

A native of San Bernardino, California, Yolanda holds a J.D. for Harvard Law School and graduated with distinction from Stanford University with an A.B. in International Relations. She is a member of the bars of California, Maryland and Missouri.

All of this adds up to a truly remarkable record of achievement and public service. And so, as Yolanda visits the people of the Inland Empire, we wish her God's blessings, good wishes, and our proudest thoughts.

**THE SMALL BUSINESS
PAPERWORK RELIEF ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chairman, today we consider H.R. 327, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act, which will reduce paperwork for America's hardworking small business owners. As the son of a small business owner, I support efforts to reduce paperwork for small businesses and protect them from unnecessary and onerous regulatory requirements.

This measure, while similar to legislation approved by the House in the last two Congresses, excludes controversial language that would have waived civil fines on small businesses for first-time paperwork violations. However, I maintain significant reservations about voting on a small business bill that was never considered by the Small Business Committee on which I proudly serve.

One concern I would have liked to address in the committee is the need to balance the reduction in paperwork with the prevention of willful mistakes and worker safety hazards. It is our responsibility to ensure that the workplace remains safe. Further, we need to maintain our ability to sanction those small numbers of businesses that are undercutting their competition by willingly circumventing or ignoring the law.

Small businesses are the backbone of Rhode Island's economy and account for more than 95 percent of the job market in the state. They create new businesses and jobs; bring new and innovative services and products to the marketplace; and provide business ownership opportunities to diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups. I remain committed to the small business community of Rhode Island and will support the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act, but I strongly urge my colleagues to continue to examine this issue through the appropriate legislative process.

IN HONOR OF KRIKOS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ANNUAL DINNER, AND THEIR HONOREE MR. COSTAS ATHANASIADIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hellenic orga-

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nization KRIKOS and Mr. Costas Athanasiades, who the organization will honor at their annual dinner on March 11, 2001. KRIKOS was founded in 1974 to foster and promote cooperation and fellowship among Hellenes and phil-Hellenes throughout the world. KRIKOS also aims to preserve and enrich Hellenic heritage.

In their attempts to spread the understanding of Hellenic issues, KRIKOS has organized more than forty conferences throughout the world and frequently publishes reports of their proceedings. Among the subjects various conferences have examined include: the Philadelphia conference on biotechnology, the Athens conference on telecommunications, and the New York conferences focusing on issues such as the impact of globalism and the Greek response to the Yugoslavian Civil Wars.

KRIKOS has provided guidance to college and college-bound Hellenic youth in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Additionally, KRIKOS has made it possible for students to visit abroad through a world-study program. In keeping with its dedication to scholarship, KRIKOS donated five thousand (5,000) books to the Polytechnic University in Athens.

KRIKOS was instrumental in documenting the artistic and historic treasures located in St. Catherine Monastery on Mt. Sinai. For hundreds of years St. Catherine's has been a prime destination for pilgrims to the Holy Land and KRIKOS helped computerize its properties.

Costas Athanasiades was born in Kalavassos, Cyprus on March 3, 1921, and studied in Italy where he received a degree as an agriculturalist. In 1938, he returned to his native Cyprus and spearheaded the effort to organize farmers into economically potent cooperatives. He undertook similar initiatives with the formation and development of trade unions. Mr. Athanasiades served valiantly with British Commander Montgomery's Cypriot troops during the second World War. His dream of freedom and "Enosis" (union with motherland Greece) was looked upon as subversive and revolutionary by the British colonial authorities.

Accordingly, a British military court condemned Mr. Athanasiades to a two-year detention at a barb-wire prison camp in Egypt. In 1949, he emigrated to Australia and in 1958 he married the former Maria Pavlidou, his wife of 43 years. During his years in Australia, he nurtured and developed Hellenic institutions of his new homeland, much as he did in his native Cyprus. In 1959, he came to America, where he briefly was employed by the National Herald, a Greek American daily newspaper. Mr. Athanasiades purchased the Campana Newspaper in 1961. In conjunction with his Campana newspaper, Mr. Athanasiades has authored more than a dozen books expounding social, political, and economic commentary. He has been cited and acknowledged by many prestigious institutions, including the National Library of Congress and the United Nations, for his insights and contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the wonderful work of Costas Athanasiades, a philologist, author, and contemporary voice of Hellenism in the United States.

March 19, 2001

**SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
PROTECTION ACT**

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Social Security Benefits Protection Act.

The bill corrects an injustice under the Social Security Act which affects beneficiaries' families. Under current law, no Social Security benefit is paid for the month in which a recipient dies. A person could live until the last day of the month and still would not be entitled to the Social Security benefits for the month.

The Social Security Benefits Protection Act corrects that injustice. Under the Act, benefits would be paid for the final month of a recipient's life. Regardless of when the person died, they would be entitled to the Social Security payment for the month in which they died.

This small correction will provide a small benefit for the deceased person's survivors. Having lost a loved one, they should not lose the Social Security benefit for that person's last month of life.

I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring the Social Security Benefits Protection Act.

MRS. ORA MAE HARN

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2001

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Ora Mae Harn, a resident of the town of Marana, Arizona for the past forty-one years. Ora Mae is being honored on the occasion of her retirement last year from the Marana Health Center.

After arriving in Marana, Ora Mae worked for the Marana Unified School District from 1962-74 as a bus driver, a cafeteria cook and a warehouse assistant. Subsequently, she spent a quarter century at the Marana Health Center, serving as director of community relations (1975-79), social services director (1979-91), and finally as director until her retirement last year.

Starting in 1985, Ora Mae was a member of the Marana Town Council, and served as Marana's first female Mayor from 1990-95 and again from 1997-99. Her constant work to cultivate lasting professional relationships with regional, state and federal officials benefited Marana in many ways.

She has served as president of the Arizona Women in Municipal Government, as a member of the Pima Council on Aging (1983-87), as an active representative to the Pima Association of Governments as early as 1990 (including serving as its Chair in 1999) and has represented Marana in the League of Arizona Cities and Towns as early as 1992.

Ora Mae has been the major force in bringing floor control projects to Marana and starting the Pima County Santa Cruz Bank Protection Project. She also played a role in the levee project, which was completed and dedicated last year, and she was instrumental in