

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE HONORABLE
BRETT DORIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Brent Dorian for his years of dedicated public service as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in Fresno, CA. After almost 12 years on the bench, Judge Dorian retired last year.

Brett served in the U.S. Air Force. After the military, he studied law and graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. After making a substantial contribution to under-served people in the community, Brett Dorian went on to have a very distinguished career as a civil practice attorney, bankruptcy lawyer, and bankruptcy trustee.

In 1988, Judge Dorian assumed the Federal bankruptcy bench in Fresno and handled thousands of cases from an 8 county area in Central California. During Judge Dorian's tenure on the bench he has earned a reputation as a brilliant jurist committed to following the law and protecting the rights of the citizens and persons who appeared before him. Judge Dorian has done many things for our community, the courts and the nation. It is a pleasure and privilege to honor such a distinguished man as he begins yet another facet of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay high tribute to Judge Brett Dorian for his active distinguished community and public service. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representative to join me in wishing Judge Dorian many more years of good health, happiness, and contribution to the people of central California.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA MARIA ARIAS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Anna Maria Arias, innovative and beloved founder and editor of LATINA Style magazine who passed away October 1, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Maria Arias founded LATINA Style in 1994, creating the only 100 percent Latina-owned national publication in the United States. It boasts a national circulation of 150,000 and a readership of over half a million. Ms. Arias was a dreamer who realized her dreams. The LATINA Style Magazine motto is "A National Magazine for the Contemporary Hispanic Woman." Indeed, LATINA Style is a staple in the homes of thousands of female Hispanic professionals.

LATINA Style has collaborated with the Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency and the local

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to create the LATINA Style Business Services which is a unique program that connects Latina professionals and entrepreneurs to key corporations by holding conferences across the country. Along with LATINA Style's focus on career and business, it regularly features home and family issues, music, book, and movie reviews, travel tips, investment guidance, food and drink recipes, and health advice among other things.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Arias' staff states that she "dedicated her entire body and soul into creating and growing LATINA Style into the powerful magazine for Hispanic women that it is today." Ms. Arias lost a difficult battle earlier this month with aplastic anemia that she fought for 7 years. When her illness demanded that she forfeit the daily managing of the magazine, Ms. Arias delegated Ms. Elena Campisteguy as associate publisher, confident that she and the LATINA Style staff would propagate the publication's high editorial standard. The Style staff and Ms. Arias' widow, Mr. Robert E. Bard, feel that Ms. Arias' spirit will guide them in coming years to carry on her dream.

I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss of a creative and ambitious entrepreneur who broke boundaries and dedicated her life to benefiting Latina women.

IN HONOR OF THE HAMILTON
COUNTY URBAN SEARCH AND
RESCUE TASK FORCE AND THE
MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE
WHO HAVE JOINED IN THE
WORLD TRADE CENTER RE-
SPONSE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Hamilton County's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force and the eighteen members of the Task Force who joined with Ohio Task Force 1 (Oh-TF1) to assist in the rescue and relief efforts at the World Trade Center site in New York City.

The Hamilton County USAR Task Force was formed in December, 1997. The primary mission of the Task Force is to assist local fire and emergency medical agencies in large-scale rescue situations and emergency incidents associated with natural disasters, terrorist activity and major industrial, technological and transportation accidents. This team continues Cincinnati's long, proud history of being a national leader in fire and emergency services.

In addition to assisting in local incidents, members of the Hamilton County USAR Task Force are part of Oh-TF1, one of twenty-eight Federal Emergency Management Agency USAR Task Forces capable of responding to

massive structural collapses to search for and rescue trapped persons. Ohio Task Force 1 deployed sixty-two members to the World Trade Center site in New York. These members represented thirty-three fire organizations in Ohio. Seventeen of these members represented six Hamilton County Fire Departments, including: Anderson Fire Department; Cincinnati Fire Department; Colerain Township Fire Department; Green Township Fire Department; Madeira and Indian Hill Fire Department; and Sycamore Township Fire Department. An additional member of the Hamilton County USAR Task Force and Oh-TF1 is a rigging specialist for Carlisle Construction in Northern Kentucky.

The members of Oh-TF1 worked non-stop from September 12 to September 20 at a scene described by its members as "devastating." The Task Force was divided into two groups that worked alternating twelve-hour shifts. As the third USAR Task Force on the scene, Oh-TF1's work was critical to the ongoing recovery and relief efforts.

Like the rest of America, I am moved by the bravery and selfless work of our nation's emergency services personnel. I am especially proud and appreciative of their work after seeing, firsthand, the horrific and truly devastating site in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Hamilton County's USAR Task Force and Oh-TF1 as we also recognize the remarkable contributions and sacrifices made by all of the people who make up our nation's emergency services in the wake of the September 11 attack.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS
WEEK

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, rapid population growth and urbanization have become catalysts for many serious environmental problems and are applying substantial pressures on infrastructure, manifested in pollution, transportation, health, sanitation and public safety problems. This situation makes urbanization an issue that we cannot afford to ignore. Cities and urban areas today occupy only 2 percent of the earth's land, but contain half of the world's population and consume 75 percent of its resources.

It is therefore important for us to recognize the problems associated with rapid population growth and urbanization. Governor Ridge has proclaimed the week of October 21–27, 2001 as World Population Awareness Week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I would like to support the Governor in this effort by entering his proclamation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, PROCLAMATION, WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK, OCTOBER 21-27, 2001

Whereas, the 21st Century offers enormous environmental and societal challenges for governments at all levels; and

Whereas, these challenges call for innovative leadership to ensure resource conservation, protection of open space, waste prevention, sanitation management to provide quality of life. These challenges are inextricably linked to patterns of considerable demographic change; and

Whereas, world population is projected to increase by almost 80 million per year with 98 percent of population growth predicted to occur in the least developed countries of the world. This growth can lead to disease, hunger and starvation; and

Whereas, demographic problems are not limited to the under developed nations. These problems are also a reality in the United States in other industrialized nations.

Therefore, I, Tom Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2001, as World Population Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to reflect upon these challenges and seek rational, humanitarian and community-based solutions.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Government, at the City of Harrisburg on this eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and one of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

Tom Ridge, Governor.

HONORING HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church for their 101st anniversary. Holy Trinity Church has been a cornerstone of Fresno's Armenian community since its inception in 1900.

For over 100 years, the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church has served as the spiritual, cultural, and social landmark for Armenians throughout Fresno and the San Joaquin Valley.

Armenian Apostolic Church services were held in Fresno as early as 1895 in a rented hall by the Rev. Aharon Melkonian, who had arrived from Erzerum 1 year earlier. As the parish grew so did the need for a church building. Construction began soon after the church held a general meeting on February 25, 1900, at which a board of trustees was elected. Then, on March 2, 1900, a building committee was appointed and it was decided that the church would be named Holy Trinity.

The foundation of the church was blessed on April 1, 1900, and on October 14, 1900, the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church was consecrated by the Primate of the Armenian Diocese, Rev. Bishop Hovsep Sarajian. It was the second Armenian Apostolic Church in the United States.

In the beginning many Armenians found themselves in a strange new land and turned to the church for support. Still today, those who are no longer strangers to this country continue to view the church as their focal point

for spiritual guidance, thus enabling the church and its members to withstand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church on the occasion of the 101st anniversary celebration. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church on this special day of recognition.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN HARRY THOMPSON

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Captain Harry Thompson, a national hero who gave his life to save many others during the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Captain Thompson, a long-time court officer, was a resident of Parkchester in the Bronx for over 30 years. "Selfless" is usually the first word to come to the lips of those neighbors and coworkers asked to describe Captain Thompson. They were saddened, but not surprised, to learn that his gallantry and dedication to helping others led him to save the lives of 150 people on that fateful morning in September.

We are all aware that on that morning, heroes abounded and many came from unlikely sources. Mr. Speaker, anyone who knew Captain Thompson considered him the most likely source of heroism. His youngest son, Raahsaan, explained that when he heard of the tragedy, he just assumed that his father was there "helping out." He took for granted that his father was there guiding others to safety while putting himself in harm's way. Captain Thompson was not a fireman or a police officer, yet he felt a call to duty not unlike those brave men and women and he went into a building that people were desperately trying to escape simply because he knew that he could help.

Captain Thompson's two sons say that their father took great pride in the fact that he had climbed the ranks to make Captain, a position that made him responsible for training court officers. Captain Thompson ingrained the value and necessity of hard work into his two sons who both went on to obtain college degrees and pursue successful careers. Both sons recall their father constantly helping people out, whether it was physically supporting an elderly or debilitated person in some task or running an errand for a busy neighbor. I want Raahsaan and Michael Thompson to know that we realize that their father did not come home that day so that 150 other fathers, mothers, daughters, sons, sisters, and brothers could.

Mr. Speaker, we lost so many in such a short time on the morning of September 11, it would be difficult for Congress to mourn and honor each individual life. However, I must ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Captain Thompson, he sacrificed his life in order to save others, not because it was his job, but because it was his nature.

"DEATH OF AN INNOCENT" BY
ELISABETH CERCEK

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2001

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, in light of the sobering events that took place on September 11, now more than ever, the young people of this country must remain vigilant, accountable for the actions taken in everyday life. One young American in particular realizes the importance of accountability and expresses these convictions in a poem she has written entitled, *Death of an Innocent*. Elisabeth Cercek of Ocala, FL, deposits the reader amid the chaos of a drunk driving accident. A young girl's life slowly ebbs away as the drunk driver can do nothing but "stare." With violent realism, Elisabeth brings us into the sorrowful world that thousands of Americans face each year when their loved ones are taken from them by alcohol related accidents. I applaud Elisabeth's steadfast resolve in her fight against drunk driving, and with that Mr. Speaker, I submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD her poem "Death of an Innocent."

DEATH OF AN INNOCENT

I went to a party, Mom.
I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom.
So I drank soda instead.
I really felt proud inside, Mom.
The way you said I would.
I didn't drink and drive, Mom.
Even though the others said I should.
I know I did the right thing, Mom.
I know you are always right.
Now the party is finally ending, Mom.
As everyone is driving out of sight,
As I got into my car, Mom,
I knew I'd get home in one piece.
Because of the way you raised me,
So responsible and sweet.
I started to drive away, Mom,
But as I pulled out into the road,
The other car didn't see me. Mom,
And hit me like a load.
As I lay there on the pavement, Mom.
I hear the policeman say,
"The other guy is drunk," Mom.
And now I'm the one who will pay.
I'm lying here dying, Mom.
I wish you'd get here soon.
How could this happen to me, Mom?
My life just burst like a balloon.
There is blood all around me, Mom.
And most of it is mine.
I hear the medic say, Mom.
I'll die in a short time.
I just wanted to tell you, Mom.
I swear I didn't drink,
It was the others, Mom.
The others didn't think.
He was probably at the same party as I.
The only difference is, he drank
And I will die.
Why do people drink, Mom?
It can ruin your whole life.
I'm feeling sharp pains now.
Pains just like a knife.
The guy who hit me is walking, Mom.
And I don't think it's fair
I'm lying here dying
And all he can do is stare.
Tell my brother not to cry, Mom.
Tell Daddy to be brave.
And when I go to heaven, Mom.
Put "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.
Someone should have told him, Mom.