

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. NAVY  
CORPSMAN JEFFREY L. WIENER

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of U.S. Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener, and honor his memory through the dedication and renaming of the Lynbrook Post Office.

Jeffrey, a native of Lynbrook, NY, dedicated his life to public and volunteer service as a volunteer firefighter, AMT and Navy Corpsman. Jeffrey joined the Navy shortly after September 11, 2001 and immediately volunteered to be assigned to a fighting Marine infantry company. Jeffrey trained as a fighting infantryman who also provided medical services to those who had been wounded. In February of 2005, Jeffrey arrived in Iraq and shortly after, was assigned to a Marine Mobile Assault Platoon (MAP).

On May 7, 2005, while serving with his team in Al-Anbar Province in Iraq, Jeffrey was killed while attempting to help another platoon involved in combat. Jeffrey made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and defending our country and it is for this reason that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution to dedicate the Lynbrook Post Office in his honor.

As of Friday, July 22, 2011, the Lynbrook Post Office will be known as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building." This is a fitting tribute to Jeffrey's honor and memory. Jeffrey and his family made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and this is a small gesture to thank them and honor the memory of such a brave and dedicated hero.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and appreciation that I acknowledge the accomplishments of HM2, Jeffrey L. Wiener, USN and pay tribute to him and his family through the dedication of the Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, earlier in the week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 601—Yes.  
Rollcall No. 603—No.  
Rollcall No. 604—No.  
Rollcall No. 605—Yes.  
Rollcall No. 606—No.  
Rollcall No. 608—No.  
Rollcall No. 609—No.  
Rollcall No. 610—Yes.  
Rollcall No. 611—No.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,887,364,361.82.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,461,618,068.02 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAMILIES OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS' CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate the Families of Our Lady Queen of Angels in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Church was constructed in 1886 at the urging of the New York Archbishop Corrigan for the German community that lived in the neighborhood. The church, located in East Harlem, was built by Father Bonaventure, a Capuchin Friar who founded the Capuchins in New York City. The building was designed as a replica of the Portiuncula, the chapel where Francis of Assisi died. Friar Solanus Casey, the only American Capuchin to become Venerable lived at Our Lady Queen of Angels during the 1920s and was very devoted to the congregation. The church holds a rich religious history and a symbolic legacy for the Capuchins.

The church has been an important feature of the East Harlem Community for 125 years. The congregation has opened its doors, providing service and hope, to the poor and immigrant communities. The church has united the community and provided a welcoming place to practice the Catholic faith.

On February 12, 2007 Cardinal Egan, the Archbishop of New York ordered that the church be closed immediately. Although the building itself was closed, the families of Our Lady Queen of Angels refused to abandon the spirit of the parish community. Every Sunday since the closing the congregation has gathered on the sidewalk in front of the church to conduct their own service. Lacking a priest, they conduct the services themselves; the parishioners stand in a tight circle to sing hymns and discuss Bible passages in the context of their own lives. These services take place without fail, regardless of rough weather conditions. In addition to the weekly services, the congregation goes on retreats, celebrates Catholic holy days, and hosts community and ethnic special events.

This parish has demonstrated the power and fortitude of community. They refused to allow the loss of a physical space to destroy the bonds that they share with each other. The congregation serves as a beautiful portrayal of the positive outcome produced by uniting in the face of adversity.

I ask my colleagues and our Nation to join me in this special Congressional Recognition of the Families of Our Lady Queen of Angels as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church founding.

37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 37th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. The 1974 invasion claimed the lives of approximately 5,000 Greek Cypriots, while 200,000 were forcefully displaced from their homes. This is a dark chapter not only for Hellenes, but for all of Europe.

Thirty-seven years later, 43,000 Turkish soldiers still occupy over 35 percent of Cyprus illegally. This occupied area is one of the most militarized areas in the world, despite the fact that Turkish and Greek Cypriots live in relative harmony.

An agreement for a bi-communal governance and power sharing between Greek and Turkish Cypriots would not only serve the best interests for all of Cyprus, but it would also serve the U.S. in promoting peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Cyprus has supported the U.S. in the efforts to counter terrorist-related activities and threats to peace and security. During the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq Cyprus has provided over-flight and landing rights to the United States aircraft and port access for U.S. ships. In Beirut barracks bombing in 1983 Cyprus provided the staging ground for the U.S. evacuation and rescue efforts. In July–August 2006, Cyprus served as the principal transit location for people evacuating Lebanon.

Cyprus shares the United States' deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law, making the unification of Cyprus important. History shows us that Cyprus is a reliable partner to the U.S.

I've met with Cypriot President Demetrius Christofias and his dedication to reunifying Cyprus is commendable, and continues to be his top priority. If only he could be met halfway by Turkey, Cyprus could flourish faster in this global economy with a unifying identity and single sovereignty.

IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM  
DENIHAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. William Denihan, who is being honored as a Home Grown Hero for his

work with Cudell Improvement, Inc. As founder and the first president of the organization, Bill has shown his commitment to “neighbors helping neighbors” and revitalizing the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhood of Cleveland.

Bill has held various leadership roles at the state, county, and local levels for years, always displaying his passion for the public good. He has served as Director of Public Service for the City of Cleveland, Director of Human Resources for the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County, Executive Director of Ohio’s State Employee Relations Board, and Acting Chief of Police. Bill has also taught at Cleveland State University’s College of Urban Affairs and at the Ohio Certified Public Managers Program.

Bill founded Cudell Improvement, Inc. in 1974 and served as its first President. The organization is committed to providing assistance primarily to the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhood of Cleveland in a variety of areas, including real estate development, crime prevention, commercial revitalization, and youth services.

Bill currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. He is married with 11 children and 34 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, join me in honoring Mr. William Denihan who has spent his career serving the people of Ohio and the Cleveland area.

IN HONOR OF MARIN ALSOP

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestra Marin Alsop, whose visionary and charismatic leadership has made the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz, California our nation’s global leader in the creation and presentation of contemporary music for orchestra.

Born in New York City, Marin Alsop attended Yale University and received her Master’s Degree from The Juilliard School and was the first woman to be awarded the Koussevitsky Conducting Prize from the Tanglewood Music Center where she became a protégé of Leonard Bernstein. She has gone on to make history as the first woman to lead a major American orchestra; the first conductor to receive a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (“genius award”); and the first artist to win both Gramophone’s Artist of the Year and the Royal Philharmonic Society’s Conductor’s Award in the same season. Other prizes include a European Women of Achievement Award, a Classical BRIT Award for Best Female Artist, the Royal Philharmonic Society’s BBC Radio 3 Listeners Award, Musical America’s Conductor of the Year, and induction as a fellow to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Described by the New York Times as “a conductor with a vision of what an American orchestra could be in the 21st century,” Marin Alsop has made Cabrillo a place where composers, musicians, audiences, and the community interact, and where everyone contributes to the process of modern symphonic

music making. By the force of her genius and her genuineness, the Festival has become a creative gathering like none other in the world.

A Music Director of vision and distinction who passionately believes that “music has the power to change lives,” Marin Alsop has made the Festival a creative force on the international stage. No longer just a presenter of new works, Cabrillo is now an originator of new works, with more and more composers choosing the Festival for the first performance of their newest works. This season there will be a historic seven world premieres, each written to celebrate her special 20th anniversary season.

Mr. Speaker, for all that she has done for living composers and the future of symphonic music as a vibrant American art form, and for all that she will undoubtedly achieve in the years ahead, I extend my most sincere appreciation and congratulations to Marin Alsop on the occasion of her 20th anniversary as music director of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR  
MARY ALLEN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pastor Mary Allen for her devotion and work with her church and within her community.

Pastor Mary Allen is a loving wife and proud mother of two beautiful children, Minister Monica Allen and Minister Clinton Allen. She has been married to Bishop Clenso Allen for 45 years and they celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 3, 2011.

Prior to her extensive involvement with her church, Pastor Mary Allen was an employee at Chase Manhattan Bank for 17 years. She eventually left the business world to pursue a calling in prayer and righteousness. Pastor Mary Allen has taken up leadership roles as the head of the Daughters of Naomi Women Empowerment Fellowship in her church and as the Director of the Calvary Outreach Ministry. Pastor Mary Allen uses all at her disposal to engage the needy and spread her ministry to them.

In 1995 Pastor Mary Allen attained a higher level of ministry as she was ordained as an Elder. She pursued this higher level of ministry after God called her to proclaim His word and spread her faith among her peers. She is presently serving as co-Pastor under the leadership of her husband Bishop Clenso Allen.

Pastor Mary Allen has acquired several accolades over the years because of her work with the church. On June 15, 2008 she received her Doctor of Divinity Degree from International Christian University in Chesapeake Virginia. In March 2010 she was named by District Attorney Charles Haynes along with 30 other women as Outstanding Women in Brooklyn, New York.

Pastor Mary Allen continues to spread the word of the Lord and works fervently within her community to help the needy. Her favorite Scripture can be found in the book of Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me”.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Pastor Mary Allen.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD  
BLANCHARD MACKENZIE

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harold Blanchard Mackenzie, a model constituent and a loyal citizen to the United States.

Harold was born on October 14, 1913, in Forsyth, Montana. Harold’s great-grandfather and grandfather, Jonathan and Charles Blanchard, were the first two Presidents of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, where he would often visit as a young boy. He eventually attended Wheaton College, graduating in 1936. He then went on to graduate from law school at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1940 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar.

That same year Harold felt the call of duty and enlisted in the Illinois National Guard in what would become the 9th Armored Division. In 1944, along with the Division, Harold sailed to Europe and participated in some of the most pivotal moments of World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle at Bastogne, and the capture of Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany, in 1945. Harold was also a witness to the horrors of the Holocaust when he visited Buchenwald concentration camp a day after its liberation.

Upon returning home to Wheaton, Harold opened his own firm and practiced law for over fifty years, earning widespread respect and admiration for his legal advice. Always a generous man with a servant heart, Harold would often do work pro bono.

This generosity was a reflection of his deep faith in God. An active member of Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church for more than fifty years, Harold would frequently serve on the church’s Missions and Evangelism Committees. He also played a key role in the founding of the Christian Medical Society, the Christian Booksellers’ Association, the Evangelical Child and Family Agency, and the Missionary Furlough Homes Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Mr. Harold Blanchard Mackenzie was a man who understood well his duty to family, to his country and to God. After ninety-seven years of a life of commitment, love and sacrifice, he is worthy of our deepest honor, respect and admiration. Please join me in remembering him as a shining example of the best the “Greatest Generation” ever had to offer.

IN HONOR OF MAUREEN SILO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Maureen Silo, beloved spouse of Susan McMillan, daughter of the late Mary Agnes Burns and the late James Thomas Hanlon, sister to Jean Marie Bruno of Sarasota, FL and James Francis Hanlon of