

TRIBUTE TO MRS. PEARL ALMA
RIVERO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 1995

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Pearl Alma Rivero, an outstanding individual who has devoted her life to her family and to serving her community. Mrs. Rivero will be celebrating her 70th birthday on Sunday in the company of her loving family and friends in Miami, FL.

Mrs. Rivero is a native of New York City. She is the youngest of eight children born to Alexander and Ursula Shepard. She is the sister of Joseph Anthony Moniz, Vincent DePaul Moniz, Sylvia Patronella Moniz Nicholas, Ivy Eleanor Cristabel Moniz, Virella Santiago, Hyacinth Moniz, and Florin Moniz, Jr.

On October 18, 1942, she married Louis Bouchet and was blessed with two daughters, Margo Maria Bouchet and Sandra Cecelia Bouchet.

On August 1, 1959, Mrs. Rivero married Emil Joseph Rivero, with whom she celebrated 33 years of happiness until Emil's death on May 13, 1993. Their marriage was blessed with the birth of three children, Maria Theresa Rivero, Angela Justine Rivero, and Emil John Rivero.

Mrs. Rivero has four wonderful grandchildren, Betti-Rahkel Bouchet-Williams, Derrick Boddie, Mychal Williams, and Cassandra Bankhead-Williams.

A devoted mother, Mrs. Rivero raised her family to be religious, sharing, and caring individuals.

Mrs. Rivero has worked tirelessly to benefit her community and her church. She has served as a Eucharistic minister, lecturer, and a teacher of religious classes at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in the Bronx, and St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Miami, where she presently resides. Mrs. Rivero has also taught Bible classes at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Florida and currently serves as CORE member of the Divorced and Separated Ministry at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Miami. She is a founding member of WINGS, a ministry serving the needs of widows, and has served as mediator for the Better Business Bureau in New York City.

Mrs. Rivero has received accolades, acknowledgments, and awards from her community, including awards from the Better Business Bureau of New York and the committee on the handicapped from the New York Board of Education. She was also certified as a lay minister for the Archdiocese of Miami.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the family of Mrs. Pearl Alma Rivero in wishing her a happy 70th birthday and best wishes during this holiday season.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC
REFORM IN UKRAINE

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

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Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I commend the American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee

and its distinguished chairman, Zbigniew Brzezinski, for their constructive contributions to building a strong and effective relationship between the United States and Ukraine. The committee, formed in 1993 by the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, recently held its third meeting in New York and issued a report.

The recommendations of the report were designed to advance the process of economic reform in Ukraine, foster a climate to attract foreign investment, and integrate Ukraine into the global economy. In order to meet these goals, Ukraine's political leadership must adhere to the fundamental elements of the economic reform program proposed a year ago by President Leonid Kuchma.

The American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee calls upon the Ukrainian Government to "speed up and broaden privatization with aim of achieving the long-term objective of establishing a market economy" and to "follow through with real macroeconomic stabilization." The committee all urges the United States, the European Union, Japan, and the international financial institutions to provide adequate financial assistance to reinforce Ukraine's commitment to economic reform.

The American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee's report follows:

AMERICAN-UKRAINIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNIQUE

The American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee met in New York on November 17-18 and reiterated its strong conviction that a resilient Ukraine is in the interest of European stability and thus also American security. It welcomed the evident improvement in the American-Ukrainian relationship, especially the recognition by the U.S. government of Ukraine's geopolitical significance. It also endorsed strongly the reform efforts being pursued by the Ukrainian government in order to transform Ukraine into a stable democracy based on a free market economy.

The American participants included: Hon Zbigniew Brzezinski (CSIS Counselor), Hon. Richard Burt (Chairman International Equity Partners), Hon. Frank Carlucci (Chairman, Carlyle Group), Gen. John Galvin (Dean, Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy), Mr. Michael Jordan (Chairman & CEO, Westinghouse Electric Corporation), Hon Henry Kissinger (Chairman, Kissinger Associates), and Mr. George Soros (Chairman, Soros Foundations).

The Ukrainian participants included: Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn (Chairman, Council of Advisors to Ukrainian Parliament), Ms. Svitlana Oharkova (General Director, "Tekno Ukrayina"), Mr. Serhiy Oksanych (President, KINTO Investment Association), Hon. Borys Sobolev (Deputy Minister of Finance), Hon. Dmytro Tabachnyk (Chief of Staff, Presidential Administration), Hon. Oleh Taranov (Chairman, Parliamentary Commission on Economic Policy), Hon. Boris Tarasiuk (Ambassador to Belgium), and Hon. Volodymyr Vasylenko (Ambassador-at-Large). In addition, present at the meeting was Hon. Yuri Sheberbak, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States.

More specifically, the AUAC endorses or recommends the following:

SECURITY ISSUES

1. Encourage the U.S. to clearly articulate its vision of European security architecture, and in that context urge it to develop a consistent, long-term policy toward Ukraine which views that country as a Central European state. That policy needs to strongly and actively demonstrate American support for an independent, democratic, and economi-

cally successful Ukraine as a key factor of security and stability in Europe as a whole.

2. Recommend the establishment of a ministerial-level U.S.-Ukrainian Joint Commission. While applauding the existence of joint, bilateral working groups, we urge the creation of additional groups—by the Department of State and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Department of Defense and the Ministry of Defense—to deal with a range of issues, including energy supplies and security; environmental issues; and combating organized crime.

3. In order to develop a special relationship between NATO and Ukraine, extend eligibility to Ukraine under the NATO Participation Act of 1994. At the same time, encourage and support Ukraine's active participation in the Partnership for Peace program.

4. Encourage strong support for the closest possible Ukrainian participation and integration in European multilateral institutions, such as the Central European Initiative and CEFTA, cooperation partner status in the WEU, and the inclusion of Ukraine with Moldova, Bulgaria, and Romania in the Clinton Administration's Regional Airspace Initiative.

5. Support collective efforts to achieve reductions in and confidence-building measures for military forces in the Black Sea basin. When appropriate, a U.S. role as mediator in Black Sea issues could prove useful.

6. Encourage the U.S. Administration to continue rendering support for Ukraine's territorial integrity and inviolability of its state borders, and to urge Ukraine's neighbors to refrain from raising territorial claims.

7. Initiate the holding of U.S.-Ukrainian seminars and roundtables on security-related matters.

8. Encourage Western investment and technical and economic assistance for the exploration and development of Ukraine's natural gas and oil deposits, as well as diversification of external energy supplies to Ukraine. Encourage also the U.S. to play a leading role in helping Ukraine work out a comprehensive plan for reforming the energy sector.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. Urge the Ukrainian government to speed up and broaden privatization with the aim of achieving the long-term objective of establishing a market economy. One important step is to open opportunities to sell blocks of equity to strategic investors, while urging U.S. AID to enhance the efficacy of its support of Ukrainian privatization.

2. Given the critical stage of Ukraine's economic reforms, encourage the Ukrainian government to follow through with real macroeconomic stabilization, while urging the IMF, the World Bank, the European Union, Japan, and the U.S. government to provide timely and adequate financial assistance.

3. Support the introduction of the Ukrainian national currency, which should be a stable currency inspiring confidence, and urge the IMF to provide the appropriate stabilization fund.

4. Encourage the U.S. government and the EU to identify and overcome trade barriers so as to facilitate Ukraine's integration into the global trading system.

5. Assist with Ukraine's efforts to join the World Trade Organization, and encourage the U.S. Administration to extend Ukraine's participation in the U.S. General System of Preferences.

6. Express appreciation of the public education in market economics financed by the U.S. government, and advocate financing of education in business management and public administration. Such efforts should lead to the Ukrainian government's enhanced capacity to attract and retain competent persons at all levels of administration.