Lobdell and in extending my deepest sympathies to his entire family during this difficult time. As an exceptional lawyer and free speech advocate, a loving husband, father and grandfather, he has left lasting legacies which have made our country stronger and better.

HONORING THE FEDERAL DRUG
AGENTS FOUNDATION**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Federal Drug Agents Foundation and its work to support and recognize federal agents, task force members and their families.

The Federal Drug Agents Foundation is a Long Island-based, not-for-profit organization that provides many services to the men and women who risk their lives to make this country safer and drug-free. The organization also provides these services to the family members of these men and women, as well.

The Foundation serves as an anchor of support for the American law enforcement community. It provides bereavement support and financial assistance for families of agents and task force members who die in the line of duty, including individual grants. The Founda-

tion also provides support to agents and task force members who become injured in the line of duty.

When agents and task force members experience grave financial loss or severe trauma or encounter situations for which there is no other source of assistance available, the Foundation steps in to provide relief. This support is essential for those agents who put their lives on the line to keep Long Island safe.

The Foundation has also established a scholarship fund for agents and task force members who wish to pursue degrees in criminal justice, political science, law and related areas. This helps ensure our law enforcement community can benefit from the knowledge and experience of these hard-working, dedicated men and women. Funds like this make it possible to encourage future generations of committed agents in the criminal justice sector.

The Federal Drug Agents Foundation also makes charitable grants to Federal, State and local law enforcement related agencies. Among the organizations supported by the Foundation are the Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, and various State and local law enforcement agencies and support groups.

I am honored to recognize the generosity and compassion of the Federal Drug Agents Foundation for the services it provides on Long Island. I applaud the Federal Drug Agents Foundation for their steadfast support and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY REIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Reis for reaching an important milestone as a public servant to the people of Winneshiek County, Iowa.

For the past 25 years, Larry has served on the Winneshiek County Conservation Board (WCCB). Before working on the County Conservation Board, he grew up in Lime Springs, Iowa, where he followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents by enjoying his time with nature and becoming a passionate outdoorsman. Larry's first job was a campground manager in Little Sioux, Iowa.

In 1983, Larry became the WCCB naturalist and maintenance technician. Ten years later, another staff person was hired, which allowed Larry to primarily work as the county naturalist. In this past year, WCCB again hired another staff person, and Larry began spending part of his time working as the natural resource manager as well.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Larry Reis for his service to Winneshiek County. I consider it an honor to represent him in the United States Congress and I wish him the best in his future work with the Conservation Board.