

Ms. Anna Maria Arias, a California native, passed away from a bone marrow transplant procedure in Houston, TX last Monday. Ms. Arias immeasurably contributed to the Latino community through her vast experience and expertise in the media profession. She worked as a radio news anchor, newswriter, and as a media and campaign organizer for presidential and local candidates at the Democratic National Committee. She was also a member of the production team of CNN's Crossfire program and served as Managing Editor of *HIS-PANIC Magazine* for five years.

In October 1994, Ms. Arias founded *LATINA Style Magazine*; the first national publication that covers issues pertinent to contemporary, professional, Hispanic working-women from a Latina point of view. Ms. Arias' familiarity and sensitivity towards issues meaningful to the Latino community was crucial to address the issues that affect Latina professionals. As the founding Publisher & Editor of *LATINA Style Magazine*, she provided a voice for, advocated on behalf of, and empowered professional Latina women throughout the entire United States.

Ms. Arias' forward thinking and hard work was recognized when she was honored with the 1999 Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and with the Entrepreneurship Award by the Changing Images in America Foundation.

Ms. Arias is a true leader who will be remembered for her adamant commitment to help others and for her dedication to educate and inform Latina women. Her efforts and ability to make inroads for an under-represented and disadvantaged population of our society has unquestionably contributed to the greater good.

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#### HONORING GEORGE ANDREWS

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the city of Pueblo and the surrounding community has lost an exceptional member of their community and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the distinguished life of Mr. George Andrews. George Andrews died at the age of seventy-two after suffering from illness for several months.

Mr. Andrews was a dedicated family man who was also very successful as a business manager. George's life centered around his family and their foodservice business which was started by his father and uncle in 1926. The business survived the Great Depression and has undergone many changes in clientele and inventory since it first originated. George Andrews took over his father's interest in the business after his death in 1950, eventually acquiring sole ownership. Andrews Foodservice remains family owned and operated and still provides an important service to the community. Mr. Andrews expressed his generosity through his relationship with his employees and his community. It wouldn't be surprising to see George providing the Colorado Highway Patrol with gifts to hand out to travelers during the holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, George Andrews was successful not only with his business, but also

with the bonds that he nurtured with his family and the community. He was a gracious man with a strong character and he will be missed. I would like to express my condolences to Mr. Andrews' family and friends. He will not be forgotten.

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#### IN MEMORY OF JULIA PAPPAS

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Julia Pappas of my district, who passed from this life after 94 years on February 28, 2001. As another political season draws near and with recent events bringing out the patriotism of Americans, Julia's life and example of citizenship should be reflected upon and recognized.

Born on Christmas Day 1907 in Adrianopolis Thrace Asia Minor, Julia was an immigrant to the United States. Even as she reveled in her Greek heritage, she became fully immersed in her adopted homeland's society. She was avidly involved in grassroots politics, and could always be counted on for support. She understood better than many that the right of American citizenship came with civic responsibility, and was a strong advocate for citizen participation in our political process.

Julia was a dedicated member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, where her presence was familiar and her involvement in church activity second-to-none. She truly lived her faith showing through word and deed its importance to her. She was a member of the Cathedral's Daughters of Penelope, AHEPA Auxiliary, and the Philoptochos Society. She was also a Red Cross and Lucas County Democratic Party volunteer.

A lifelong traveler, Julia saw the world and reported on her travels to others, enabling them to understand the different cultures of our world. She was able to realize "a lifelong dream" of visiting Jerusalem, a trip she felt deeply.

Twice widowed, Julia was an absolutely devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She thoroughly enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow and participated in their lives. I know her daughter Helen and daughter-in-law Patricia, along with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family have many cherished memories of her. A true lover of life with a strength of spirit unmatched, Julia Pappas came to embody the actress Helen Hayes' retort that "Old age is not something to which I have arrived kicking and screaming, it is something I have achieved." Few have achieved it with more grace and aplomb than Julia Pappas, beloved wife, mother, grandmother "Yia Yia" and friend.

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#### INTRODUCING THE FAMILY LEISURE INCENTIVE ACT OF 2001

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to introduce the Family

Leisure Incentive (FLI) Act of 2001. The events of September 11 have left our country desperately searching for some level of normality. Indeed, Americans are slowly beginning to return to their lives—or at least as much as can be expected. But in their efforts to move on, Americans remain hesitant to travel, whether it be by plane, train, or ship. In turn, the tourism industry in our country, and subsequently the industries directly affected by tourism, have come to a virtual standstill.

Everywhere I look in this country, industries are hurting. In Florida, we are feeling the wake of September 11 more than ever. For the first time in my life, hotels in South Florida are reporting record lows in occupancy levels, travel agencies are losing customers by the dozen, and the cruise industry is reporting that its ships are leaving port half empty. These figures do not even begin to take into account the tens of thousands of people who work for the airline industry in my district and are no longer employed.

The bottom line is that if people do not get on planes, then people do not check into hotels. If people do not check into hotels, then businesses and cities that depend on tourism fail to survive. If businesses lose money, then people lose jobs. If people lose jobs, then stress at home increases. In turn, families break up, alcoholism and domestic violence increase, depression is imminent, and at times, even worse, suicide becomes an option.

The FLI Act provides individuals and families with tax incentives to travel in the next year by air, land, or sea, and not be afraid to vacation. It allows individuals to deduct up to \$750 from their taxable income to help cover the costs of travel and lodging, whether on land or on sea. Families who file jointly can deduct up to \$1,500.

The FLI Act is a relatively inexpensive and cost effective way that Congress can help stimulate our faltering economy. Airline bailout bills only provide a temporary solution to potentially, a long term problem. The FLI Act provides Congress with the needed vehicle to address the needs of America's hurting tourism industry, and at the same time, provide tax relief for working class and low-income families at a time they need it most.

I urge my colleagues to move swiftly and pass this innovative and necessary legislation.

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#### REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

### HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. This day commemorates the Wuchang Uprising on October 10, 1911, which led to the overthrow of the Qing dynasty and the establishment of the ROC on January 1, 1912.

Although the recent terrorist attacks against America make it difficult for us to join the celebrations for this great day for the people of Taiwan, I believe it is appropriate to remember it, as it was the first step to a long process for Taiwan to become what it is now. It is a nation proud of its solid democratic foundations and