

Green Conference that I hosted in Frederick, Maryland on June 7, 2010. This free community service event featured more than 125 exhibitors including over 25 energy efficient, low emissions green vehicles. These exhibitors were mainly small and local businesses, like Jack's, committed to help homeowners and small business owners discover practical ways you can save money, use less energy, protect our environment and go green on any size budget.

Jack has been a winner of multiple awards from International for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. More importantly, Mr. Saum was named International Dealer of the Year for 2004 which is the highest honor an International dealer can earn.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and many of his employees at Beltway Companies, LLC. I ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his fellow customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders. I wish him the best for continued success in the future.

HONORING LEIGHTON STUART

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leighton Stuart. Leighton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Leighton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Leighton has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Leighton Stuart for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1974, a heavily armed Turkish invasion force landed on the beaches of its sovereign, independent neighbor—Cyprus.

While ostensibly on a peaceful mission to restore order, the Turkish military carried out a brutal campaign against Greek Cypriots, called "Operation Atilla".

Over five thousand Greek Cypriots were estimated to have been killed; an additional sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing; and over two hundred thousand

Greek Cypriots were evicted from their homes, never to return.

Demetris Drakos, who was a child during the invasion, recently recalled his impressions to the BBC: "Fear and confusion as the Turks invaded, running out under the cover of night with nothing but the clothes on our backs, leaving behind our ancestral homes, our lives and in some cases our loved ones."

Subsequently, as part of an "ethnic cleansing"-style campaign, as some have deemed it, the occupying Turkish forces converted churches to mosques and brought Turkish squatters to settle in homes from which Greek Cypriots had been forced to flee.

The violent military occupation that began in July 1974 and the subsequent illegal actions by Turkey on Cyprus have been repeatedly criticized by the international community.

The United Nations Security Council has passed seventy-five separate resolutions calling for Turkey to allow Greek Cypriots to return to their homes and to withdraw its troops from Cyprus.

In 1976, 1983 and again in 2009, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Turkey was illegally occupying Cyprus and must return all seized properties to their Greek Cypriot owners.

Turkey continues to ignore such condemnations of its actions.

While both the United States and the United Kingdom have unequivocally stated their support for a Cypriot-authored solution for the reunification of the country with a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation enjoying a single sovereignty and citizenship, to date no similar commitments or comments have been issued by the Turkish government.

Turkey has a moral obligation to grant the Turkish Cypriot community full autonomy in the reunification negotiations and to clearly commit to abiding by any terms agreed upon in a Cypriot reunification agreement.

Above all, Turkey must withdraw its occupation troops from Cyprus.

Those actions would go farther toward achieving peace and stability in Cyprus than all the rhetoric of good intentions we have heard over and again from Ankara.

On this 36th anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting Cypriot efforts to establish a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict that has ravaged their country and divided their people for far too long.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF TOM CALIPER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career of Tom Caliper as he retires as business manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and as executive director of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council.

Tom Caliper is the son of Frank and Lola Caliper. Frank, in addition to serving as Mayor of the Village of Colp, Illinois, for 52 years, was the owner of Caliper Plumbing and Heating. Tom undoubtedly learned the plumbing trade from his father, but Tom says his father

also taught him a great deal about leadership and about caring for others, qualities that Tom has put to good use both as a labor leader and through his extensive charitable work.

Through 29 years in leadership for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and 25 years at the head of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council, Tom Caliper has made an indelible mark on the labor landscape of Southern Illinois. One of his most effective achievements was the implementation of a project labor agreement whereby all publicly funded projects in Southern Illinois would be constructed by Southern Illinois tradesmen and women. This led to increased economic and community development in the region as wages earned by Southern Illinois workers were re-invested within Southern Illinois communities.

Not only was Tom Caliper a driving force for organized labor but he was also responsible for improving the lives of countless area families through his volunteer and charitable efforts. Tom was instrumental in starting the "Coats for Kids" campaign which, through his tireless fund-raising and organizational efforts over the years, has provided needed warm-weather clothing for area children. It was important to Tom that the children who were the beneficiaries of the "Coats for Kids" program received only new, good-quality clothing, nothing second-hand.

Tom Caliper has been the model of leadership throughout his career. He has worked effectively in representing and advocating for his members, he has helped create additional opportunities for job creation and he realized the importance of giving back to his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Tom Caliper for his years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Southern Illinois and to wish him the very best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 450, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1219, had I been present for the last vote of the series.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER BAKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Baker. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.

Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Baker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Social Security as its 75th birthday nears.

Social Security is among the most important programs ever created by our Government. Older Americans have worked hard and made sacrifices to ensure a better, stronger country for future generations. They deserve a secure, healthy retirement.

Without Social Security, one out of every two seniors would fall into poverty, and the disabled and survivors—including millions of children—would find themselves without this critical safety net in their time of need.

In my district alone, over 120,000 people received Social Security benefits in 2009, including over 77,000 seniors and nearly 13,000 children who receive benefits because a family member has retired, become disabled, or died. Today, as we approach its 75th anniversary, Social Security is once again under assault by Congressional Republicans.

The ranking Republican member on the House Committee on the Budget introduced H.R. 4529, the Roadmap for America's Future, which purports to rescue and strengthen Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, allowing them to fulfill their missions and making them permanently solvent—all while putting the federal budget on a sustainable path. If this were true, I would be the first in line to cosponsor the legislation.

However, independent analysis of the bill revealed the plan would raise taxes for most middle-income families, privatize a substantial portion of Social Security, and replace Medicare with a voucher system that would cover fewer and fewer health care services as the years went by.

What I find most disturbing about this proposal is the failure to acknowledge a connection between the recent volatility of the stock market and the effect that would have on privatized Social Security accounts.

When a trillion dollars of wealth can disappear in 30 minutes, as it did on May 6, 2010, we know that the stock market is not the place for seniors' life savings. Privatization, or partial privatization, of the Social Security system would have been disastrous for millions of senior citizens that depend on their Social Security checks every month.

Too many seniors in this country saw their retirement savings decimated by President Bush's economic crisis. I rise today to assure

seniors that I and the Democrats in Congress will continue to stand firmly opposed to any and all efforts to privatize Social Security. Seniors can count on us to preserve Social Security for both current beneficiaries and generations to come.

TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, today marks the 35th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The 1974 invasion claimed the lives of approximately 5,000 Greek Cypriots, while 200,000 were forcefully expelled from their homes. This is a dark chapter not only for Hellenes, but for all of Europe.

As this occupation continues, nearly 43,000 Turkish soldiers—nearly one soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots—are embedded in Cyprus, occupying over 35 percent of the island. This occupied area is one of the most militarized areas in the world.

Yet despite this military presence, Turkish and Greek Cypriots live in relative harmony. Since Ledra Street was opened, connecting occupied Cyprus to the south, over 13 million Greek and Turkish Cypriots have crossed the partition without incident. One can't help but wonder whom the Turkish military is protecting.

While Turkey's influence continues to wreak havoc on reunification negotiations, Cypriot President Demetrius Christofias continues to make the solution to the Cyprus problem his top priority. Having met with him in Nicosia last year, his commitment to finding a solution greatly impressed me. There was certainly no lack of will on the Greek Cypriot side.

To conclude, as we remember the invasion that split Cyprus in two, it is important to note that there are concrete efforts underway by the heads of the respective communities to reunify. Greek and Turkish Cypriots alike want to see a solution. What stands in the way is Turkey. If it still cares about ascending to the European Union, Turkey would be wise to remove its troops and stop impeding progress. For the sake of Cyprus, I hope Turkey wakes up.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall vote No. 448 on H. Res. 1472, rollcall vote No. 449 on H. Con. Res. 126, and rollcall vote No. 450 on H. Res. 1219. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

HONORING ZACHARY AULGUR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Aulgur. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Aulgur for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate once again the anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, beginning in 1974, lasting up to the present time. The division of Cyprus has wreaked havoc on the island nation and left its Turkish-occupied section in disarray. It is cruel that the Cypriot people should continue to be subjected to this conflict.

This anniversary is particularly troubling, given Turkey's role in recent events in the Mediterranean. In May, the Turkish government supported a flotilla of boats attempting to run Israel's blockade of Gaza. Those so-called "peace activists" attacked the Israeli soldiers with bats, clubs and bricks, demonstrating their real intent: to harm Israel, rather than to help the people of Gaza.

In the aftermath of these events, Turkey had the audacity to criticize Israel's behavior toward Gaza, as though they themselves had "clean hands." Before they criticize Israel, the world must remember that Turkey has occupied and continues to occupy Cyprus, for no apparent reason, other than to increase their own sphere of influence in the region.

I hope Turkey will do in Cyprus as Israel did in Gaza: remove their troops and grant the people there a chance to govern themselves, without foreign interference. Unfortunately, the people of Gaza turned to violence rather than peaceful coexistence with their-neighbor. By contrast, I believe the people of Cyprus are truly ready for peace, as has been demonstrated by the millions of incident-free crossings between the two sides. It is time for Turkey to remove their troops from Cyprus. That way, the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—can make the decisions affecting their future.