

We mourn together with families of the victims of the dreadful tragedy. Please convey to them our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

I am confident that in the face of lingering danger and deadly challenge the American spirit, as always, will prevail and Samoans will overcome this tragic catastrophe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Yours sincerely,

ERLAN IDRISOV.

CHINA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong of the People's Republic of China in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR ENI: I am shocked to learn that American Samoa was hit by a devastating earthquake that triggered a powerful tsunami. I wish to extend my sympathy to you and the people of American Samoa for the severe casualties and all the damages it has caused. We are deeply grieved by the loss of so many lives and would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims. Our thoughts are with them at this moment.

I hope and believe that the people of American Samoa will rebuild their home and return to their normal life soon. We stand ready to provide any help you may need in this regard.

Sincerely,

ZHOU WENZHONG,
Ambassador.

SAMOA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support submitted by Chargé d'Affaires Rona Meleisea on behalf of Ambassador Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia of Samoa in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

PERMANENT MISSION OF
SAMOA TO THE UNITED STATES,
New York, NY, October 1, 2009.

Hon. ENI HUNKIN FALEOMAVAEGA,
Representative for American Samoa, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FALEOMAVAEGA: On behalf of Ambassador Elisaia and family, our officers and staff of the Mission, we wish to express to you, your staff and your respec-

tive families our sincere condolences on this grave tragedy. These natural disasters have affected our islands and its peoples, saddens those of us serving our Governments away from our homeland. Sorrow is felt and we are most saddened by the loss of lives and the destruction caused by these recent events.

We stand in unity and solidarity with the people of our islands. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all of our people, in particular, the families of the victims of the tsunami.

Respectfully,

RONA MELEISEA,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

KOREA'S MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following messages of support from Ambassador Han, Duk-soo of the Republic of Korea and President of the Democratic Party Chung Sye Kyun in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN FALEOMAVAEGA: After seeing you under such pleasant and enjoyable circumstances last Saturday, I hardly expected to be writing to you today to offer my deep condolences.

When I heard of the tragic events in American Samoa and the devastation wrought by the tsunami, I was deeply saddened and my thoughts immediately turned to you and the safety of your friends and family.

In times such as these, it is important for friends to stand together, and I want to let you know that the Korean people stand with you in bereavement as we mourn together the losses of the loved ones. We support you as you bring comfort to the communities and families affected by this tragedy. Though this is indeed a terrible tragedy, I am confident that the people of American Samoa will always honor and cherish the memories of those who passed away, keeping their presence in their hearts.

My dear friend, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

HAN, DUK-SOO,
Ambassador.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
Chairman of Asia and Pacific Subcommittee, House of Representatives.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE FALEOMAVAEGA: I am very shocked by the recent news about the tsunami that hit the territory of American Samoa.

I would like to express my deepest concern for the situation there and my most profound condolence to the people who experienced tragedies. There were also Korean casualties, Koreans that lived in the island.

Your friendship to our late President Kim Dae-jung is our friendship and our hearts are

with you and your people in this time of trouble.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if there is anything we can do.

Once again, my deepest regret and condolence to the bereaved family.

Sincerely yours,

CHUNG SYE KYUN,
President of the Democratic Party
of the Republic of Korea.

FIJI'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Ambassador Winston Thompson of the Republic of the Fiji Islands in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE FIJI ISLANDS,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
Member of Congress, Rayburn Office Building,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ENI: No words can adequately express the sense of loss and anguish we feel at the devastation caused in American Samoa and Samoa by the recent tsunami. It is a terrible tragedy inflicted on innocent people.

On behalf of the Government and people of Fiji, I offer our deep condolence on the tragic loss of life. We hope and pray that the suffering will not be prolonged and that the people will be assisted to rebuild their lives in the shortest possible time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of American Samoa and Samoa at this time.

Very Sincerely,

WINSTON THOMPSON,
Ambassador.

RECOGNIZING THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 275TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Orange County, Virginia as it celebrates its 275th anniversary.

Orange County is located northeast of Charlottesville, and is the birthplace of President Zachary Taylor and the home of President James Madison's estate at Montpelier. Award winning wineries and breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains can also be found here.

Orange County was a strategically important location during the American Civil War. Just north of the town of Orange, the Rapidan River was effectively the northern border of the Confederacy for several years. Consequently, the area witnessed countless troop movements, patrols, skirmishes, and encampments. In addition, the town of Orange served as General Robert E. Lee's headquarters during that time. In fact, General Lee worshipped

at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Caroline Street, which still stands today.

The county continued to thrive into the twentieth century, although fire destroyed much of the eastern part of the town of Orange in 1908. However, many of the buildings constructed shortly after the fire still remain. In fact, Orange was well-known for its silk mill, which produced many of the parachutes used

by U.S. troops during World War II. The silk mill finally closed in the 1970s, but the building still remains and is used by local businesses.

Orange County residents will celebrate and honor their heritage and 275 years of history with events and activities throughout the year. In conjunction with the Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier, the Gordonsville Street Festival, and other county-wide events, the town of Or-

ange will have a Blues Festival on Main Street on October 3rd to mark the anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the fine citizens of Orange County as they celebrate this anniversary and wishing them the best for their continued growth and success.