

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE HARRY H.
MARGOLIS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, Pericles said, while speaking at a funeral for fallen soldiers, "If our country should appear great to you, remember that her glories were purchased by brave and valiant men, by men who knew their duty." I rise today to honor one such man, Private Harry H. Margolis. Pvt. Margolis was born on September 8, 1913, and died 30 years later in France during World War II. When he began his active service 10 months earlier, he left behind in New York his wife Isobel, their 17-month-old son Harvey, and his parents.

Many years later, Pvt. Margolis' son began to wonder if his father should have been awarded a medal for his sacrifice that day in 1944. His mother then called my office in response to her son's inquiry. Now, exactly 55 years and 1 day after Pvt. Margolis perished at the Battle of St. Louis, he has been awarded the Purple Heart. He has finally received the recognition he so richly deserves and his family can rest assured that the United States of America is deeply grateful for the life that was given in her name on July 11th, 1944. Such glorious gifts will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE ALBANIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Albanian American Women's Organization

(AAWO), "Motrat Qiriazhi." The AAWO is a nonprofit group committed to the advancement of Albanian Women within their families, communities, and society.

The Albanian American Women's Organization was founded in 1993 by a small group of Albanian immigrants in New York City. "Motrat Qiriazhi" is named for sisters Qiriazhi, the first Albanian women educators who dedicated their lives to the empowerment of Albanian women. The organization is composed entirely of volunteers and numbered more than 1,200 in 1998.

When the situation deteriorated in Kosova, the AAWO began to focus its attention on helping the people in crisis. In 1999, the AAWO raised \$54,000 and developed strong ties with organizations like the International Rescue Committee. The leadership of the AAWO met with First Lady Hillary Clinton at the White House on August 2, 1999. They are currently involved in giving support to recent immigrants and refugees, including providing host families and job placement.

Once again, I offer my most heartfelt commendation to the AAWO for their hard work and commitment to helping people both in the United States and throughout the Balkans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent and unable to vote due to my recovery from heart surgery, August 2, 1999—August 6, 1999.

On August 2, 1999: I would have voted in favor of the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2488 (Rollcall number 356). I would have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 747 (Rollcall number

357). I would have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1219 (Rollcall number 358). I would have voted against the Andrews amendment to H.R. 2606 (Rollcall number 359).

On August 3, 1999: I would have voted against the Paul amendment to H.R. 2606 (Rollcall number 360). I would have voted against the Paul amendment to H.R. 2606 (Rollcall number 361). I would have voted in favor of the H.R. 2606 (Rollcall number 362). I would have voted in favor of the engrossment and third reading of H.R. 2031 (Rollcall number 363). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2031 (Rollcall number 364). I would have voted against H.J. Res. 58 (Rollcall number 365). I would have voted against H.R. 987 (Rollcall number 366).

On August 4, 1999: I would have voted in favor of approving the journal (Rollcall number 367). I would have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1907 (Rollcall number 368). I would have voted against the H. Res. 273 (Rollcall number 369). I would have voted in favor of the Serrano amendment to H.R. 2670 (Rollcall number 370). I would have voted in favor of the motion that the Committee Rise (Rollcall number 371). I would have voted in favor of the Scott amendment to H.R. 2670 (Rollcall number 372). I would have voted in favor of the DeGette amendment to H.R. 2670 (Rollcall number 373). I would have voted in favor of the Coburn amendment to H.R. 2670 (Rollcall number 374). I would have voted in favor of agreeing to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1664 (Rollcall number 375).

On August 5, 1999: I would have voted in favor on approving the journal (Rollcall number 376). I would have voted against H. Res. 274 (Rollcall number 377). I would have voted in favor of the motion to recommit H.R. 2488 (Rollcall number 378). I would have voted against agreeing to the conference report to H.R. 2488 (Rollcall number 379).