

HONORING THE DODSON BRANCH  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Dodson Branch Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These fireman must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire-fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee fire training school in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

JULITA CRUZ-AVILES, FIRST  
CHAMORRO SENIOR EXECUTIVE  
SERVICE APPOINTEE

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Ms. Julita Cruz Aviles of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for having been the first Chamorro to be appointed to the Senior Executive Service [SES] government-wide. Being appointed to this position reserved for the top managerial and supervisory positions within the Federal Government is a great honor for Julie and the people of Guam.

Julie was born on June 16, 1947 in the village of Barrigada on Guam, the daughter of the late Enrique Leon Guerrero Cruz and Joaquina Reyes Sahagon. She has two sisters, Victoria Cruz San Agustin and Rosita Cruz Sumait, and four brothers, Victor, Henry, Manuel, and Francisco. Her distinguished educational background was initiated at Barrigada Elementary School and Untalan Middle School before graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 1966. She attended the College of Guam before joining the military in 1967. After leaving the military, Julie pursued her education earning an associate degree from the University of Maryland, a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from

the Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and an M.S.B.A. degree from Boston University.

Currently the Associate Director for Policy within the Directorate for Accounting Policy at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Julie has over 24 years of Federal Service. This is in addition to approximately 4 years of accounting experience in the private sector and about 5 years experience as an adjunct professor for accounting and business administration with the University of Maryland and City College of Chicago. She has served under various posts in the Program/Budget and Accounting Policy Offices for the Under Secretary of Defense since 1989.

Julie is also a highly active participant in community affairs. She is a member of the Guam Society of America here in D.C., the National Conference of State Societies, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and the Association of Government Accountants. In 1995, she was the only runner from Guam to register in the Marine Corps Marathon. She has participated and completed three of these events.

Through her distinguished career and outstanding achievements, Julie has brought recognition upon herself, the island of Guam, and its people. I join her husband, Agustin Aviles-de Jesus, and her family in celebrating her extraordinary accomplishments. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate her and wish her all the best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY W. LEVIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Jerry W. Levin, a leader in the cosmetics industry. Today, I am proud to announce that Mr. Levin is being awarded the Anti-Defamation League's 1996 Human Relations Award for his many years of supporting the fight against bigotry, racism, and anti-semitism.

Jerry Levin is chairman and chief executive officer of Revlon, Inc., and executive vice president of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., Revlon's parent company. Revlon is world renowned for its cosmetics, skin care, fragrance, personal care, and professional products sold in approximately 175 countries and territories, under brand names including Revlon, ColorStay, Age Defying, Almay, Ultima II, and Charlie. In addition to his work with Revlon, Mr. Levin serves on the boards of directors of Revlon, Inc., Coleman Co., Inc., Fcolab, Inc.; and First Bank System, Inc.

Jerry Levin is being honored by the Anti-Defamation League for his extraordinary efforts over the years. His numerous good works embody the league's very highest ideals and aspirations. His commitment and dedication to the goals of the league are seen in his service to many organizations. He sits on the boards of the United Way of New York City; B'nai B'rith Hillel of New York; UJA—Federation of New York; the New York Philharmonic; the Council on the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago; and the National Advisory Committee of the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Jerry Levin was born in San Antonio, TX. He attended high school in Chicago and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and mathematics from the University of Michigan, and received a masters in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1968. He and his wife, Carol, have two children, Joshua and Abby.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in tribute to Jerry Levin, who deserves great praise for his many years of service. His life and his many good works exemplify the highest ideals and standards of a fair and just society.

THE WALTERS PLAN TO BALANCE  
THE NATIONAL BUDGET

HON. J. D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to continue the dialog on balancing the Federal budget. As my colleagues know, the national debt now exceeds \$5.1 trillion. Children born today will pay over \$185,000 in interest on the debt alone if we do not rein in the Federal Government's excessive spending.

Later this week, the House of Representatives will consider the 1997 budget resolution, which will put us on the path to balancing the budget. However, as you know, Mr. Speaker, the budget resolution is only an outline for balancing the budget. There are many different ways to accomplish this important goal.

In that spirit, Mr. Speaker, I offer to my colleagues a plan which one of my constituents, Arthur Walters from Payson, AZ, conceived to pay off the national debt. The Walters Plan to Balance the National Budget focuses on cutting spending and replacing the income tax with a national sales tax. I hope my colleagues will give this plan the full consideration it deserves.

THE WALTERS PLAN TO BALANCE THE  
NATIONAL BUDGET

(By Arthur M. Walters)

This plan addresses the key points of this difficult problem.

1. Congress spends more than the Treasury collects.

2. The Federal Government cannot accurately forecast revenue. It is always low.

3. The government prepares its "wish list budget" and then tries to predict where the funds will come from to pay for it. It is always optimistic to say the least. The revenue never materializes. As the budget year progresses, the Treasury borrows money to pay its bills because the funds are not there when needed.

4. The IRS is incapable of administering the hodge podge Tax Code. It was carefully written so no one can understand it. This allows an army of tax experts to negotiate the tax obligations of everyone. It imposes a large expense on every tax payer just to figure this tax.

5. The author believes every single person should take personal responsibility for Federal spending. No one should escape. For those who have escaped so far, there will be great cries of injustice. Everyone has his own story of why he should be exempt. This must stop. This plan won't work if it does not stop.