

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ANTONIO MANIBUSAN PALOMO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and memorialize the life and achievements of Antonio Manibusan Palomo, who passed away on February 3, 2013. Antonio, best known as Tony, was an accomplished journalist and author, as well as a fervent public servant, and a dedicated community leader.

Tony was born on June 13, 1931 to Vicente Gogo Palomo and Delores Mendiola Manibusan. As a boy, Tony attended the Padre Palomo and Agana Elementary Schools. At the young age of 10, Tony's education was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. Surviving the invasion and occupation of Guam by the Japanese Imperial Army, Tony continued his schooling at George Washington High School, Belmont Abbey Preparatory School in Belmont, North Carolina, and Marquette University, Milwaukee Wisconsin, where he studied Journalism. While continuing his education at Marquette, Tony worked as an editorial aide for the Milwaukee Sentinel, sharpening his journalistic skills. Tony graduated from Marquette University in 1954.

After graduation, Tony returned to Guam to work for the Guam Daily News, then as publisher/editor of the Pacific Profile, as editor of the Pacific Journal, and as editor/publisher of the The Pacifican. During this time, Tony gathered as much information as he could interviewing and speaking to survivors of the Second World War. In 1984, Tony's book, *An Island in Agony*, was published. Tony never hesitated to share his vast knowledge and love of Guam history with many people, speaking on many occasions at different venues, and teaching at the University of Guam.

Tony's ever-expanding knowledge of Guam and its government and his public speaking skills led him into public service in the political arena. Recruited by the Republican Party of Guam, Tony was elected into the 12th, 14th, and 15th Guam Legislatures where he chaired the Committee on Rules. He chaired the 15th Guam Legislature's Committee on Federal-Territorial Relations and was also a member of the Commission on Self-Determination. Always interested in federal-territorial relations, Tony was elected as president of Guam's First Constitutional Convention, tasked with the development of a constitution for Guam, which would also strengthen the island's relations with the Federal government. With all of this experience, Tony was well qualified to serve as the U.S. Department of the Interior's Guam Field Representative until his retirement in 1994.

I am deeply saddened by Tony's death and know that many people on Guam and through-

out the Pacific are mourning the loss of this statesman, diplomat, and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Margarita Balajadia Palomo, their ten children, Antonio Rafael, Viviana Margarita (deceased), Victoria Maria, Roman Vicente, Juan Pedro, Simeon Francisco, Jose Geraldo, Verona Dolores, Eloy Benigno, and Nicholas Sylvestre; 16 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and one great grandchild on the way, family, and friends. Tony will be missed by all who knew him and his legacy will live on through his family, his work, and his cultural contributions to our community.

CONGRATULATING AZERBAIJAN ON SUCCESSFUL SATELLITE LAUNCH

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to congratulate our close friend and ally, Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the successful launch of their first satellite (Azerspace-1). Built in the United States, by Orbital Sciences Corporation, this historic event is yet another testament to the expanding relationship between our two countries and will provide important communications services to Azerbaijan, Central Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa. The launch of Azerspace-1 is the culmination of hard work and cooperation between the Government of Azerbaijan and the US private sector. Along with recent purchases of aircraft from Boeing, Azerbaijan has placed their confidence in the United States aeronautics and aerospace sectors to help foster greater economic development. I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Azerbaijan on this historic event.

JOSHUA BEDELL TO COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION IN CNC MILLING

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of Mr. Joshua Bedell. Through perseverance and commitment to his skill, Bedell will represent the United States at the International WorldSkills Competition in CNC Milling in Leipzig, Germany.

Bedell was recently awarded the silver medal in CNC Milling in November at the WorldSkills America's competition in Brazil. At this event, The United States competed against 23 other countries in preparation for the WorldSkills Competition.

In June of 2011, Bedell won the college/postsecondary gold medal in CNC Milling at the SkillsUSA Championships.

The program, SkillsUSA, strives to impose and teach leadership, citizenship and character development during technical training. The organization highlights their respect for work, ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety.

To compete at the international CNC Milling competition, every candidate must complete a project that contains a minimum of three modules. Each module requires the competitor to develop a CNC program from a complex drawing using MasterCam, to set up a machining center that will assemble the final part.

During the WorldSkills CNC Milling contest, Bedell, along with other competitors, must create the CNC program based on drawings while utilizing a CAM system. Competitors, themselves, must select and mount tools for competition.

Every two years, hundreds of young people from 53 member countries, or regions, compete in the prestigious WorldSkills Competition. The contestants are then judged in front of the public in contests that are run and judged by industries that use international standards. Competing in the event truly symbolizes excellence in the craft.

The WorldSkills International has come to symbolize pure expertise in vocational training.

Joshua Bedell is one of only 20 members of the World team, all who must be under the age of 23, who will represent the United States of America at the World Skills competition.

As Bedell prepares to compete at the CNC Milling competition, I offer him my best wishes as he represents our proud nation and proves the dedication to his craft in Leipzig, Germany at the biennial WorldSkills Competition.

ROTA CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act, which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress on the feasibility and suitability of designating certain areas on the island of Rota as a unit of our magnificent national parks system. This same measure passed the House in both the 111th and the 112th Congresses. I hope that we can quickly bring the bill to the floor in the 113th Congress for passage again and send the measure back to the other body for its agreement.

The cultural and natural resources of Rota merit our persistence. In 2005 a National Park Service reconnaissance survey determined

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