

TRIBUTE TO RICK DIAZ
CHANTENGCO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor a great friend, veteran, business entrepreneur, and civic leader who passed away on June 2, 1995—Rick Diaz Chantengco.

Rick was a living proof of just how fine a person can be! His life exemplified kindness and inspired emulation. His untimely departure brought emptiness to places which he filled with energy and enthusiasm in the Filipino-American community.

In 1957, Rick enlisted in the submarine force of the U.S. Navy in which he served during the Bay of Pigs Conflict, Cuban Missile Crisis, and Vietnam war. In 1969, he was a Chief Petty Officer when he received an honorable medical discharge.

Rick graduated from San Diego City College with a Bachelors Degree in Business and Real Estate Law in 1969. Armed with his military experience and knowledge in real estate business, he founded Chantengco Realty, serving as president and broker. He also was the board chairman of the Pacific Rim Century, a hotel real estate investment corporation.

Rick used his expertise to help the community in which he lived. He assisted in the purchase of a permanent building for the Union of Pan Asian Communities, the largest social service agency in San Diego County. He was the founder and charter member of the Filipino-American Democratic Club of San Diego County, the first such Filipino club in California. He organized and chaired fund-raising campaigns for numerous candidates for political offices.

We all come across a small number of special people, those who touch our minds, hearts, and souls with their optimism and dedication to making everyone's life richer. Rick was one of those chosen few who won the respect and admiration of his family, friends, and community for his unwavering commitment to hard work, community involvement, and a sincere belief that one person can make a difference. This world needs more people like Rick Diaz Chantengco, who will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Tess, and his children, J.R., Jacqueline, and Jeanne.

According to Rick's son, J.R. de Jesus Chantengco, he wanted to be remembered in the following way:

As a father, one you can always look up to and rely on. He must lead a very full and God-fearing life. He must set a good example to his wife, his children, and his friends.

As a friend, one who never asks for accolades but through his actions, many people will respect him.

As a business colleague, one who was charged with authority and the highest ethical standards.

As a professional, one who has always strived to be the best and whose business motto is Service is Our Business.

And as a person, one who continually helped others unselfishly, strived for social and political justice, and did them with much enthusiasm.

He wants to be remembered as the man who measures his success by how proud he is

of the success of his children; by the most supportive and loving wife he will always have, and by the many friends' lives he has enriched by his helping hand and his caring smile.

WACHOVIA BANK OF GEORGIA
WINS AWARD

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to congratulate the Wachovia Bank of Georgia, N.A., Savannah, for their recent receipt of the Outstanding Community Investment Award. Wachovia Bank of Savannah and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Savannah Inc. [NHS], are one of six partnerships to receive this prestigious award from the Social Compact, an organization which fosters cooperation between financial institutions and American neighborhoods. They are being recognized for their joint efforts in pioneering a model strategy for transforming vacant, abandoned properties into quality single-family homes for first-time homeowners and, in the process, infusing vulnerable neighborhoods with the strength of new stakeholders.

Wachovia Bank of Georgia and NHS of Savannah began their partnership in 1993. Their pioneer program, the NHS Home Auction, represented the first time in the Nation that a city government, in partnership with a neighborhood-based organization and local financial institutions, conducted an affordable housing auction of dilapidated, city-owned properties for sale to first-time home buyers. The 1993 auction resulted in the rehabilitation and sale of 31 homes to lower income buyers, representing an investment of \$1.5 million in the community. The 1994 auction sold 52 homes valued at \$3.8 million.

This achievement represents innovation in urban renewal for both the city of Savannah and the Nation as a whole. Many American cities suffer both socially and economically from problems caused by aging inner-city housing. For years, city leaders and urban planners have searched for ways to turn these houses into assets rather than liabilities. Wachovia Bank and NHS of Savannah have done just that by transforming formerly vacant and dilapidated properties into quality homes which are securing—rather than threatening—the surrounding homes. The new stakeholders and increased investment is infusing fragile Savannah neighborhoods with a new lease on life. For the first time, these neighborhoods are being viewed as neighborhoods of choice, and they are growing as economically diverse and viable areas.

These victories would not have been possible without this partnership approach which maximized the strengths of each partner. By joining forces, the city, NHS, and Wachovia were able to stretch limited public sector resources while maximizing opportunities for private sector involvement. A key challenge to any urban renewal program is financing the very costly process of either replacing or renovating aged housing. The combined rehabilitation and purchase costs significantly exceed neighborhood market values, conventional loan terms, and the mortgage carrying capacity of the lower income borrowers. The part-

ners in this program used creative financing approaches to help assure long-term affordability while providing financial incentives for the new home buyers to remain in the community.

Wachovia provided essential leadership to NHS for establishing the organizational capacity to undertake such a complex and resource-intensive venture. By pioneering mortgage programs for lower income buyers, providing revolving lines of credit essential for property acquisition, and financing the rehabilitation of the properties following purchase, the bank played a key role in this housing program. The city of Savannah and Wachovia should be congratulated for their partnership which not only helps the city itself but can also serve as a national model for urban renewal cooperation between cities and private business. The Outstanding Community Service Award recognizes their many achievements.

I would once again like to congratulate the individuals involved in this program. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ARTHUR S.
FLEMMING, FORMER SECRETARY
OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
WELFARE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, as well as former Commissioner on Aging, on the occasion of his receiving an award of distinction from the Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults [JPAC], a social action coalition of older adult representatives from over 120 senior centers and community groups throughout metropolitan New York.

Arthur Flemming served as Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the late 1950's. His critical role in the adoption of the Medicare Program began in the early 1960's, with his chairmanship of a special commission that offered proposals for a national program to meet the health needs of older Americans.

The 1971 White House Conference on Aging, with Arthur Flemming as its chairman, adopted significant recommendations later adopted into law, including the establishment of the Supplemental Security Income Program [SSI], support to build housing specifically designed for the elderly, and nursing home reform. He served as Commissioner on Aging from 1973 until 1978. Arthur Flemming's commitment to public service included his role as chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

In the 1980's Arthur Flemming again showed his extraordinary leadership as co-chairman of Save Our Social Security [SOS], a coalition of 120 national groups devoted to stave off threatened cuts in Medicare and Social Security. He continues to be a forceful voice in efforts to achieve a program of affordable and accessible health care for all Americans.

Generations to come will remember Arthur S. Flemming as someone who has always spoken out with courage, has translated his values into action. In so doing he has made a

difference in the lives of millions of people across this country. His energy and ideas continue to inspire many to join in the quest for a more just society. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in paying tribute to Arthur S. Flemming.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1530) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak to a number of issues related to the fiscal year 1996 DoD authorization bill.

First, I want to thank Chairman SPENCE, HEFLEY, DORNAN, BATEMAN, WELDON, and HUNTER for their work with me on issues of particular interest to Guam in the committee. I also appreciate the efforts of the ranking member RONALD DELLUMS for his work with me on my priorities in the committee, and the hard work of the staff of the National Security Committee.

I am pleased that the committee helped to ensure that seven out of eight of my priorities were included either in legislative or report language. As a result of legislative language put in the bill at my request, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas will now be afforded a nomination for the military service academies and Guam will be included in the definition of the United States for the purposes of repairs on Navy homeported ships. I am also pleased that the committee included report language on the Naval Hospital-Guam, the Guam Air National Guard, the Piti Power Plant and the placement of the Navy SEAL facilities.

The only item that the committee did not include was funding for an armory for the Guam National Guard. I understand the constraints under which Chairman HEFLEY was operating, and hope that the message he was trying to send to the Army resonates within the Department. Next year, perhaps the Army will include a request for construction of an armory in Guam in their budget.

The National Guard on Guam is the only guard unit in the United States that does not have an armory, which seriously hampers their ability to complete their mission. Within the last few years, Guam has experienced over a hundred typhoons, tropical storms, and several earthquakes, including one measuring 8.2 on the Richter scale. The Guam National Guard is under more demand for their services than most other Guard units in the States, but, without an armory, they simply cannot adequately respond to these natural disasters.

Many of my colleagues have spoken about priorities in this bill and the need to support the readiness of our troops. The proposed Army Museum, which would require \$15 million for land purchases, has attracted attention

due to budget constraints. I hope that the Army puts as much effort into developing plans to meet the construction needs of armories at National Guard units as they do in pursuing funding for the museum.

Therefore, before the Army begins construction of their museum, I challenge them to present a plan to Congress for how they are going to meet the need to construct National Guard armories. The plan that I am requesting will outline how the Army plans to fit this funding in their budget requests in the tight fiscal environment they face. With the decision in Congress to reject any Member add-ons for armories that are not requested by the Army, it is now time for the Army to rethink their budgets and request funds for armories in next year's budget. I look forward to working with Secretary of the Army Togo West and Assistant Secretary for Installations, Logistics and Environment Robert Michael Walker in the next year on this funding request.

I also want to note my support for an amendment that was proposed by Representative RONALD DELLUMS. This amendment earmarked \$61 million, of the \$10.7 billion provided in the bill for defensewide operation and maintenance activities, for the Defense Department's Office of Economic Adjustment.

The Dellums proposal would ensure that the Office of Economic Adjustment continues to have the tools to assist communities where military bases are being closed. As my constituents in Guam can testify, the functions of the Office of Economic Adjustment are critical to the ability of local communities to reuse bases which are closing. Without assistance, local reuse committees will be left without the ability to convert these facilities quickly into productive use.

I commend Ranking Member DELLUMS for raising this issue and for his leadership to secure funding for reuse at closed bases. I am hopeful that, in the environment of downsizing and budget cuts, Congress will not forget the obstacles and challenges that local communities face in developing reuse plans for closed military facilities. With the leadership of Congressman DELLUMS, I have no doubt that the problems faced by local reuse committees will remain on Congress's agenda.

Again, I want to thank Chairman SPENCE, Ranking Member DELLUMS and each of the subcommittee chairman for their willingness to work with me on issues of particular importance to Guam. I look forward to continuing this close working relationship next year as we follow through on the commitments made in this year's bill.

TRIBUTE TO M. EDWARD KELLY

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding civic leader of Illinois' 14th Congressional District, M. Edward Kelly, on his forthcoming retirement.

Ed Kelly has served since December 1976 as the executive vice president of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce. The list of accomplishments during his long career are many, and there are many States across this Nation that are better for his service there.

Born and raised in Parkersburg, WV, he graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, OH and entered the field of organization management in 1955. He began his professional career with the Benton Harbor-Saint Joseph's Chamber of Commerce in Michigan, and managed chambers in Oshkosh, WI and Springfield, MO before settling in Elgin, IL.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kelly has been a valued member of the Elgin community for years, and his list of civic and professional activities is a long one. A former director of the YMCA Corporate Board, Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant, and Elgin Sesquicentennial Committee, he is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Elgin. To this day he serves as a member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, as an ex officio member of the Center City Development Corp. and as a trustee of the Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this dedicated man, for his commitment to this Nation's businesses and to the Elgin community. I wish my friend the best in his retirement. His experience and dedication have served the people of Elgin well.

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleague from Massachusetts, Mr. MARKEY, the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, in introducing the Federal Communications Commission Authorization Act of 1995. The bill authorizes appropriations in the amount of \$186 million for the FCC for 1 year only, fiscal year 1996. That figure is the same as the House authorized last year.

These are exciting times in the world of telecommunications. We are seeing new technologies, and the convergence and blurring of traditionally distinct businesses. We are also seeing new alliances being formed as we begin to build the information superhighway.

The House will soon be considering a major telecommunications reform bill which brings the 60-year-old communications statute up to date to reflect the dramatic changes in telecommunications. The Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance will be holding comprehensive hearings in the near future to consider the reduced role that the FCC will play in a competitive marketplace. That endeavor will be a challenge as well. In the meantime, however, we must authorize appropriations for the FCC so that it can fulfill its obligation as Congress intended.

The bill is substantially the same as legislation ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce last year and approved by the House. Unfortunately, the other body failed to act so we must again consider these proposals.

The bill includes a number of provisions that should allow the Commission to operate more efficiently, reduce regulatory burdens on industry, save agency resources, and privatize certain of the Commission's responsibilities.