

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