

for the good works of the AGBU, for Armenian education and culture, and for all people great and small in America and throughout the world. Before making his formal remarks, the Catholics prayed for the souls of the 230 persons who had tragically lost their lives the previous day in the TWA plane crash. Fr. Zaven Arzumanyan of Florida read the Epistle and Archbishop Karekin Nersesian of Armenia chanted the Gospel. Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian recited the "Christos vorti."

The Catholics chose for the scriptural theme of his address a reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 26:31-46. "'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?'" And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'" Surely, said the Catholics, this exemplifies the life of Mr. Alex Manoogian.

At the end of the funeral, His Holiness the Catholicos united the mourners in inviting all of them to join in the singing of the *Hayr Mer.* (the Lord's Prayer). As the pipe organ soared, the voice of the congregation filled the cavernous church with brilliant song with testified to the faith and hope of the people.

The clergy and the congregation marched in solemn procession from the church into the Armenian Cultural Building for the memorial meal which was attended by nearly 1,000 mourners. His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian give the invocation. Loving comments on the personal life of Mr. Manoogian were made by Mrs. Louise Simone, President of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, and Mr. Richard Manoogian, Chairman of the Board of MASCO Corporation, Mr. Manoogian's daughter and son.

Mr. Gagik Haroutunian delivered the condolences of His Excellency Levon Ter Petrosian, president of Armenia, and offered his own words, of sympathy on behalf of the entire delegation from the Republic of Armenia. Mrs. Simone then read telegrams of condolence from President Bill Clinton of the United States and President Levon Ter Petrosian of Armenia.

Telegrams were also announced from His Beatitude Torkorn Manoogian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, and His Beatitude Karekin Kazanjian, Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople (Istanbul), which were among the thousands receive from dignitaries and common folk from all over the world. Archbishop Karekin Nersesian of the diocese of Ararat in Armenia give the benediction.

"Today the entire Armenian nation is mourning, as we take part in the funeral services of our Patriarch," said Mr. Haroutunian during his remarks. "Alex Manoogian's death is a tremendous loss not only for the Armenian people. . . . Mr. Manoogian was an epoch-making phenomenon who shaped history. He gave charity a new meaning and new content; he set an example for teaching how to live with one's people and nation. He taught how to impart devotion and love."

The color-saturated interior of the sanctuary, illuminated by shafts of light pouring through the narrow, richly colored stained glass windows and by dim golden lamps sus-

ended from the great parabola arches, was tastefully decorated by large bouquets of white roses with cascading ivy. The black robes and cowls of the numerous clergy stood in stark and solemn contrast to the resplendent, although muted church.

The Komitas Choir of St. John's Armenian Church was conducted by Maestro Khoren Meikhanedjian of New York and accompanied by Mrs. Louise Yardumian of St. Petersburg, FL. Soloists included Ms. Maro Partamian of New York and a quartet comprised of Mrs. Violet Cholakian, Mrs. Arlene Baylerian, Mrs. Denise Karakashian, and Mrs. Barbara Widener of metropolitan Detroit, who sang moving sharagans (hymns) during the funeral service.

Closed circuit television carried the services into the lobby, the chapel, and the nursery of the attached Cultural Building where elegant tables were set up to supplement the 700-seat Cultural Hall from where the ceremonies of the hokejash (memorial meal), served to almost 1,000 persons, were also telecast.

Entombment services, held by the His Holiness the Catholicos and the numerous clergy from Armenia, Europe, and America, took place at Woodlawn Cemetery following the hokejash with only family members in attendance. The casket was covered by earth brought from Armenia by Mr. Haroutunian, and the tomb was sealed by the Catholicos with a cross. The site will be marked by an elegant kachkar (cross-stone) brought from Armenia by the Catholicos.

"No one was invited to the funeral," said the pastor of St. John's, Fr. Baret Yeretizian, "that is not the custom. Everyone, clergy and laity, attended of his own desire out of love and respect for Mr. Manoogian. The funeral and dan gark, attended by 2,000 persons over two days, were a fitting memorial to a great and generous man."

"Mr. Manoogian's genius lay in his determination to resurrect the Armenian people after the genocide of 1915," said Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, a professor of history at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, and a resident of Troy, MI, "to rebuild the Armenian Church, to encourage a free and independent Armenia, to preserve and expand Armenian culture, and to help the Armenian people return to their rightful place in the family of nations and in world history. We have truly lost a great champion of the Armenian people."

"We must also not lose sight of the fact that Mr. Manoogian was a great American. In fact his life was a monumental testimony to the greatness of America. Where else in the world could a man rise from a poor immigrant to a captain of industry, from a homeless boy to a great world-wide philanthropist? Surely Mr. Manoogian represented the American dream, and he never forgot it. He gave to all sorts of American causes. We are all the poorer for his passing. He will be sorely missed."

The pallbearers were Mr. Manoogian's grandsons and nephews: James Manoogian, Richard Manoogian, Jr., David Simone, Mark Simone, Brian Manoogian, Douglas Manoogian, Chris Christo, and Paul Christo.

Security for the various dignitaries in attendance was provided by the Michigan State Police and Masco Corporation. The Parish Council of St. John's Church, along with the Pastor, were active in preparation and administration. Cynthia Oknaian provided coordination with the various groups involved on behalf of the Church.

HONORING JOSEPH DiRENZO, JR.

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Joseph DiRenzo, Jr., a friend, fellow Princeton alumni, constituent, and NCAA referee.

Born and raised in Union City, NJ, Joe DiRenzo graduated from Princeton University, which he attended on scholarship in 1956. While a Princeton he was an All East tight end on the football team. He later played pro football with the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League. He also served in the U.S. Army.

In 1963 he received his first assignment as a collegiate referee. During nearly 30 years as a referee he officiated more than 250 games, including seven bowl games; legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's last football game; and the famous 1984 game in which Doug Flutie delivered a game-winning "Hail Mary" pass against the University of Miami.

As a referee, Joe DiRenzo displayed both common sense and great mastery of the rules of the game. One of Jose DiRenzo's fellow referees said of him: "He was an outstanding official who has no problem making decisions and was hardly ever criticized by a coach. Joe was a credit to the game of football."

In addition to his officiating career, Joe DiRenzo was a successful executive in several oil and real estate companies. He was a 30-year resident of Severna Park, MD, and had been active in several community organizations.

Joe DiRenzo passed away unexpectedly on September 13. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Cathy, his son, Coast Guard Lt., Joe DiRenzo III, his daughter, Donna Graves, his mother, Emilia DiRenzo, and two grandchildren.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of them during this time of sadness.

For myself, I am proud to call Joe DiRenzo my friend and mentor.

TRIBUTE TO THE CLIFTON HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, next month, my friends at the Clifton Heights Fire Department will celebrate their 100th anniversary. Accordingly, I want to pay tribute to these Americans who have put their lives on the line daily to protect the citizens of Clifton Heights, PA.

In 1896, by order of the courts, the Clifton Heights Fire Protection Association and the Clifton Heights Hose, Hook, and Ladder Co. received their charters. For nearly 60 years, the two companies operated separately to provide the citizens of Clifton Heights with superb fire protection. In 1956, putting all rivalry aside, the two companies agreed to disband and join together to form one entity—the Clifton Heights Fire Co.

Since 1956, the Clifton Heights Fire Co. has been one of the best trained and most aggressive companies in Pennsylvania. With support

from local officials and the community, the Clifton Heights Co. has emerged as a model of excellence in fire fighting capability. Over the years, the company has successfully procured only the best state of the art fire fighting apparatus. Modern equipment combined with excellence in training has resulted in a first class company in which we can all take great pride.

As a former volunteer fire chief and founder of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I know firsthand the dedication, determination, and hard work associated with the fire fighting profession. Yet, all too often we take for granted our local fire and emergency service personnel.

With this in mind, I want to thank the brave men and women of the Clifton Heights Fire Co. for all they have done over the past 100 years in making the community of Clifton Heights a safer place to live. Congratulations and I wish you luck in your next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO PAT DILANNI

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on October 3, Mr. Pasquale "Pat" Dilanni will be honored by the Passaic County, NJ, Democratic committee at an event being held in Hawthorne, NJ.

Mr. Dilanni was born in Paterson, NJ. He is a longtime Clifton resident, having graduated from Clifton public schools. He received his bachelor and master degrees from Montclair State College. He taught junior high school science for several years. His love of the law became evident when he received his law degree from Rutgers Law School in 1957. He subsequently maintained a law practice until recently. Mr. Dilanni has served his community well as an assistant prosecutor of Passaic County and Pompton Lakes borough attorney. His civic activities include work with the Clifton Memorial Hospital Association and the Kiwanis Clubs. He has held many Democratic Party posts including Clifton coleader, Passaic County Democratic Chairman and president of the Passaic County Democratic Club.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dilanni is an outstanding leader with a good sense of humor. He has a great love and respect for his family and community. I am sure my colleagues will want to join me as I extend best wishes and congratulations to Pat Dilanni and his family; his wife, Ludmilla; his children, Patricia, Denise, Diane, Richard and David; and grandchildren, Rebecca, Alden, Annaclair and Marcus who, according to their grandfather, are potential presidents of the United States someday.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADM. EDWARD
M. STRAW, SC, USN

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, on October 25, 1996, Vice Adm. Edward M. Straw, Supply Corps, United States Navy, Director of the De-

fense Logistics Agency [DLA], will retire after a distinguished military career of over 35 years. His accomplishments during that period are many and significant, and the legacy he leaves to the business of the Defense Department is beyond comparison.

Vice Admiral Straw, a native of Marysville, PA, in my congressional district, joined the Navy Supply Corps upon commissioning from the United States Naval Academy in 1961. As he rose through the ranks, he served in numerous challenging operational postings in the United States and overseas, including three sea duty assignments. In those progressively more responsible positions, he honed his business and logistics management skills and led his supply forces in supporting improved readiness at reduced cost at critical Navy commands, such as on the U.S.S. *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69) during its unprecedented 10 month deployment in the Persian Gulf.

Moving on to senior headquarters-level policy and execution responsibilities with great impact Navywide, then-Captain Straw rose from chief financial officer of Navy Supply Systems Command [NAVSUP], to director of supply policy and programs for the Chief of Naval Operations [CNO], and finally to Vice Commander of NAVSUP, attaining the rank of two-star Rear Admiral. He pioneered the use of commercial unit-costing techniques and other innovative approaches which drove infrastructure savings exceeding \$500 million per year. He developed numerous supply support initiatives which contributed immensely to revitalized Navy combat preparedness, including record high levels of sustained operational readiness support during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

With this record of innovative performance and savings, he was selected in July 1992 to become Director of DLA, DOD's largest combat support agency. Now a Vice Admiral, he became responsible for providing worldwide logistics support to American warfighters, numerous federal agencies, and U.S. allies directing over 50,000 civilian and military personnel at over 300 locations and managing a budget of \$14 billion per year. DLA acquires, distributes, and arranges reutilization of the vast majority of DOD's supply system assets, and also administers 377,000 contracts valued at over \$900 billion and involving over 24,000 contractors.

Vice Admiral Straw's 4 years at DLA represent a watershed, not only for the agency, but for public sector management. He thoroughly reengineered the agency's structure, processes, and leadership approach. He focused on the customers' needs, changing DLA's strategy from one of buying, storing, and delivering large inventories of items just in case they are needed, to arranging cost-effective material sources that could deliver to the warfighters when items are needed. He accomplished this by taking advantage of cost saving market leverage and the benefits of emerging technology. In both materiel management and contract administration, selected functions have been privatized, modern business techniques brought to bear, and high quality partnerships with the country's vast supplier base fostered. Through these and other efforts, the Agency has achieved savings or cost avoidances exceeding \$10 billion to date, with firm commitments to its warfighting customers and the taxpayers for \$20 billion more over the next 7 years. In ad-

dition, DLA now provides more responsive materiel deliveries and direct on-scene logistics support to contingency and humanitarian support forces wherever they go, including Haiti and Bosnia.

Under Vice Admiral Straw's leadership, DLA has received a variety of prestigious awards, including the Joint Meritorious Unit Medal from Secretary of Defense William Perry. A key DLA field activity became one of the first two federal activities to win the Ford Foundation/Harvard University "Innovations in American Government" award in 1995. As a result of his exceptional performance at DLA, Vice Admiral Straw was selected for additional duty as Director of DOD's Defense Performance Review from June 1994 to August 1995 in support of the National Performance Review. He subsequently received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal from Secretary Perry in recognition of his performance at DLA and the DPR, and won the 1996 Founders Award from the Society of Logistics Engineers.

Throughout his long and extraordinary career, Vice Admiral Straw has continually introduced new ideas wherever he was assigned, achieved unprecedented performance breakthroughs, challenged his people to fulfill their potential, and always left his organization better prepared for the future. He has done so again at DLA, and will be leaving behind an Agency on the forefront of best business practices and frontline combat support. Upon his impending retirement from active duty, the citizens of Pennsylvania and the rest of this great Nation are forever in his debt and wish him, his wife Chris, and daughters Sylvana, Katie, and Megan, good health, happiness, and much success in the future.

HONORING LONGTIME FRIEND AND
STAFF MEMBER, DOLORES ANN
NOUHAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very dear friend of mine, Dolores Ann Nouhan who passed away on August 31, 1996. For 22 years, Dolores served as a loyal, competent and devoted member of my staff.

It was over two decades ago that I first met Dolores Nouhan when I was serving in the Michigan State Legislature. She had walked into my office looking for a job, and because of her great reputation and warm personality, I hired her the day I met her. From day one, Dolores acted with the highest degree of honesty, integrity and loyalty. She immediately became close friends with all of my family, including my wife and three children who saw Dolores as an extension of our family.

When I was elected to the Congress in 1976, I asked Dolores to leave her lifelong home and join me in Washington, DC. Dolores, being the dedicated and unselfish person she was, said yes immediately. For the last several years, Dolores served as my office and business manager. She was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office, as well as dealing with groups and individuals who were coming to Washington for visits. I have not met a person in this city who could