

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
 "As ye deal with My contempters, so with you My grace shall deal";
 Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel,
 Since my God is marching on.
 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant my feet!
 Our God is marching on.
 Glory, glory hallelujah!
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 Oh! Glory, glory hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SKIP ENTERTAINMENT

HON. ROBERT A UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend the SKIP Entertainment Co. Based on Guam and comprised of local talents, this dance group recently won the 1996 International Choreographic Award at the 6th Annual Jazz Dance World Congress.

The annual event includes workshops conducted by world renowned dance artists and was presented by Gus Giordano and the Kennedy Center. Out of the 79 groups from around the world that auditioned, 17 were selected to perform and compete at the Kennedy Center event. Five judges representing different countries selected SKIP over groups from Japan, Russia, and the United States.

As a result these kids from Guam will start appearing in national media campaigns for Leo's Dancewear. In addition, SKIP will once again perform at the 1997 Jazz World Congress to be held next year at Weisbaden, Germany. Having been present during their performance, I have to admit that these kids are outstanding artists and entertainers. They truly deserve the honors bestowed upon them.

This was truly a team effort. Terri Knapp, the costume designer, and Ray Leeper, the choreographer, deserve a special commendation for having made all this possible. In the same respect, we must make mention of the SKIP kids who performed that night. The incredible talents of Jason Anderson, Justina Caguioa, Kimberly Davis, Karina Dolorin, Renee Eucogo, Kimberlee Gogue, John Hetzel, Lesley Hongyee, Chad Knapp, Tara Leon Guerrero, Michael Lommeka, Kristan McCauley, Dolores Perez, Tristan Rebanal, Francine Saymo, and Matthew Wolff are good examples of what Guam has to offer.

Through their exceptional talents and notable achievements, the SKIP kids have brought recognition upon themselves and the island of Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I would like to commend everyone who played a part in the success of this most recent venture of the SKIP kids. I wish them continued success and the best of luck as they represent Guam at the Starpower National Dance finals to be held at Ocean City, MD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH BRACHMAN

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very special day for Sarah Brachman of Fort Worth, TX. On August 24, 1996, 13-year-old Sarah will have her Bat Mitzvah.

A Bat Mitzvah is a milestone event for every Jewish child at the age of 13. It marks the passage from childhood to adulthood according to the Jewish religion. During a Bat Mitzvah, the child will lead her congregation in services and will read from the Torah.

While the occasion of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is always significant, this one carries extra weight and meaning. Sarah is a child with Down syndrome who, with the support of her family and community, has studied for years in order to be able to lead her congregation's services on this momentous day.

This Bat Mitzvah is a tribute to the will and perseverance of a loving child who has overcome significant handicaps to accomplish wonderful things.

TRIBUTE TO PHILANTHROPIST ALEX MANOOGIAN

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Armenian philanthropist Alex Manoogian. After a long and prosperous life, Mr. Manoogian passed away July 10, at the age of 95.

Mr. Manoogian was born in 1901 and came to the United States at the age of 24, after completing his primary and secondary education. Manoogian relocated to Bridgeport, CT, and sought employment in a factory during the day, while he taught Armenian classes during the evenings.

Eventually, Mr. Manoogian made Detroit his home in 1924. He worked in a manufacturing plant, and eventually combined his formal education and his work experience to found his own company which became the MASCO Corp., the first company owned by an Armenian to be listed on the American Stock Exchange. Today his company reports annual sales of over \$3 billion.

In addition to his company, Manoogian was active in many philanthropic and service organizations. He will probably be most remembered for the work he did for the Armenia General Benevolent Union [AGBU]. After joining the organization in the 1930's, he served the AGBU in numerous capacities including the Avak Sbarabed (national commander), as a member of the board of directors, and international president. Manoogian served as international president for 17 years and was voted life president in 1970 and in 1989, was voted as honorary life president when his daughter assumed presidential duties.

On an International level, Manoogian has also contributed to a wide array of Armenian,

American, Dutch, Latin American, Australian and Lebanese museums, schools, libraries, hospitals, and universities. Although there is an exhaustive list, just a few include: the Marie Manoogian School in Los Angeles, the Armenian Church in Amsterdam, Holland and the Alex Manoogian Center in Zaleh, Lebanon. He is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Wayne University in Detroit, American Armenian International College in La Verne, Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, MI, and Yerev State University in Armenia.

Alex Manoogian possessed the determination, drive, and ingenuity, our forefathers founded this country on, over 200 years ago. I wish today to extend my sympathies to the Manoogian family and the Armenian community worldwide on the passing of a wonderful leader.

EXTENDING BENEFITS TO VETERANS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3643 and to commend my fellow members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for their hard work this year. I am pleased to be a member of a committee that has put forth many beneficial revisions for our Nation's veterans. I especially want to thank Chairman BOB STUMP for his tenacious advocacy for servicemen and women and his fine ability to expedite veterans' legislation.

H.R. 3643 improves health care delivery to minority groups within our Nation's veterans population such as women veterans and those who served the country in the Persian Gulf war.

The bill also includes provisions which I introduced earlier this year. For one, the bill extends priority healthcare to those service men and women who were stationed in Israel and Turkey during the Persian Gulf war from August 2, 1990 to July 31, 1991.

Currently, veterans of these regions are experiencing undiagnosed medical problems similar to those who served in the theater of operations. Israel experienced repeated SCUD attacks. Military members stationed in Turkey supported aircraft missions into the Persian Gulf, served as a transportation point for returning personnel and equipment and rendered assistance to the Kurds.

Thus, the possibility for contamination or exposure by military members stationed in Turkey and Israel was extremely high. Medical records of many veterans stationed in and around the Persian Gulf fail to accurately identify medications distributed and inoculations administered.

Since no definitive diagnosis has been determined in the cases of Persian Gulf illness, these veterans stationed in Turkey and Israel exhibiting similar medical problems should also be granted health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This provision is a technical correction, since these countries should have been included in the original bill.