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Mr. Speaker, I would like the text of my legislation reprinted in the RECORD.

IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, as an avid believer in the Constitution of the United States of America, I take particular pride in the diversity of our people and those who make use of the powers vested in our Constitution to make this country great.

There are several people in my district who share in my desire to keep the minority community informed about issues at home and abroad. People such as Bee Vang, who interned in my office last summer, is now the anchor of Hmong TV USA and Uniting Hmong Radio. Rafael Hernandez, El Grafico newspaper director, keeps the Hispanic community abreast of issues with his weekly newspaper. Harout Sassounian, who has many ties with the large Armenian-American population in the district, is the publisher of the California Courier in Glendale, CA. Finally, there is Mark Kimber, who has made the California Advocate a reputable publication in Fresno for nearly three decades.

Recently there was an article in The Fresno Bee, the leading newspaper in my congressional district, in which the writer, Karla Bruner, wrote about the minority media, and its impact on the 19th Congressional District. Her journalistic talents and keen awareness of minority communities in the district make her account all the more informative.

The press has played an important part in shaping our history and our great Nation. I salute the above mentioned people for their valuable contributions to the 19th District. I take pleasure in sharing the following article by Karla Bruner for the Fresno Bee:

MINORITY MEDIA OUTLETS STRIVE TO TELL THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY

A handful of racial and ethnic groups in Fresno are practicing freedom of the press their way.

Frustrated with mainstream media that they believe do not represent their ethnic community well or just do not speak the language, they have set up their own media groups.

Joining this tradition will be The Hmong American Times, which will begin publishing Feb. 1. It will replace The Hmong Times, which began under another name in 1990.

Locha Thao, the newspaper's new publisher, said he entered the business to help his community, not to make money.

"We need voices. We need a newspaper in our own language for the elders to understand," he said. Several thousand subscribers are expected to continue paying for the newspaper. Other copies are distributed free at Hmong stores and businesses.

Thao echoes one of the main reasons why Hmong, Armenians, Hispanics and African-

Americans run their own newspapers, television and radio programs. They do not want to be stereotyped. They want to maintain their identity.

"The black press has been an institution in our community for hundreds of years. We support our own media, tell our own story. It's a historical fact that the general media doesn't represent us," said Mark Kimber, publisher of the California Advocate newspaper in Fresno, a weekly publication that has served the African-American community for almost 29 years. It has 22,000 paid subscribers.

Kimber said that many times when the mainstream media show African-Americans, they are being arrested. He said his newspaper tries to highlight the accomplishments of African-American lawyers and doctors.

Bee Vang, an anchor for Asian Broadcasting, which airs Hmong-language programs on local television stations, knows Kimber's frustration.

"[The mainstream media] usually represent the worst side of the Hmong," he said.

That does not mean journalists in the minority media represent their communities in a positive light only, he and others said. Vang said the Hmong program last year aired the story regarding the rape of a girl by Hmong youths, for example.

"The thing is, we talk to the leadership of the community," he said. "Say we do a story and we talk to leaders to ask them how the [Hmong] culture is affected—then there's less of a negative response [to the story]."

Rafael Hernandez, director of El Grafico, a Spanish-language weekly in Fresno, said his newspaper is not afraid to go after anyone—even if they are Hispanic. About 20,000 copies of the newspaper are distributed at no charge in Fresno.

"We're not like big newspapers who are afraid of lawsuits. * * * We write what the people want," he said.

Harut Sassounian, publisher of the California Courier, a 38-year-old English-language Armenian newspaper, said minority-run newspapers serve a special role.

The California Courier was published in Fresno until 1988 and is now in Glendale. It has 3,000 paid subscribers.

He said minority-run newspapers are like the "village newspaper that is read by everybody."

"The Fresno Bee and New York Times aren't going to take a political position on every Armenian issue and people want direction," he said.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay special tribute today to an important series of events that will take place on International Women's Day. International Women's Day will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and energy throughout New Jersey on March 8, 1996, and I am delighted to be able to help organizers in their goal of recognizing the achievements and contributions of working women.

International Women's Day is one of New Jersey's most exciting community initiatives. Its New Jersey inception dates back to 1909 in Metuchen which is in my Sixth Congressional District.

Created as an opportunity to facilitate discussions on women and work, International

Women's Day has over the past 85 years inspired many young women to better understand their working futures in a global context.

On Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker, a public event will be held at Rutgers Cook Campus Center to offer awards to those selected from over 400 student essays collected from throughout New Jersey. This is a special evening and will help start International Women's Day—New Jersey, as each awardee and presenter will help to inspire the goals of International Women's Day.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a special congratulations to International Women's Day—New Jersey on their achievement of becoming the first State to plan a statewide celebration in schools and universities this Friday, March 8, 1996.

It is truly commendable that New Jersey has so many leaders committed to making an important event, such as International Women's Day—New Jersey, a vivid reality. To know that this event will be celebrated in every school district in each of New Jersey's 21 counties is remarkable and I hope each individual can take the important lessons from these events.

Mr. Speaker, we do not always have the opportunity to honor an organization with such a rich history of progressive thought and I am so proud to be able to recognize their achievements today.

International Women's Day will be an unqualified success and I am proud to have had the distinct pleasure of supporting this initiative throughout our State and nationally.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIALEAH-MIAMI LAKES ADULT EDUCATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to staff and volunteers at the Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult Education Center and to recognize their considerable accomplishments.

The Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult Education Center is guided by the leadership of Principal Robert P. Villano and Assistant Principal Martin D. Simonoff. The backbone of the adult education center, however, is composed by the numerous volunteers who work so diligently with the adult students.

I would like to mention one of these volunteers in particular. His name is Otto Esteire. Otto has distinguished himself by his extraordinary dedication and assistance and is scheduled to receive an award from the Office of Applied Technology, Adult, Career, and Community Education.

Mr. Speaker, it is through the hard work of Otto, the other volunteers and staff, that the Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult Education Center is able to assist students of all ages to prepare for the G.E.D. exam, to sharpen their skills in preparation for entering the work force, and to encourage them in their efforts to succeed in their goals. The entire south Florida community is grateful for their contributions.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 175th anniversary of Greek Independence Day which will take place on March 25, 1996. It is my pleasure to join the many friends of Greece and the nearly 3 million Greek-Americans living in the United States in celebrating the day the Greeks began their long struggle for independence from the Ottoman Empire.

We must remember that the ancient Greeks first developed the concept of democracy and many of their philosophies serve as the cornerstones of our modern democracy. Time has not lessened the wisdom of Aristotle's insight when he said:

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will best be attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.

March 25 is a day to reflect on these words and remember the courage of the Greeks who proclaimed their independence on that day in 1821 and fought bravely for nearly a decade. The belief in democracy and the willingness to sacrifice for it is a common heritage that the people of Greece and the people of the United States share and is reflected by the contributions Greek-Americans make nationwide.

While celebrations will take place nationwide, a very special event is planned for Boston. My friends at the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England and the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Boston have organized their 2d Annual Greek Independence Day Parade. It is my great pleasure to recognize this event and I know it will be another tremendous success.

IN MEMORY OF LT. DREW DAVID
HELMS SEPTEMBER 26, 1962 TO
FEBRUARY 11, 1996

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. Drew David Helms, a man who touched the lives of thousands. Lieutenant Helms was a member of the Salvation Army corps in California's 13th Congressional District. He passed away on Sunday, February 11, 1996, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Lt. Drew Helms grew up in Seattle where he learned the importance of service to his fellow man early in life. His parents, Gordon and Peggy Helms, were training to become Salvation Army officers and brought Drew and his older brother, Paul, along with them as they attended the School for Officers's Training. Drew grew up in the corps and credited his parents with teaching him early on to honor and respect all human life and to dedicate one's life to helping those less fortunate.

While still in Seattle, Drew met Nancy Newbould. After years of friendship and service together in the Salvation Army, they were married in 1987 while Drew was a student at Simpson College in San Francisco. In June in 1988, Drew graduated from Simpson with a bachelor of arts degree in Christian education. In 1990 Drew and Nancy, along with their 1-year-old son, Nicholas Andrew, entered the School for Officers' Training as members of the Followers of Jesus Session. In 1992, Drew and Nancy moved to Honolulu, HI, after receiving their commissions as lieutenants in the Salvation Army. Once there, Drew was appointed commanding officer of the Leeward Corps. In September of the same year, Drew and Nancy's second son, Cameron David was born. After only a year in Hawaii, the Helms family moved to Hayward, CA where Drew served as commander of the Hayward Corps. They served in Hayward together for the next 5 years and had a daughter, Katherine Leigh, in May of 1995.

Lt. Drew Helms was on his way from Hayward to the corps to participate in a neighborhood feeding program when he was involved in a fatal automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; their three children, Nicholas, Cameron, and Katherine; his parents, Majors Gordon and Peggy Helms; and his brothers Paul, Derek, and Craig. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of Lt. Drew David Helms. His dedication and commitment to those less fortunate should serve as an example to us all.

IN MEMORY OF PEDRO MARTINEZ
ADA

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with our Nation the story of a very remarkable man, Mr. Pedro Ada. During his lifetime, Mr. Ada, along with his wife Maria,

made a positive contribution to the people of Guam through their hard work and dedication.

Tun Pedro, as he was known to his family and friends, was born on the Island of Saipan in 1903. He attended the business program at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, at age 17 and returned to Guam in 1925. In 1927, Tun Pedro married his wife and business partner for life, Maria Palomo. With only the proceeds of a \$200 loan from the Bank of Guam, the Adas began their first business, a grocery store, in 1938. In 1941 the Japanese invaded our island. The occupying forces confiscated all of the merchandise in the Adas' grocery store and imprisoned Tun Pedro for a month because he was suspected of being a spy for the United States. After the island was liberated by the United States in 1944, Tun Pedro was able to reopen his grocery store across the street from the site of his old store. For the next 12 years, Tun Pedro continued to expand his business.

By 1956, the Adas had three grocery stores, warehouses in four villages, and a fleet of 18 vehicles to haul goods that came into Guam's port. On the advice of his accounting firm, Tun Pedro incorporated his grocery business and created Ada's Inc. During the next 15 years, the Adas continued to expand their business to include a bowling alley and several office buildings. In 1970, Ada's Inc. teamed up with Chinn Ho, a Hawaiian businessman, to build Guam's first condominium project, Alupang Cove Condominiums.

Tun Pedro and his family worked during the 1970's and 1980's to renovate his various properties and to strengthen his company. In May of 1985, Tun Pedro and his wife were both awarded honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Guam in recognition of their civic and corporate leadership.

Mr. Pedro Ada was a hard-working and generous man who was dedicated to Guam. Tun Pedro had been the chairman of the board for Ada's Inc., since its beginning. He was also a charter member of the Civilian Advisory Council and a member of the Knights of San Sylvester. Tun Pedro contributed to many charities and organizations on Guam and had established the Pedro M. Ada scholarship program at the University of Guam. His accomplishments and contributions to our island will live on for many years to come. Tun Pedro passed away on November 14, 1995. I extend my condolences and the sympathy of the people of Guam to the family of Tun Pedro. Our island has been blessed by his life's work, and we appreciate the many good things he has done for Guam.