

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MARTIN D. GEFLAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Martin D. Gefland, on the occasion of his recognition as the 2006 Distinguished Recent Graduate by the Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

The CWRU School of Law annually recognizes a member of the alumni who, through his or her accomplishments and civic participation, enhances the perception of the profession, as well as the School of Law, in the community. Over the course of his legal career, Marty consistently has demonstrated the zeal and legal acumen to meet these requirements easily.

After completing his commission in the United States Navy, Marty embarked on his professional and educational careers, where he has evinced an unparalleled commitment to jurisprudence and the law. As a student at St. John's College, Marty served as a legislative intern to State Senator Gerald Winegrad. As a student at the School of Law, Marty was the president of the CWRU Environmental Law Society, as well as an editor for the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law.

Since graduating from the School of Law and being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1997, Marty has employed his legal passions in pursuit of environmental and labor justice, as well as community health. As my senior counsel, Marty has been a tireless advocate for the residents of the 10th District of Ohio, and throughout Ohio. Marty was instrumental in saving hundreds of jobs, and millions of dollars in community resources, during the Primary Health System bankruptcy case and the Conrail merger. Marty continues his pursuit for environmental and labor justice by fighting to keep vital manufacturing jobs in Northeast Ohio, protect NASA Glenn Research Center, and maintain Cleveland's greatest natural resource, Lake Erie.

Marty also displays a commitment to community development through his involvement with myriad community service organizations, as well as his advocacy with Federal administrations to ensure that Cleveland receives all the resources it needs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Martin D. Gelfand on this special occasion. I and the residents of the 10th District are grateful for his tireless advocacy.

REGARDING TURKEY'S ACCESSION  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concerns with Turkey's

progress toward meeting its European Union, EU, accession criteria.

Today marks the deadline set by the EU for Turkey to demonstrate its willingness to implement the necessary policy changes prior to a summit scheduled for December 14–15 in Brussels, where the EU members will decide if Turkey will continue its accession process.

In a report released last month, the European Commission criticized Turkey's efforts to fulfill its obligations. In many critical areas including political rights and economic reforms, Turkey has much work to do. For example, Turkey is expected to show greater respect for and protection of human, civil, and political rights by guaranteeing freedom of expression in line with European standards. Additionally, Turkey has yet to ratify the Additional Protocols to the European Charter on Human Rights. Turkey must do more to protect religious freedoms, guarantee legal protections for women and children, and comply with International Labor Organization standards, including the right to collective bargaining. The report also detailed necessary improvements to infrastructure still to be made as well as the signing of the Energy Community Treaty that establishes a regional energy market in south-east Europe.

Finally, Turkey's obligations toward Cyprus remain unfulfilled. As part of this process, Turkey must normalize its relations with Cyprus, which joined the EU in May 2004. Unfortunately, Turkey still refuses to recognize Cyprus or open its ports and airports to Cypriot ships and airplanes. Additionally, Turkey has yet to extend the Customs Union to Cyprus to promote the free movement of goods and the removal of barriers to trade. If Turkey wants to join the EU, it should play by the rules.

Turkey is fully responsible for the outcome of this process, including if talks break off. If Turkey truly wants to be a member of the EU, it knows what actions it must take.

Turkey is at an important crossroads in determining its future. I will be watching with great interest to see how it handles all of these matters. I hope that it makes the right decision and takes immediate steps to meet its accession criteria.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER  
RESTORATION SETTLEMENT ACT

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, after 18 years of litigation, the Friant Water Users Authority, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, NRDC, in November reached a settlement agreement to restore the San Joaquin River. This historic agreement resolves the lengthy and costly litigation issues that created an atmosphere of uncertainty for the Friant Authority and the growers that rely upon Friant for their water supply.

I rise today in support of the settlement agreement and in support of H.R. 6377, the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act. This legislation not only sets out a course for the implementation of this historic agreement, but it also resolves issues that are crucial to my constituents in California's 18th Congressional District. Without this legislation, the settlement could result in significant costs—in the millions—for downstream landowners and flood control operations, and also would have untold impacts on water delivery systems for the State of California. The release of water to restore the river would have a domino effect downstream—from flooding, water table impacts, impacts on farmland and crops near the river, Endangered Species Act impacts and resulting water supply impacts to Delta water exporters—Central Valley and State Water Project contractors—and upon San Joaquin River tributary agencies—Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts.

This legislation ensures that the release of restoration flows down the San Joaquin River will not transfer impacts downstream. After weeks of negotiations with the impacted parties, Senator FEINSTEIN and my other Valley congressional colleagues, I am pleased that we were able to come to an agreement on language that would allow the settlement to go forward, while at the same time protect the water rights and property rights of those not party to the litigation. Specifically, the language provides that the resulting spring run salmon population would be considered an "experimental population" and therefore not subject to the terms of the Endangered Species Act if the salmon migrate from the San Joaquin to its tributaries to the State or Federal export pumps in the San Francisco Bay Delta. This language will protect CVP and SWP contractors as well as Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts from water supply impacts.

This legislation also allows the settlement to go forward with a phased-in approach, requiring the Bureau to conduct a feasibility study on the issues of costs and impacts and mitigation of the various options to release restoration flows. No water, other than test flows and minimum restoration flow levels, will be released until a feasibility study and mitigation plan for property is completed.

The settlement agreement's two goals of restoration and water management are equal goals. In order for this settlement to be successful, it is crucial to have the continued support of the Friant Water Users. Meeting the water management goals of the settlement, with the Bureau developing an effective recirculation plan with excess pumping capacity and a recovered water account to mitigate a substantial portion of the water losses to Friant districts, is the best path toward this success. Successful implementation also dictates that funding is provided to meet both of these goals.

I remain committed to continuing to work with my Valley congressional colleagues, Senators FEINSTEIN and BOXER, the settling parties

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