

body of Congress and this Nation on a job well done.

Shirley began at Colorado Mountain College as a secretary and was later promoted to director of the college's Carbondale operations before she became the associate dean of Developmental Education and Special Programs in 1991. In that role, she has been instrumental in facilitating developmental education program that transforms the lives of students everyday. Shirley is known for her excellent managerial skills and has lead her peers and colleagues by example.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring Shirley Bowen to the attention of my colleagues before this venerable body. I would like to join all the Colorado Mountain College faculty, students, and administration in wishing Shirley luck in a happy and productive retirement. Administrators like Shirley who embody the passion of teaching our nation's youth are an invaluable asset to this community and I am sure that everyone at Colorado Mountain College will miss her. Congratulations, Shirley, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CHARLES AND MARLENE
BEISWANGER STATEMENT

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor Charles Foster and Marlene Anne Beiswanger on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Chuck and Marlene were married on October 16, 1954 and celebrated their Golden Anniversary on October 16, 2004.

Charles Foster Beiswanger is the son of William and Meta Beiswanger of Havertown, Pennsylvania. He was stationed at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, California during the Korean conflict, at which time he met his wife Marlene Anne Zirker, daughter of Jesse and Doris Zirker of Merced, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Beiswanger have been residents and respectable business owners of Merced, California for many years. As owners of Tioga Florist, Chuck and Marlene contributed greatly to the economic vitality of the community of Merced. They owned and operated Tioga Florist until 1985, at which time they sold it to their son, Foster. Having been provided with a solid foundation, the shop remains a thriving family business today.

In addition to establishing and maintaining a successful business, Chuck and Marlene are responsible for creating a beautiful family. Their three children have grown and married, and have begun families of their own. Today, the Beiswanger family consists of their eldest son Charles Foster, Jr. and his wife Lydia, their daughter Joanne, and her husband Ray, and their son Scott and his wife Iris, as well as, six grandchildren with a seventh expected to arrive in 2005. I would like to recognize each of these individuals as they all play vital roles in this remarkable family that the Beiswanger's have founded.

It is my honor and privilege to join Chuck and Marlene's family and friends in recognizing the very special and momentous occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Our

community benefits greatly from the splendid example they have set. Marriages such as theirs form a sound foundation for our country, and contribute greatly toward making this a better world in which we live. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in offering Mr. and Mrs. Beiswanger best wishes for continued happiness.

HONORING THE LATE GLENN
DAVID MARTINEZ

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Glenn David Martinez, a member of the "Greatest Generation" who passed away earlier this year. Glenn was a proud Chamorro with a great faith in God and a dedication to his island home and his country. Glenn was a fighter pilot during World War II serving in the Pacific theater with the U.S. Army Air Corps, now known as the U.S. Air Force. It is with great sadness that I inform this body of his death.

In honor of his memory, I am submitting for the RECORD a special tribute to Glenn written by his close friend, Mr. Joe M. Bamba, formerly of Agana Heights, Guam, which was delivered at Glenn's memorial service on Guam.

I am indeed privileged and honored to be asked by the family to say a last "adios to Glenn". As I tried to assimilate my thoughts to pay our last and final respects to such a fine and wonderful friend, husband, father, grandfather and brother, I wondered sometimes whether I would be able to adequately, truly, and justly convey my thoughts into words which Glenn richly deserves.

Although I knew of Glenn's reputation and heroism when we were in Guam, I was more intimately aware of Glenn, the person, when he relocated and lived in South Florida. There, we developed an exceptional kinship and fellowship. We shared few secrets here and there and we belonged to a group of fellow Guamanians in the area. In fact, he was the most eligible bachelor at that time. He was a sensitive, real down to earth, and easy to get along guy once you got to know him. He was, however, very selective with whom he wanted to associate. He often spoke of the need for our Chamorros to work together and continue to maintain our customs and culture.

In spite of his exploits and feats in the service of his country during World War II, you never heard him brag of such heroic accomplishments. In other words, in our vernacular, TI BANIDOSO. He was one of the few Guamanian Officers of the "Greatest Generation" in the service of his island home and country. Because of his health situation and ultimately his death, he would never see the beautiful and hallowed national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., dedicated to the World War II veterans.

As a veteran, Glenn could have opted to be buried at the venerated and internationally renowned Arlington National Cemetery, but instead he decided to make Guam his final resting place and to be near his family who predeceased him. As the saying goes, you can remove a Guamanian from Guam, but you cannot remove Guam from a Guamanian.

When Glenn left South Florida to visit Guam, he returned and brought with him his new wife, Chilang. At that time, we were celebrating the Guam Liberation Day Fes-

tivities. He introduced Chilang as "The Wind Behind His Wing" and she deservedly so earned that title.

I talked to Glenn by telephone often during the critical months before he passed on and he politely discouraged us to visit with him. Finally, he agreed to allow my wife and me to see him about a week before he died. We talked about the news of the day and he told me that three months ago, he was playing and enjoying his golf. Not once did he mention the pain he was experiencing so as to make us feel uncomfortable. I observed that he was ready to accept what was terminally happening to his body. For his peace of mind, great credit is due to Chilang; his daughter, Linda Chuckman and her husband, Alex; the local health professionals, who supported him; and his pastor, Father Jeff McCormick, who consoled and prayed with him. At the memorial service in South Florida, Father Jeff celebrated the service and Alex gave a heart warming and remarkable eulogy for Glenn.

Glenn, as a member of the military, you were familiar with the military parlance, "Permanent Change of Station", commonly called "PCS". You took those orders from your Supreme Commander, that is, the change from living on this earth to one of eternity with your beloved family, who previously passed on and who are with God. Such orders from your Supreme Commander, who is God Himself, have never been countermanded or changed. Glenn, as you leave us mortals behind to join your creator, we cite one of the passages of Matthew, "Ask and you will receive; Seek and you will find; Knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, enters." This, my friend, we pray as you enter the Kingdom of God. Adios for now.

REPUBLICAN FISCAL
MISMANAGEMENT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, this Republican leadership has presided over a historical fiscal reversal from record surpluses to now record deficits. Their lack of fiscal discipline has placed our economy in a precarious position and straight jacketed future policy options.

The most troubling aspect of this policy is that they are giving the current generation, especially the most wealthy, a free lunch while they run up debts that they have consciously decided to pass on to our children. At the current debt level, each newborn child inherits \$85,000 in interest on the debt. This so-called "baby-tax" will rapidly increase unless we restore some sanity to our budgetary policies and practices.

The lack of a surplus makes it even more difficult to solve the impending bankruptcy of Social Security and Medicare, or even to enact a Republican tax reform agenda.

PATTERN OF FISCAL MISMANAGEMENT

Time and time again, this leadership has chosen to disregard its fiscal responsibilities and ignore signs of impending fiscal crisis in the hope that the problem will fix itself, or disappear altogether.

Clearly a policy of avoidance doesn't work, and it's certainly not what the American people expect from its elected leaders. You can't