

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SAINT PETER
THE APOSTLE SERBIAN ORTHO-
DOX CHURCH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church on the occasion of their 50 year anniversary. The church will be celebrating its golden anniversary at a celebration on October 13 of this year.

Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church has been a significant source of guidance in the Fresno community over the past fifty years. Many members of the Orthodox Faith in the Central San Joaquin Valley have made Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church their home.

On March 18 of 1951, Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation of Fresno was officially incorporated in the State of California. The Church by-laws were approved and accepted by the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of America and Canada on June 1, of 1951.

Since then, Saint Peter's has engaged in various improvement projects including starting an annual Parish Golf Tournament in 1968, that has raised thousands of dollars for the Social Hall and Education Building Funds and capital improvements on the church property and facilities. In 1989, St. Peter's Men's Club was organized. Through their monthly dinners they have raised funds for special church projects and have given thousands of dollars to local Fresno and Madera charitable organizations.

During the 1990's, Saint Peter's has been active in providing humanitarian assistance to refugees from the civil war in the former Yugoslavia as well as the Kosovo Conflict. This assistance has included housing and sponsoring 7 refugees who were receiving medical treatment and prosthetic limbs in Fresno for over a two-year period. Saint Peter's has also been active in providing food to needy families in the Fresno/Clovis area through their Humanitarian Outreach Team.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church on its 50 year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Church and wishing them many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARLENE R.
BANE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Marlene R. Bane, who is being honored by the Action Democrats of the San Fernando Valley for her extraordinary dedication to democratic principles. Marlene is also a good friend with whom we have enjoyed working for many years.

Marlene is President and owner of Marlene Bane Associates. Under her leadership the firm has flourished into a full service Government Relations and Consulting Firm. She has also held important positions in the California State Assembly including Senior Consultant and Administrative Assistant. In addition, Marlene has served as a member of the California Narcotic Addict Evaluation Authority; as assistant to the President, Council of S & L Financial Corp; as an interior designer and as a teacher.

Marlene is an active member of the community who has contributed in a wide variety of ways. As Chair of the CA Lupus Appropriations Commission she was a warrior in the fight against Lupus. She serves on the CSUN Presidential Advisory Board and Board of Trustees which has greatly helped the development of the University. Also, she is well known throughout the Jewish community for her participation in groups such as the National Association of Jewish State Legislators; American Israel Public Affairs Committee; Anti Defamation League; Women's Alliance for Israel; and the Valley Jewish Business Leaders Association which she founded and helps run as a current board member. These groups are just a small sample of the many organizations in which Marlene actively participates.

The hard work that Marlene puts into service is evidenced by the many honors she has accumulated. She has received honors from the council of State legislatures, the National Institute of Health, the State of California and the Mid-Valley College of Law. Marlene is also a published author whose work can be found in the Library of Congress.

Marlene is an exemplary individual whose dedication to her community is legion. Marlene is not only a great leader, but also a loving mother and grandmother. Her late husband, Assemblyman Tom Bane, was a great man who shared Marlene's passion for democracy and good works.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join us in paying tribute to Marlene R. Bane.

VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
CONGRESSIONAL TOWN MEETING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this summer. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

ON BEHALF OF STACEY CARON AND DALAINA BUFFUM—REGARDING FREEING FAMILIES FROM THE HIGH COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION, MAY 7, 2001

Congressman Sanders. Stacey, just bring the mike real close so everybody can hear you. This is a very important issue.

Stacey Caron. Every day at school, students hear their peers here talking about where they're going to college and who is going to what college. When the students go home at night for dinner, they usually sit down to have dinner with their parents. This is a time to talk about what's going on in everybody's life. I know, when I go home, I always get asked how my day was at school, and my parents are always on my back about college. Did I fill out the applications yet or the scholarship forms? So many students go through twelve years of school and work very hard to get good grades so they can get into a good college, yet many of these honor-roll students' families don't have enough money to send their children through college. It's a complete waste of talent. There are scholarships that are offered to students who excel, but how many students are going to get these scholarships and how much money are they going to get? These questions are not questions students should be asking themselves. After all the hard work students go through in school, they should be able to go to college free of charge as long as they get accepted. Its like hard work isn't enough, you now have to pay to go to college, to get a good job, and be a success in life. To me, that doesn't seem right.

Dalaina Buffum. The financial burden of college can sometimes scare students away, only because they are afraid. They aren't ready to make the commitment of leaving home, especially the financial commitment. Most students don't get out of debt until they are in their thirties. How is someone supposed to start a family and their life while they're still paying off debts? We have done research on this topic and discovered a very different system which is used over in Europe. There is a very hard test that each student that wants to go to university has to take. If you pass the exam with a certain grade, you can go to university free of charge. However, if you don't pass the exam, you can't go to college. This is very different, but at the same time proves how much a student is ready and how much they want to go to college and further their education. We believe that there should be a similar system here. This would enable more

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