

artificial and arbitrary market segmentation that is at best anachronistic, and at worst anti-competitive and economically harmful. If financial modernization indeed is broad in scope, then American consumers will benefit by improved competition, more available services, and more rapid technological innovation in the marketplace. This modernization must be crafted in a manner that gives consumers the certainty that their financial services are provided within a safe and sound framework.

At this unique point in time, we have an historic opportunity to achieve fundamental reforms in our Nation's financial services structure. That opportunity must not be squandered by leaving in place significant barriers in the market that will undoubtedly prove to be short-sighted. The restructuring of the financial services sector should recognize the market's evolution to date, and provide for market innovations to continue well into the future in a safe and sound manner.

The legislation I offer today is virtually identical to that legislation I sponsored last Congress with significant bipartisan support. As we move ahead toward the goal of modernization, I fully anticipate garnering wide bipartisan support for my approach. In the coming months, as the administration grows more engaged on this issue, it will be essential to develop a bipartisan approach to financial services modernization.

I believe this legislation is a good starting point for developing just such a bipartisan consensus in this modernization debate. The Depository Institution Affiliation Act also serves as my personal starting point on this issue in the 105th Congress, as I plan to hold hearings and introduce additional legislation in the coming months. The House Banking Committee should have before it all the available options in addressing the difficult issues posed by financial services modernization.

I want to commend my colleague, chairman of the House Banking Committee, JIM LEACH for his commitment and leadership in pushing for early action on financial modernization in the 105th Congress. I look forward to participating in all hearings the House Banking Committee will hold on this important issue.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, GSE's, and Securities, I plan to hold hearings that deal with two issues I believe are very important in this debate: the issue of allowing banking and commerce to mix; and the proper scope of holding company regulation. I believe that putting together an effective consensus on these two issues will be the key to successful passage of a financial modernization package. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with you and all Members of the House in order to bring real reforms to our Nation's financial marketplace.

IN APPRECIATION OF PAMELA C.
HARRIMAN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with both sadness and gratefulness that I introduce the following resolution concerning the recent passing of a great American, Ambassador Pamela C. Harriman. Her sudden death last

week left all Americans bereft of a truly dedicated public servant, a woman of wide learning and interest, and a great patriot.

I hope that all our Members will join with the International Relations Committee in adopting the following resolution that will put the House of Representatives on record in appreciation of Ambassador Pamela Harriman's life. We should bear in mind that as a wife she provided her wisdom and solace during the last years of his life to one of the great statesmen of this century, Gov. Averell Harriman. We should also take note of her contribution to the allied victory over Nazism in Europe, through her earliest exploits in the field of diplomacy helping to unite as allies the nations of France, Great Britain, and the United States.

In her capacity as the United States Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, to France, Pamela Harriman gave the last measure of her life to serving America, her adopted country. She brought to this task all her skills and experience in keeping the ties between the United States and France strong, despite many troublesome disagreements between our countries. She was very much a hands-on Ambassador, working long hours and devoting much energy to this task.

Accordingly, I believe that support of the following resolution is merited, and I hope that all our Members will join Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. MANZULLO, and myself in recognizing Pamela Harriman as a distinguished stateswoman and a great American.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELICA MARIA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and pay tribute to Ms. Angelica Maria, the newly selected Mr. Amigo.

Every year, members of the Mr. Amigo Association, who represent the city of Brownsville, TX, travel to Mexico City to select a new Mr. Amigo to serve as the honored guest of the Mr. Amigo festivities in Brownsville. The Mr. Amigo festivity is a 4-day international event which invites the United States and Mexico to celebrate the distinct cultures of these neighboring countries. During the Mr. Amigo celebration, which originated as a pre-Lenten festival, Brownsville citizens participate in a series of parades, dances, and parties to demonstrate the goodwill of both countries. It is a major function which is eagerly anticipated by many South Texans as well as our winter visitors.

We are honored to recognize Ms. Angelica Maria as the 33d Mexican citizen chosen by the Mr. Amigo Association. Angelica Maria "La Novia de México" is one of the Spanish-speaking world's most loved entertainers. Angelica is a four-decade veteran of the movie, stage, television, and recording industry. She first garnered international recognition in 1952, when, as a child, she starred in an award-winning role as the year's best child actress in "Mi Esposa y Yo." For over 44 years, she has traveled all over the Spanish-speaking world amassing an impressive list of smash hits as a recording artist, stage actress, and star of television and movies. Her first American rock hit, "Eddie, Eddie," in 1962, propelled her to

the top of the record charts. One of her most recent hits was a collaborative effort with the former Mr. Amigo, Vicente Fernandez. She has also appeared with former Mr. Amigo recipients Armando Manzanero and Marco Antonio Muñiz. Recently, another former Mr. Amigo, Raul Velasco, dedicated his entire 3-hour television show "Siempre En Domingo" in tribute to her 44 years of artistic success.

Angelica Maria's life's work is an impressive list of 56 movies, 16 television soap opera starring roles, 44 television dramas, 54 record albums, and numerous musical spectaculars in theaters and night clubs from Santiago, Chile, to New York, Madrid, Spain, and Los Angeles. A litany of 171 awards in recognition of her brilliant career is highlighted by the "Candileja de Oro 1996" for her most recent success in the leading role of Esperanza in the television hit "Bendita Mentira."

Ms. Angelica Maria is a perfect recipient of the Mr. Amigo Award. For she has, over the long period of her career, taken her unique screen, television, and stage performances to numerous countries, including the United States. A true ambassador of her country and of her culture, she has been praised by numerous organizations for her unconditional commitment to improve mutual understanding and cooperation between Mexico and the United States. Ms. Angelica Maria should be recognized for both her artistic ability and her contribution to her commitment to bicultural relations between the two nations.

Mr. Amigo, Ms. Angelica Maria, will receive the red-carpet treatment when she visits Brownsville as the city's honored guest during the upcoming Mr. Amigo celebration. During her stay on the border, she will make personal appearances in parades and other festival events. Official welcome receptions will be staged by organizations in Cameron County, TX, and the cities of Brownsville, TX, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to Ms. Angelica Maria for being honored with this special award.

DR. W.C. PATTON: CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to the triumphs of Dr. W.C. Patton.

Dr. W.C. Patton, a native of Alabama, was nationally noted as a civil rights activist and czar in the Alabama civil rights movement and overall progress of Birmingham. He was known to many as the father of Alabama's NAACP movement.

Dr. Patton attended public schools in Birmingham and Alabama State College in Montgomery, AL. In 1970, the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on him by the Birmingham Baptist College.

He spent 16 years in Alabama schools before becoming Alabama State manager of the American Woodmen, a fraternal life insurance association. In 1962, he was elected a member of the national board of directors of the Supreme Camp of American Woodmen and in 1964, vice supreme commander of the American Woodmen.