

International partners in peace, should know that their efforts are futile. We are a strong people, united in our belief in democracy. Most importantly, those who think that their cowardly acts will earn them a seat in Heaven should know that God despises cowards, despises hypocrites, and despises murderers. They will not succeed in their plan to pit Arabs against Americans, Muslims against Christians, and to prostitute the plight of the Palestinians for their own ruthless purpose. The forces of terror will, in short order, find themselves isolated, and find themselves punished for their sins against freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNA
MARIA ARIAS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to remember the life of Anna Maria Arias who passed away on Monday, October 1. Many will miss her and mourn her passing.

Anna Maria was the Founder, Publisher and Editor of Latina Style Magazine. Latina Style embodies the life and spirit of the Hispanic woman. Anna Maria will best be remembered for her relentless pursuit of access to education and capital for Hispanic women.

In this pursuit, Anna Maria initiated the prestigious "Latina Style 50." The "Latina Style 50" honors and showcases the top 50 American companies that promote a healthy working environment for Latina professionals. Each year, the magazine issues a special report listing the 50 best companies for Latinas to work for in the United States. Beyond the "Latina Style 50," the magazine is recognized for its Business Series, a one-day free seminar, con-

ducted across the country. This Business Series was launched in 1998 with the full endorsement of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, the Women Business Centers and the regional Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. The Series is the most extensive Latina business-owner development program in the nation and is a success because of Anna Maria's vision and dedication. During this difficult loss, the magazine is committed more than ever to carry out the hopes and dreams, and entrepreneurial spirit of this very talented young woman.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Maria Arias was a person who lived an accomplished life. She deeply cared for people and wanted only the best for them. I was proud to have called her my friend. Her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of the people whom she touched. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and warmest regards to her husband, Robert E. Bard, and their families at this time of remembrance. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
TAIWAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. FALEOMVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the Republic of China (ROC)—October 10th, 2001—I send my warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes to President Chen Shui-bian, the Honorable C.J. Chen, ROC Representative to the United States, and the good people of Taiwan.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank President Chen, Representative Chen and the leaders of Taiwan for their strong support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. As our Nation struggled to recover from the horrific tragedy, I would note Taiwan was one of the first governments to declare unequivocal support for and cooperation with the United States to combat terrorism worldwide.

President Chen has repeatedly affirmed Taiwan's strong belief that the United States is on the right course in going after terrorists and extremists worldwide, and Taiwan has offered assistance in this mission. Terrorism knows no national boundaries and terrorists seek to destroy freedom and our democratic way of life. Standing shoulder to shoulder as fellow democracies, Taiwan has mourned with America, shared the pain of our Nation, and joined in partnership to fight terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the quick response of Taiwan is not surprising, as the Republic of China is a true democracy—a democracy that cherishes, protects and respects all of the rights of her citizens. The success of Taiwan's democracy is further reflected in her prosperity where, despite having only 23 million people, Taiwan has developed into one of the most important and robust economies in the world.

As the United States leads the global fight to eradicate terrorism, Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful for good friends and allies such as Taiwan. In this regard, Representative C.J. Chen has done an excellent and superb job on Capitol Hill and Washington in representing Taiwan and furthering relations between our governments.

Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the National Day marking the birth of the Republic of China, I ask our colleagues and all Americans to join me in saluting and honoring the strong, vibrant and impressive democracy that is Taiwan today.