

Rosenbaum's years of commitment and passion for education and public affairs. I also invite my colleagues to join me in wishing him the happiest of birthdays.

GUAM'S EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS MOURN THE PASSING OF DR. MANUEL BARTONICO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of Guam's finest educators, Dr. Manuel Bartonico. He was a highly professional administrator in Guam's public schools who was able to generate a sense of community from students and a commitment to excellence from teachers wherever he went. He was an accomplished teacher, a well-respected principal, a highly regarded member of our island community and a proud husband and father.

His accomplishments were numerous. He was a science teacher in the secondary schools, he was a principal in several secondary schools including some which were difficult to administer. He had a calming, professional presence which inspired those around him to do the very best that they could. He provided an environment in which good teachers became better and good students become the best. He received a doctorate in education from the University of Oregon and was regularly consulted by his colleagues and policy makers for his insights.

I am requesting permission to insert into the RECORD a column by Aline Yamashita printed in the April 5, 2001 edition of the Pacific Daily News. Dr. Yamashita is a leader in Guam's educational community who understands well the contributions of Dr. B.

Dr. Bartonico passed away as a relatively young man. He passed away on March 30, 2001 at the age of 43 years old. He was participating in a "fun run" event for Agueda Johnston Middle School. I visited Dr. Bartonico on March 23 at Agueda Johnston for a flag presentation. I complimented him for his leadership in what is clearly an overcrowded school in need of substantial repair. The students and teachers clearly had a high regard for him and I could see that he was a role model for his fellow educators. He was my student many years ago when I was a professor at the University of Guam. He was an excellent student. More importantly, I noticed then that he would be an exemplary leader in our island's schools.

Dr. Bartonico leaves behind Rowena Santos Bartonico, his wife, and two daughters, Valerie and Gabriella. I extend to them and his mother, Mrs. Valeriana Bartonico, my deepest condolences in this trying time. We will all miss him.

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WE'LL MISS DR. B'S COMPETENCE,
COMPASSION, CONCERN FOR EDUCATION

(By Aline Yamashita)

He came across as quiet and reserved. If you didn't work with him, you wouldn't know otherwise.

If you worked with Manny Bartonico, you were thankful he was on your team. When a

point needed to be made, he argued and he argued well. When a task needed to be completed, it was done. He was focused and competent. He had a sense of humor that would seem to illuminate from nowhere, always at the right time.

He used to ride a bicycle around Southern High School to get from one point to another. "It's quicker, Aline," he explained to me. At one commencement ceremony, he sang to his graduating seniors.

When he was assigned as the first principal of Southern High School, he knew it was going to be a tough assignment. He had two school communities that did not want to become one. He had a facility that was not completed. He lacked instructional supplies. But the orders to make it work were given. And, considering all of the odds, Manny succeeded.

He had the ability to identify educational leaders. Agnes Pitlik was one such person. Manny recruited her as an assistant principal while they were at Piti Middle School.

"While he worked us hard, he was incredibly compassionate. He had such good people skills," she said. Agnes described how he taught her the need to delegate, to trust others to help get the job done. "His evaluative feedback was useful and meaningful. He made a real difference in my professional growth."

Debra Santos, a teacher at Agueda Johnston Middle School, described Manny as a really good person.

"He worked hard, he expected us to work hard and he LET us work. He empowered us to get the job done. He respected us and trusted us to know what we were doing."

Tom Quinata, Manny's best man at his wedding, described Manny as a caring dad. As I listened to Tom, I remembered the conversations Manny and I had about his growing daughters. Typical adolescent issues faced them. I would listen and smile. He was a dad who was very concerned about what was going on and how to make sure it was going the right direction.

Manny was a school leader at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, Piti Middle School, Southern High, Agueda Johnston Middle School. He was a 1975 John F. Kennedy Islander. He was a certified science teacher. He had a M.Ed. in administration supervision. He earned a doctorate from the University of Oregon.

Tony Diaz, spokesman for the Department of Education, referred to Manny as an anchor. "You could depend on Manny to help form opinions on issues." Tony said.

His opinions were meaningful because he had been a teacher, an assistant principal, and a principal in this system. He knew what he was talking about. And he cared.

Manny had a vision for public education. During the field testing of the regional system, he served as a regional leader. He knew the sense of working with schools that articulated into one another. He knew the importance of cohesiveness and connectivity. He knew the significance of stability.

Manny's death symbolizes the fact that time does not sit still. Manny wanted to see the potential of our system. He was frustrated with the changing mandates and resulting consequences.

To those of us who had the honor of working with Manuel Bartonico, we will always appreciate his focus, discipline, competence, humor and passion. We will miss him leading a school. We will miss the grin that grew into a big smile when he shook his head from side to side.

Manny, thank you for your spirit and for your work. As you keep an eye on us, know that we will continue your work. We will try to match your dedication, commitment, drive and care for the kids.

Rowena, Valerie and Gabby—thank you for sharing your dad with us. While he gave up valuable time with you for other children and families, he held you in the highest regard. He cared deeply about you.

Dr. B., thank you. We miss you.

IN HONOR OF SHELLY LIVINGSTON

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement, after many years of service, of a valuable staff member of our International Relations Committee, Shelly Livingston. Shelly's last day in the office was Friday, March 23, 2001.

Shelly has served our Committee since 1974. During that time, she has served six chairmen, including "Doc" Morgan, Clem Zabolcki, and Dante Fascell, Lee Hamilton, HENRY HYDE, and myself. We were all fortunate to have her expertise on budget and personnel matters. Shelly had become an expert on the complexities of benefit plans, payroll, budgets, and the House rules.

Shelly moved to the Washington area after graduating from the University of Texas in 1973, and began her career here on Capitol Hill working as a Capitol tour guide.

Shelly has also served as Treasurer for the U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Group for many years, and has ensured that those exchanges were run smoothly. Shelly is an experienced, first-rate staff member with respect to administrative Congressional travel, as many members know from experience.

I know first-hand that Shelly is a hard working and dedicated staff member who could tackle any project thrown her way—it is to her credit that the Committee on International Relations has an audio-visually updated, digital-videoconference capable, internet-ready hearing room.

We will miss Shelly's warmth, humor, and friendship to all. She is a model for her experience and for the manner in which she worked well in a bipartisan manner. I thank Shelly for her outstanding service to me, in my chairmanship and to all who have worked with Shelly in our International Relations Committee. I join with my colleagues, staff, and friends in wishing Shelly and her husband, Gill, the very best of good health and happiness in the years ahead.

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HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. (PPEP), and its founder, Dr. John David Arnold, for bridging the digital divide in two ways: 1) by bringing information