

April 4, 2001

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ALBERT
TAITANO CARBULLIDO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam bids farewell to an esteemed public servant. Albert Taitano Carbullido, a colleague in the field of government service and public administration, passed away on March 23, 2001, at the age of eighty-two.

He was born on January 19, 1919, in the village of Agat, Guam—the son of Antonio Pangelinan and Maria Taitano Carbullido. On September 23, 1945, he married the former Nieves Pangelinan Martinez. They had eight children: Concepcion, Bernadita, Catalina, Clara, Jaime, Sylvia, Paulina, and Antonio. He was the patriarch of his family—greatly loved by his children and grandchildren. He touched the lives of many nephews, nieces and their children. He understood the meaning of family and served as a role model for parenting on Guam.

Mr. Carbullido's legacy lies in the field of community and public service. He served in executive capacities for the Guam legislature, the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority. He was also chosen to sit in a number of Government of Guam boards and commissions. He was a member of the Chamorro Heritage Foundation, the Guam Economic Development Authority, and the Agency for Human Resource and Development. He also served as the Arbitrator for the Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT)/Department of Education Grievance Board. In addition to his government service, his record also includes employment in the private sector where he worked in various capacities for the Bank of America, the Bank of Guam, and James Lee Enterprises.

Civic activities and affiliations led Mr. Carbullido towards leadership posts in a number of the island's civic organizations. Aside from being the founder of the Guam Diabetes Association, he was also active with Rotary Club of Guam and the Young Men's League of Guam. Within the Roman Catholic Church, he served as a Eucharistic Minister. He belonged to the parish of Our Lady of the Waters in Mongmong. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

I personally knew Mr. Carbullido for nearly 30 years. He was the quintessential public servant. He provided public service in a number of capacities and he did so with a dignity and demeanor which was inspiring. He was honest, dignified, intelligent and conscientious. He was an excellent role model. We all had notions about his political loyalties, but politics always took a back seat to public service in all of the positions which he took on during his life.

Albert Taitano Carbullido leaves behind not only a grateful wife and family, but a grateful island. I join his family in celebrating his life, honoring his achievements and mourning the loss of a husband, father, community leader, and fellow public servant.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ESTHER KRISTOFF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and esteem that I congratulate Esther Kristoff on her retirement from the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council after 32 years of service as the executive director. Esther has dedicated her career to providing the guidance that our children need, a service that is far too rare in today's society. She will be honored at a retirement celebration to be held on April 30, 2001.

Esther Kristoff has enjoyed an outstanding career with the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council. When she became the executive director in 1969, she had already devoted over 16 years to the organization. She has held a myriad of positions, from troop leader and troop organizer to member of the Board of Directors. Esther has given innumerable hours of service to the Girl Scouts, but it is the quality of her work that is most impressive. She has received every one of the local Girl Scout Council awards that were available to her, including the Appreciation and Honor Pins and Thanks Badges I and II for outstanding service to both the Council and the surrounding community. In 1998, she received the Girl Scout service pin for 45 years of devoted service.

A graduate of Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Indiana, Esther has undergone extensive training in the field of management. She has trained at such highly regarded institutions as Columbia University and Harvard University. She has also learned tremendously from her instruction experiences at Case Western Reserve University and the GSUSA Training Center in New York. The knowledge she gained from these programs has enabled her to become a true leader within the Council and the community.

Esther's history of volunteerism is impressive and praiseworthy. She has held a variety of positions and enjoys sharing her experiences with others. She served as president of the Hammond Woodmar Kiwanis from 1993-1995 and was recognized for her outstanding work and loyal service. She is an active member and secretary of the executive committee at the Lake Area United Way. Esther has also volunteered her time to work with local political leaders for the improvement of her community. She has worked with the Hammond mayor's office on several committees, the latest being the Hammond Marketing Committee. While on this committee she helped to organize the Keep Hammond Beautiful program and the Hammond Pride Week celebration. Esther has also served as a guest speaker for the Hammond Historical Society and as a volunteer speaker for the Lake Area United Way speaker's bureau.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Esther Kristoff as she celebrates her retirement from the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council after 48 years of service and 32 years of service as the executive director. Her commitment to the youth of Northwest Indiana should be recognized and must be com-

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mended. She has dedicated her life and her career to helping others, and her efforts will surely be missed.

THE MONUMENT TO FRIENDSHIP,
CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the value of true friendship is too easy to lose sight of in today's society. We work so hard to provide for ourselves and our families, that we too often take for granted the selfless and generous deeds done by our closest friends.

I am proud to say Cartersville, Georgia, is home to an eternal reminder of the invaluable gift of unconditional friendship: The Monument to Friendship.

The monument's distinction as the world's only known memorial dedicated to friendship, is just part of its unique story. Mark A. Cooper, who created the monument in 1860, deserves a special place in the annals of Georgia history in his own right. A pioneer of one of Georgia's first railroad and ironworks ventures, Cooper laid the groundwork for the industrial and agricultural development of the Etowah River area of northwest Georgia, in the mid-19th century.

Ironically, Mark Cooper's Etowah Iron Works only survived the region's pre-Civil War economic slowdown because of a loan from 38 of his friends. After repaying the generous loan in full, Cooper honored his creditors with this timeless marble monument.

As if his business and community development endeavors were not enough, Cooper shone as a celebrated volunteer soldier, a longtime state legislator, and a U.S. Congressman. He served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia for 40 years until his death in 1885.

The Monument to Friendship embodies noble Georgia values, just as Mark A. Cooper's memory personifies the ideal Georgia citizen. I join in recognizing the importance of a monument to all of our truest friends.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE
MENTAL HEALTH MODERNIZA-
TION ACT OF 2001

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I join with Senator WELLSTONE and my House colleagues to introduce legislation that is long overdue. The Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act of 2001 does just what its title says—it updates and improves Medicare mental health benefits, removing the many roadblocks to treatment faced by seniors and people with disabilities.

This comprehensive legislation modernizes Medicare mental health coverage in three important areas: