

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING MASTER SERGEANT  
GERARD G. BABAUTA

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the military service of Master Sergeant Gerard G. Babauta, who will be retiring on April 1, 2004. MSgt. Babauta has honorably served in the U.S. Air Force since March 1984. In the past 3 years he has selflessly deployed to Saudi Arabia twice so others would not have to leave their families. This is indicative of his service and attitude. He has always given his utmost in service to others, dedication to country, and honor to the U.S. Air Force.

As a native son of Guam, MSgt. Babauta continues a proud history of military service to our country. He stands alongside other proud Chamorros who have answered the call of duty to defend our Nation and its ideals. We thank MSgt. Babauta for his two decades of service to his country and wish him well as he pursues other endeavors. We also recognize his wife Theresa, daughter Sara, and son Matthew, who have stood by MSgt. Babauta as he has dutifully served his Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MEDRAD, INC.

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Medrad, Inc. for receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This award is managed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in conjunction with the private sector and honors achievements in quality and business excellence in manufacturing. Medrad received the news of its achievement in November from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans, and I had the pleasure of attending the company's announcement. The award is a tribute to Medrad's President and CEO, John P. Friel, and his excellent team of workers.

Medrad, Inc., a company specializing in medical imaging, is headquartered in Indianola, Pennsylvania, and employs more than 1,000 people in fifteen locations around the world. Medical imaging is an important tool used to explore the vast terrain of the human body and Medrad has proven itself worthy of this award. With its dedication to continually improving the quality of their work, Medrad has become a business leader in the fourth district.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Medrad, Inc. on their accomplishment of receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAMAZKAYIN  
ARMENIAN EDUCATIONAL AND  
CULTURAL SOCIETY'S 75TH ANNI-  
VERSARY WORLDWIDE AND 35TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISH-  
MENT IN CALIFORNIA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society as it celebrates its 75th anniversary worldwide and 35th anniversary of its establishment in California. Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society was founded by a group of community leaders on May 28, 1928, in Cairo, Egypt, with the objective of providing a sound education to the new generation and preserving the ethnic identity and cultural heritage of the Armenian people, forced to live outside their homeland after the 1915 genocide and the fall, in 1920, of the First Republic of Armenia.

Subsequently, Hamazkayin Chapters sprouted throughout the Middle East, Europe, the United States, Canada, South America and Armenia to instill, perpetuate and preserve the centuries old Armenian culture. Hamazkayin established several schools and centers of learning. In 1930, Jemaran, an elementary and high school was founded in Beirut, Lebanon and it continues to be an important educational center in the Middle East. Similar schools were established in 1976 in Marseille, France and in 1986 in Sydney, Australia. In addition, Hamazkayin has an advanced learning institute for Armenian language and literature, as well as a printing press and publishing house in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Western USA Executive Board of Hamazkayin supervises the operations of eight chapters and seven special committees operating in Southern California, Fresno and San Francisco. This non-profit organization, run solely by dedicated and tireless volunteers, sponsors a plethora of activities including lectures, seminars, after-school workshops, commemorative events, exhibitions, concerts, recitals, traditional dance ensembles, dramatic arts troupes and choirs. The Western USA Executive Board's seven special committees, namely Music, Art, Contemporary and Heritage Committees, Ani Dance Company, Saryan Theater Company and Armenian Folk Instrument Orchestra, have one common goal: the conservation of the Armenian intellectual legacy and the promotion of cultural values. The activities of these Special Committees include preservation of classical, folk and popular music, performances of traditional and ethnic dances in authentic costumes, promotion of theatrical arts, presentation of social conventions and traditions throughout the centuries, as well as encouragement and support to talented young artists.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Hamazkayin's innumerable accomplishments

over the years. I ask all members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hamazkayin's 35 years of contributions to the ethnic diversity of the United States by nurturing the Armenian traditions and national heritage and sharing these cultural values with other communities, especially in California.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2673,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIA-  
TIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of my subcommittee staff who have put in very long hours to produce the C-J-S portion of the omnibus appropriations bill. All members of the staff have worked long, hard hours through what was a difficult conference.

I would like to particularly thank Mike Ringler, clerk of the subcommittee, who has led the subcommittee through the House and Senate conference. I would also like to thank Christine Kojac, John Martens, and Leslie Albright, for their tireless efforts.

I also would like to thank the detailees, Anne Marie Goldsmith and Alan Lang, who have added their own expertise to help make the C-J-S portion of this bill great.

In my personal office, I would like to thank Dan Scandling, Janet Shaffron, J.T. Griffin, Samantha Stockman, and Neil Seifring for their efforts and work with the subcommittee.

Finally, I would commend David Pomerantz and Rob Nabors of the minority staff for their input and help in this truly bipartisan bill.

CONGRATULATING DAVID  
CRISOSTOMO

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate David Crisostomo, a distinguished young journalist from Guam for his selection for the "Gannett Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award for 2003." As one of sixteen newsroom managers recognized from a pool of sixty national finalists, the Gannett award is presented in recognition of exemplary leadership.

David began his career as a newsroom intern with the Pacific Daily News in 1992 and became a local news reporter in 1996. He served as a lifestyle reporter, assistant lifestyle editor and assistant local news editor; quickly working his way up the ranks to be appointed local news editor in December 2002.

David's selection for the Gannett award was based on the performance of his duties when

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Guam was hit by Supertyphoon Pongsona, one of the most devastating storms experienced. During the destructive storm, David stationed himself in the newsroom, working diligently to keep a traumatized community informed. Hourly he provided crucial and updated information on the newspaper's Web site.

When the storm subsided and David was informed of the loss of his parent's home, he took up residence in the newsroom for weeks to ensure coordinated local coverage. As a team player, David also galvanized nonprofit and community-based aid organizations, as well as the island's federal emergency management teams, in coordinating newspaper coverage in an effort to distribute vital information to a recovering community.

According to his nominator for the award, "David's editing leadership insured news coverage that focused on readers' needs during the storm and for weeks after, while the island still was rebuilding from the storm's devastation. David more than proved his leadership ability during this ordeal."

In addition, David is also actively involved in a leadership role with newspaper outreach efforts within the community. And recently, during the newspaper's planning process, he chaired an instrumental inter-department team. It is worth noting that David's award is in addition to other key corporate honors bestowed to Pacific Daily News staff and executives this year.

Gannett is an international company with headquarters in McLean, Virginia and maintains operations in forty-four states including the District of Columbia, Guam, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy and the United Kingdom. In terms of circulation, Gannett is considered America's largest newspaper group with 100 daily newspapers and a combined daily circulation of 7.7 million. In addition of the Pacific Daily News, publications include USA Today, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper, with a circulation of approximately 2.3 million and availability in 60 countries worldwide.

I want to commend David for his hard work and dedication to the people of Guam, and to express my sincere congratulations on his joining the ranks of 149 other Gannett managers that have been cited for outstanding work since the supervisor awards were introduced in 1994. As a native son of Guam, David serves as a model of success, hard work and perseverance for both young and old alike.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 4702 TO THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish the membership of the Organization of Chinese Americans a healthy and happy New Year for the year 4702, the year of the Monkey.

The New Year is a time for reflection and thanksgiving for the joys of life and loved ones and I am thankful for the richness that this organization brings to my region. Chinese Amer-

icans have made great contributions to Western Pennsylvania and to our Nation as a whole and I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them the best year yet in 4702.

I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in wishing the members of the Organization of Chinese Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY ZARIAN, RECIPIENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL 2003 GLENDALE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor longtime Glendale community leader and activist Larry Zarian on the occasion of his receiving the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America 2003 Glendale Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. Larry has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts for many years, having served on the executive board of the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America for seventeen years.

Larry has been a vibrant part of the fabric of Glendale since he began residing there in 1953. Most notably, Larry served for sixteen years on the Glendale City Council and as mayor of Glendale for four terms. He is responsible for many accomplishments during his tenure on the Glendale City Council. He organized groups to raise funds for the Veteran's Memorial monument; worked to maintain Glendale hillsides; and was a supporter for code enforcement, enabling the city to identify landlords who maintained substandard conditions.

His activism and leadership was apparent when he was appointed to serve on a city commission at the age of 20. Subsequently, Larry was appointed by various local, state and national leaders to serve on other commissions. He served as chairman on the state Water & Power Commission & Planning Commission. Governor George Deukemejian and later Governor Pete Wilson appointed Larry to serve on the regional Water Quality Control Board. President Reagan appointed him to the National Highway Safety Commission.

As a member of the Glendale Junior Chamber of Commerce, Larry mentored young entrepreneurs about civic responsibility, community involvement and leadership. His dedication and service to the community placed him on numerous boards such as the Glendale Adventist Medical governing board where he helped raise funds for the MRI Center. As a board member of the Foundation for Glendale's Association for the Retarded, Larry was instrumental in securing the organization's first home in Glendale. Currently Larry is a member of the board of directors for Glendale Symphony. As an active and proud member of the Kiwanis, Larry annually helps with the Special Olympics and Jazz Day where he dons an apron to serve sandwiches.

Larry has been recognized for his selfless contribution to his community as recipient of Verdugo Hills Council Good Turn Award; Cit-

izen of the Year from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce; and Philanthropist of the Year from Glendale Adventist Medical Center. For many years, Larry has aptly been voted as one of the top 103 most influential people in the City of Glendale.

It is my pleasure to recognize Larry Zarian. I ask that all members of the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Larry for all his years of selfless service and dedication to the Boys Scouts of America and to the Glendale community at large.

IRAQ: A WAR OF CHOICE, (CONT.)

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 15, 2003*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on December 8, I inserted into these pages an extraordinarily important article by Richard Haass, formerly the Director of Policy Planning at the State Department in the Bush administration. This article by Mr. Haass, which appeared in the November 23 Washington Post, has received far too little attention. In it, this very high ranking State Department official under the presidency of George Bush acknowledged what many of us have been arguing in the face of the administration's efforts to prove the contrary; namely, that the war in Iraq was motivated not by a fear of weapons of mass destruction or of the need to combat terrorism, but rather as a conscious policy choice in service of the administration's view of the world. As Mr. Haass himself argued in the central point of his essay, Iraq was a war of choice and not of necessity. Obviously if it had been occasioned by the likelihood of Saddam Hussein using weapons of mass destruction or of his furthering the efforts of al Qaeda, it would have fallen into the war of necessity category.

While I was disappointed that more attention had not been paid to this, I was not surprised to see in the December 8 Washington Post a very thoughtful article by Lawrence J. Korb underlining exactly how significant Mr. Haass's article was. Lawrence J. Korb who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Reagan has been for years one of the most thoughtful critics of national security excesses, and a strong articulator of rational foreign policy.

As Mr. Korb explicitly notes, what Richard Haass says in explaining the war in Iraq is directly contrary to the rationale given by the President, the Secretary of Defense and other high administration officials. It is, as Mr. Korb notes, unfortunate that Mr. Haass "was unwilling to go public with his views as did General Eric Shineski, while he could have made a difference." But while I join Mr. Korb in that regret, I do want to express admiration for Mr. Haass for speaking out now. Obviously he is aware of how much what he writes contradicts the official rationale for this war given by the Bush administration, and in this case the adage better late than never is relevant.

Because Lawrence J. Korb so clearly emphasizes the importance of Richard Haass's original article and because this is a significant debate that is getting too little attention from the American public, I ask that Lawrence J. Korb's article be printed here.