

TRIBUTE TO FORMER GUAM SEN-
ATOR ELIZABETH PEREZ
ARRIOLA

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam bids farewell to an esteemed public servant who has committed her life to the people of Guam. The Honorable Elizabeth Perez Arriola, a member of the 17th through the 22nd Guam Legislatures, passed away on June 26, 2002, at the age of 73.

A woman who earned respect and admiration throughout the region, Senator Arriola represented the best the island of Guam has to offer in terms of the strong but gentle leadership role of women in Chamorro society. Graduating as class salutatorian from George Washington High School in Mangilao, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. She later acquired special training through leadership management workshops at Boston University in Massachusetts.

Among the honors she acquired early in her career included election to the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She was also named Honorary Citizen of Palmetto State, South Carolina, and was selected as the Most Inspirational Woman at a Women's Conference in 1977. Beck was the first chairperson of the Women's Democratic Party of Guam, as well as a Charter member and former Vice President of the American Association of University Women. She also had the honor and privilege of being the first female lector at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, during the Beatification of Padre Luis Diego de San Vitores in October 1986.

Senator Arriola's career with the Government of Guam began when she was elected to the 17th Guam Legislature. For two consecutive terms, in the 17th and 18th Guam Legislatures, she held the post of legislative secretary. Throughout her twelve years as a senator she held memberships in the Committees on Rules; Education; General Governmental Operations; Welfare and Ecology; Federal, Foreign and Legal Affairs; Ethics and Standards; Economic Development; and Ways and Means. She also chaired the Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs.

It was as a senator that she greatly demonstrated her dedication to the island, her family and, as a devout Roman Catholic, her faith. As the wife and mother of eight children, she relied upon distinctive experiences and abilities as she performed her official responsibilities. She was known for her tough stances against gambling and abortion and introduced legislation addressing a wide range of issues affecting the island and its culture focusing special concern on those affecting women, youth and senior citizens.

Her membership in the Guam Legislature enabled her to bring further prestige to Guam. She served as Vice President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and was a member of the Commerce and Labor Committee on the State Federal Assembly of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). She also served the Health Task Force as well as the Economic Development and International Trade Committee of the Western Legislative Conference (WLC).

Beck Arriola's community and civic affiliations and activities included memberships in Beauty World Guam, Ltd and the Soroptimist International of Guam. She was also a former president of the Kundirana Guam Charity Association and the charter president and executive advisor of St. Dominic's Senior Care Volunteers Association. She was a worthy regent of the Catholic Daughters of America and a board member of the Guam Lytico and Bodig Association. She also served as executive director of the Guam Museum Board of Trustees.

She leaves behind a great legacy of service and accomplishments. She was a well loved role model. She leaves behind not only a husband and family, but a proud and grateful island. I join her husband, former Speaker Joaquin Arriola, her children, Vincent, Franklin, Michael, Joaquin Jr., Anthony, Jacqueline, Anita and Lisa, her many grandchildren, and the people of Guam in celebrating her life, honoring her achievements and mourning the loss of a wife, mother, community leader, and fellow public servant. Adios, Beck.

THE SCOURGE OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a brewing crisis in southern Africa that threatens the lives of millions of men, women, and children. The scourge of hunger and malnutrition is far too common around the world, yet there is compelling evidence that we should be particularly concerned about what is taking place in six different countries.

The World Food Program reports that many families in the region have resorted to eating such foods as unripe melons and poisonous berries just to have something to fill the stomach. The numbers are staggering—7 million people require immediate assistance, and this number is expected to rise to 13 million by the end of this year. When people are so desperate to eat that they harvest their unripe crops and consume their seed corn, it is time that the world takes notice and lends a hand.

Mr. Speaker, the causes for the worst food crisis in southern Africa in more than a decade are many. Irregular rains and prolonged drought have upset the rhythm of the planting season and destroyed crops. The HIV/AIDS crisis has seriously harmed the productive capacity of many families since in some areas up to 20 percent of the adult population is infected with the virus. The frailty caused by pre-existing malnutrition has exacerbated the effects of hunger and disease. And corrupt governments have sometimes disrupted food production and distribution.

As the breadbasket of the world, it is imperative that United States increase our efforts to provide immediate assistance to the millions of starving people in southern Africa. Mr. Speaker, we also must address the root causes of this crisis. We need to promote more efficient farming methods, such as improved irrigation and new agricultural technologies. We need to encourage good governance and political stability in the region. And we need to address

the HIV/AIDS crisis in the region. But for now, we must do what we can in the short term so that we can save as many of these people as possible.

RECOGNITION OF CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF NOVEMBER 17 TERRORISTS GROUP

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Greek authorities and the Greek people for their successful apprehension of several members of the November 17 terrorist group, including the group's mastermind Alexandros Yiotopoulos. This terrible organization has group operated with impunity underground for more than a quarter of a century and inflicted egregious harm on both Greek people and the United States. They are behind the killings of 23 people, including Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens in 1975. I understand that three of the captured members have already confessed to the killings, including the murders of military attaches from the United States and Britain. This is just one-step in our march towards victory in the war on terrorism but it is an important step, I applaud the efforts of the Greek authorities and the vigilance of the Greek people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 15, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 296, 297, and 298. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on all three votes.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO FARMWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding event taking place in my district in Northwest Ohio. On Saturday, August 3, 2002, people from across the district will gather in Fremont to celebrate Farmworker Appreciation Day.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that farming is the backbone of our nation. From the earliest days of our nation's history, hardworking men and women have taken to the fields to plant and harvest crops and raise livestock in order to feed their families, their neighbors, and their fellow countrymen.

Farming is an honorable profession that takes a great deal of skill, patience, and hard work. Those hardworking men and women

who work on our nation's farms deserve much credit for helping to make our lands productive.

Through the arduous process of working and cultivating the soil, these farmworkers help prepare the ground, plant the crops, and harvest the food we need to live. The life of a farmworker is a tough lifestyle. Like the farmer, the farmworker must endure the ever-changing seasons from the harshest winters to the sun-drying, waterless droughts to rain-soaked days that lead to disastrous floods. Farmworkers watch the fields as thunderous storms race across them damaging the crops from which they make their living. However, through it all, farmworkers continue to the fields to do their work.

Mr. Speaker, agriculture is vitally important to the Fifth District of Ohio as we are home to nineteen percent of all of Ohio's farmland. We know that the economy of our part of Ohio depends on farming and a big factor in our prosperity is due to the tireless efforts of farmworkers who bring in the crops. I can think of no better way to celebrate the contributions of these individuals than to take part in Farmworker Appreciation Day.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to farmworkers by helping me to proclaim August 3, 2002, as Farmworker Appreciation Day. We thank them for all they have done and wish them the very best for the future.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FLIGHT 93
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ACT (H.R.
3917) AND THE TRUE AMERICAN
HEROES ACT (H.R. 5138)

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Flight 93 National Memorial Act, H.R. 3917; and the True American Heroes Act, H.R. 5138. These two pieces of legislation will serve as the first steps toward finalizing a tribute to our nation's citizens whom, on September 11, 2001, represented the true American spirit through their heroic efforts.

No one will ever forget the events of September 11, 2001 that devastated our nation. Three of the four planes hijacked that unforgettable morning crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, leaving thousands dead.

Many believe terrorists were going to use the fourth plane as a weapon to crash into the United States Capitol Building. But the passengers and flight crew made the decision to take down the plane that morning in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania after learning from cellular phone conversations with loved ones of the fates of the three other hijacked aircraft. As a result, countless innocent lives were saved, including our own, and the fate of our nation's Capitol was changed.

This was the ultimate act of bravery and sacrifice from the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, and those who enter our nation's Capitol each day should cherish their valiance.

Several residents of California, including two of my own constituents—Tom Burnett and

Hilda Marcin—were on United Flight 93. Citizens around the country have asked for the United States government to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of these passengers and the others that perished in these tragic events, by awarding a gold medal to a representative on their behalf.

The Congressional Gold Medal is considered the nation's highest civilian award given by Congress to recognize a lifetime contribution or a singular achievement. I believe that everyone on United Flight 93, as well as police officers, emergency workers and other employees at the Pentagon and World Trade Center should be recognized for their efforts and sacrifice to save the lives of so many others. I would like to see all of these extraordinary individuals commemorated for such bravery. This medal is the least we can do in Congress to remember the courage of our fellow citizens.

In the months following the horrific attacks, thousands of people from around the world have remembered the final moments of the heroes of Flight 93 at the crash site itself, in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania. Serving as a place where families and friends of the passengers and flight crew can grieve for their loved ones, the symbolism of this area will be etched in the memories of those who visit to pay their tributes. Like Pearl Harbor, Oklahoma City, New York City and Washington, this is another piece of U.S. soil that now bears the markings of our nation's history.

It is time that we ensure protection of the site by placing it under jurisdiction of the National Park System, so that an appropriate memorial can be created, following the recommendations of the Flight 93 Task Force.

There may never be answers for all the questions that surround the events of September 11, 2001 or closure for all of those around the world who suffered the loss of loved ones in this tragedy.

But it is in our power to make sure that we appropriately honor our fellow Americans, who not only saved our lives and so many others, but also protected our nation's symbol of democracy and freedom—our United States Capitol—by passing these landmark pieces of legislation. I urge my colleagues to support these two bills and yield back the balance of my time.

SPECIAL ORDER ON CYPRUS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus to mark the 28th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. I thank Mrs. Maloney and Mr. Bilirakis for their ongoing leadership in the Hellenic Caucus and for organizing events such as today's, which draw much-needed attention to issues of importance to the Hellenic community.

Two days from now will be the 28th anniversary of the invasion. On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops seized control of northern Cyprus, establishing an occupation that exists to this day. The invasion and occupation caused the deaths of 5,000 Cypriots and the expulsion of

200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes. To add insult to injury, Turkey promoted an independence declaration in the controlled area, drawing the condemnation of the United States and the United Nations Security Council.

Our Nation's top foreign policy priorities must include the reunification of Cyprus. One of my first acts as a Member of Congress was to join many of my colleagues in sending a letter to President Bush requesting that his administration immediately address this matter and work toward a peaceful solution. The United States holds a unique position of trust with both Greece and Turkey, and must use its influence to encourage the Turkish-Cypriots to continue negotiations, so that Cyprus may once again be whole.

This year, the United Nations has redoubled its efforts to encourage unification negotiations between the Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriots, with Secretary General Kofi Aman visiting the island in May to meet with government leaders. Unfortunately, LTN negotiators, as well as other international observers, have noted that Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has shown little interest in negotiating a settlement, while noting that Cypriot President Glafcos Clenides has shown far more flexibility. The United States must remain engaged in negotiations in Cyprus to promote a lasting settlement to this ongoing problem.

Cyprus, like the United States, shares a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the concept of equal justice under the law. The nation's economic growth and high standard of living make it a prime candidate for membership in the European Union. I am a proud cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 164, which supports the accession of Cyprus to the European Union, as it would greatly contribute to the diversity and shared history of the EU. Membership would provide Cyprus with greater opportunities to contribute to the international community and could also serve as a catalyst for settlement of the unification problem.

On this important anniversary, we mourn those who lost their lives in the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. However, we can also look forward to a time when Cyprus is again unified and able to reach its fullest potential in the international arena. The United States has stood beside her in the past, and we will undoubtedly maintain this strong relationship for years to come.

Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for addressing this important matter, and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 16, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 299 through 308. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on rollcall votes 299, 300, 301, 302, 304, 306, and 308, and I would have voted nay on rollcall votes 303, 305, and 307.