

grocery store. The Church of Nazarene has become one of the largest denominations in the world, with almost two million members.

Through a commitment to ministry and mission work, the Church serves to enrich the community within its own congregation as well as the local community. The church has undergone numerous expansions, helping them grow to provide more resources for their community. Recently they acquired new property for an increase in classroom space and fellowship activities.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Taylor Park Church of Nazarene. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and serves as an example for us all. It is a privilege to represent Taylor Park Church in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact they will continue to have on our communities at home and abroad.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "RADIO ALL DIGITAL CHANNEL RECEIVER ACT"

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the "Radio All Digital Channel Receiver Act." This legislation will assure consumers that they have seamless access to free, over-the-air digital radio in key consumer electronic devices. It will also help to safeguard the viability of free, over-the-air radio into the future. I am pleased to introduce this bipartisan legislation today with Energy and Commerce Committee colleagues Representatives LEE TERRY (R-NE), CHARLIE GONZALEZ (D-TX), DOUG WALDEN (R-OR), JOE WILSON (R-SC), and DAN BURTON (R-IN).

Madam Speaker, millions of Americans today rely on local broadcast radio for news, public safety bulletins, sports, weather, traffic and other information. The broadcast radio industry is increasingly migrating to digital broadcasting technology that will avail radio stations of the ability to transmit CD-quality digital content and offer multiple streams of service. This legislation is designed to ensure that consumers are able to readily receive such free service through consumer electronics systems that are otherwise receiving satellite digital audio radio and traditional AM or FM stations.

The recent merger of the only two satellite radio providers, XM and Sirius satellite radio, has underscored the importance of ensuring consumer access to a diversity of sources for digital radio content, in particular the free radio content originating in their local communities. This bill therefore simultaneously seeks to address the long-term competitive health of local radio while ensuring that their local, digital services are readily received by radio consumers.

With the 110th Congress in its final days of session, this legislation will obviously have to wait until the next Congress for action. I look forward to continuing to work with the original cosponsors of this bill as well as other Energy and Commerce Committee colleagues and other interested members of the House.

TRIBUTE TO PARAMOUNT CHIEF
A.U. FUIMAONO

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paramount Chief A. U. Fuimaono and express my deepest condolences to his children and family on the occasion of his funeral services which are being held on September 26, 2008.

Paramount Chief A.U. Fuimaono was my mentor, and I will always feel indebted to him for everything he taught me. To say that he was like a father to me is an understatement. Paramount Chief Fuimaono gave me his complete trust right from the beginning of our relationship, when he selected me to be his Administrative Assistant for his Washington DC office from 1973–1975. That was when he became the first elected Representative from American Samoa to Washington.

This great man was one of the traditional leaders who instilled in me the passion of being a real and true Samoan in a fast changing world: a world filled with political conflicts and cultural contradictions. This was at the time when American Samoa was suddenly immersed in the national arena of social structuring, traditional maintenance and political identity.

It was a time of upheaval for the people of American Samoa in many ways, as they tried to embrace changes and influences from outside, yet retain their uniqueness as Samoans at the same time. It was also during that time that Fuimaono stood up and was recognized as a natural leader; and he was a champion in areas of economy, politics, culture and religion.

One of his most memorable and early advices to me then, and it still sounds like it was just yesterday, was: "Eni, the palagi are convinced that for us to move forward, we as Samoans must first learn to crawl, then also learn to walk, before we can run. I tell you right now, we do not have the time to learn how to crawl; nor do we have the luxury to walk. We have to run and run hard with them with whatever we have, whatever we can come up with so we could understand and play their game; otherwise, it would be too late and we would lose and be left out."

From the point forward, it was like a baptism by fire for me; like jump in, what are you waiting for; we have a lot to do. But Fuimaono also pointed out that the simplest way to go about tackling our challenges was by having an undying faith in God. Fuimaono firmly believed in God's love, and he used that as the basis of everything he did. He emphasized the importance of being Samoan as a reality check in the often turbulent moments of national and global politics.

I will not go into Paramount Chief A.U. Fuimaono's outstanding record as a pillar in government, private sector, the culture that was so dear to him, and the church his faith so firmly treasured. Those will always speak for themselves in defining the distinctiveness of the man.

But if there is anything I want to emphasize about his character, it is the immense wisdom he shared with me throughout the years I worked for him, and the many times he nour-

ished and encouraged me first as a congressional staffer in Washington, and eventually as the delegate from American Samoa years later.

His simple yet honest and direct approach to all issues forged the basis of my professional life in Washington. Fuimaono's determination for the development of American Samoa and yet his sensitivity to protecting the Samoan culture pushed me to strive for that delicate balance that can still define us as Samoans yet allows for us to be an equal participant under the complex, political system of the United States government.

So when I heard the news of the Paramount Chief's death, there was no question in my mind that I needed to go home, and be there, and honor his memory, even with the demanding schedule Congress is faced with as it works to address the national financial crisis we are now facing. I owed it to Fuimaono's children and his family to be in Samoa, if only for a day, to pay my personal respects and acknowledge my indebtedness to the one person who started it all for me.

I am most grateful and humbled that this great man had the patience and tolerance to help me develop confidence and pride in being Samoan. And if there is a last thing I would say of Paramount Chief Fuimaono, it is the fact that if it wasn't for his trust and belief in me, I would not be where I'm at and the person that I am right now.

Madam Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not also mention two other gentlemen, Roy J.D. Hall, Jr. and Michael F.J. Kruse, who over the years Uncle Fui had taken on as his own sons, like me. Roy J.D. Hall, Jr., has become a very successful corporate lawyer and also currently serves as counselor to the Honorable Lolo L. Moliga, President of the American Samoa Senate. The Honorable Michael F.J. Kruse is currently the first Samoan-appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of American Samoa.

I am sure there are many others whose lives have been deeply influenced by this great Samoan leader, but I can only speak for myself and for Roy and for Mike, who now contribute significantly to the needs of our Samoan people. We grieve on his passing and, again, I express my sincere condolences to Paramount Chief A.U. Fuimaono's children and family, and may God through His Everlasting Peace, grant His healing grace sooner on the grieving families and people of Samoa.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DON LYSTER

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Don Lyster, a dedicated, hard working gentleman whom I am very fortunate to have had on my staff for the past seven years.

Don joined my staff in March 2002 as my legislative assistant handling labor, trade, immigration, homeland security and judiciary issues. I was proud to promote him twice during his tenure in my office, first to Legislative Counsel and then to Chief of Staff.

Don demonstrated his passion for issues affecting underserved communities and the lives