

States. The Foundation is committed to the support of medical research in finding effective treatments and eventually a cure for melanoma. The Foundation also educates patients and physicians about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of melanoma, while acting as an advocate for the melanoma community to raise awareness of this disease and the need for a cure. The MRF Web site is the premiere source for melanoma information seekers. More information is available at [www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org).

ABOUT THE SOCIETY FOR MELANOMA RESEARCH

The Society for Melanoma Research (SMR) is an all-volunteer group of scientists working to find the mechanisms responsible for melanoma and, consequently, new therapies for this cancer. SMR contributes to advances in melanoma research by bringing together researchers to unite the scientific community and hasten the discovery of preventative and curative therapies. More information is available at [www.societymelanomaresearch.org](http://www.societymelanomaresearch.org).

CELEBRATE PEACE EFFORTS ON  
CYPRUS WITH PROGRESS, NOT  
PARADES

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, Turkish Cypriots in the northern region of Cyprus mark every July 20th as the anniversary of Turkey's military intervention in that country in 1974. In fact, as part of the "Peace and Freedom Day" celebration this year, the Turkish Naval Frigate "Gelibolu" reportedly anchored off the northern region of Cyprus and the "Turkish Stars"—Turkey's military jet acrobatics team—performed in the skies over northern Cyprus.

For over three decades, significant international efforts have been undertaken to peacefully reunify the island nation of Cyprus. The new Cypriot government is currently working hard to engage with the leadership of the Turkish Cypriots and find a way to end the division of Cyprus, once and for all. Nevertheless, a date for new reunification talks has yet to be set, barricades still stand across the island, and the government of Turkey continues to withhold its public support for the talks and has yet to remove its military presence on Cyprus.

Madam Speaker, these displays this past weekend by the Turkish military are unproductive, coming, as they do, at a time when the status of Cyprus remains in limbo. Cyprus cannot remain a divided island with a divided people.

Congress last year adopted House Resolution 405, a measure I was proud to cosponsor, which emphasized that the reunification of Cyprus should be based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation. Other responsible nations have also stressed that such a reunification should include a single sovereignty and a single citizenship, with the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus safeguarded. It is commendable that some steps have recently been taken towards establishment of such a solution.

On May 23rd, the President of Cyprus and a designated representative for the Turkish Cypriot community—issued a joint statement

in which they reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. Both sides also recently agreed to reopen a crossing point at Ledra Street in Nicosia, a key thoroughfare through that divided capital that has been closed for over 40 years. So there is some movement, but much remains to be done. There must be a solution that will end the occupation, reunite the island, and restore and safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people as a whole.

I suggest that a more fitting celebration this year of the so-called "Peace and Freedom Day" that I mentioned at the start of my remarks would consist of an announcement of the resumption comprehensive talks on reunification and a public expression of support for those negotiations. At some point soon, the final parade of Turkish troops should be their permanent departure from the island of Cyprus and the removal of all Turkish military forces there.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON ALBAN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sharon Alban, co-publisher of the Ogden Reporter, for earning the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Iowa Newspaper Association's convention.

The Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious honor given by the Iowa Newspaper Association, and former recipients of the award select the winner. Excellence runs in Sharon's household as her husband Gary won the award in 2005. In addition to Sharon's award, the Ogden Reporter was awarded three press awards in the Iowa Newspaper Foundation's annual Better Newspaper Contests.

In 1966, Gary and Sharon bought the Ogden Reporter. Sharon began on the streets selling ads. She found a niche in sales in addition to her day-to-day work with the newspaper. In addition to Sharon's diligent work with the newspaper, she is very active in her church and is involved in many community activities and events.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Sharon Alban for her leadership and dedication to representing Iowa in the Ogden Reporter. I consider it an honor to represent Sharon and her husband Gary in Congress, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO POCAHONTAS  
REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Iowa, on celebrating their 50th anniversary as a congregation.

Beginning in 1955, a group of Baptists began meeting together in Rolfe, Iowa where

study classes and evangelical meetings were held in preparation for a new church community in Pocahontas. In January 1958, the Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church was organized. Later that year it was officially received into the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The first services and meetings were held in the Farm Bureau building until 1961, when the first church building was raised. The church building was the former Methodist Church from Havelock, Iowa. The congregation continued to grow, and in 1978, it was decided to build a new church to accommodate the growing congregation. A new church building was completed and dedicated in 1981 and remains the congregation's church today.

Pocahontas Regular Baptist Church has been an integral part of the surrounding Pocahontas community, and for this I offer the congregation my utmost congratulations on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners and the current Pastor, Tim Kuhn, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5959) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank Chairman REYES and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for their great work on this bill and for agreeing to include my amendment in the Manager's amendment to the bill.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment recognizes that we have a responsibility to the Iraqis and Afghans who have willingly put a target on their own backs by choosing to help our servicemen and women and our diplomats. These interpreters put themselves and their families in immense jeopardy every single day.

Unfortunately, Congress has been shamefully slow in ensuring their safety. Only now are we beginning to make progress in providing the opportunity of resettlement to those whose lives are at risk because of their work for us. This has come about largely because of the advocacy of our own troops, who have benefited day in and day out from the services of these interpreters and who have come to call them their brothers. They are asking us to stand up for the people who have stood up for them.

Meanwhile, our intelligence community faces a critical shortfall in linguists and cultural experts. Our national security is jeopardized daily by our inability to field the specialists necessary to translate and interpret valuable intelligence information.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment is simple, it requires the Director of National Intelligence to