

Mr. Collins was a devoted husband to his wife Eleanor, father to five daughters, and grandfather to fourteen grandchildren.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NAVY RECRUITING PROCESSING STATION, GUAM—THE 1996 TOP RECRUITING STATION IN THE NATION

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to commend the Navy Recruiting Processing Station [NRPS], Guam, for being named the Nation's top recruiting station for 1996. The Guam station, better known as "Team Guam," is led by NCC(NAC) Dwight K. Keola, the Recruiter-in-Charge. The other members of the team include PN1 Eusebio D. DeLuna, Jr., who is the chief administrator and classification and processing supervisor, as well as production recruiters EMC(SW) Wilfredo C. Pizarro, NC1 Todd E. Hubbard, and AT1(AW) David C. Jubilado.

Under the guidance and leadership of NCC(NAC) Keola, the Guam team beat out other Navy recruiting teams throughout the country and the world to earn this distinction. This was the first time that an overseas station was awarded. In addition to the Team Award, EMC(SW) Wilfredo C. Pizarro was named the 1996 Enlisted Recruiter of the Year, the first time that an overseas officer was selected as the Nation's top recruiter.

For fiscal year 1996, NRPS Guam enlisted 126 applicants, 217 percent of the requirement. NRPS Guam covers the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and United States citizens and resident aliens residing in Japan, Korea, Singapore, and the Philippines.

The majority of the applicants were guaranteed medical and aviation technical schools and training. Some were guaranteed training in naval engineering, construction, electrical and electronics, computers, nuclear engineering, administrative and logistics, and different mechanical operations. Several applicants were also guaranteed \$30,000 in Navy college funds.

NRPS Guam is the only recruiting station in the Nation which is not physically supported by a Military Processing Station [MEPS]. The MEPS was disestablished on Guam in 1990 and its functions were distributed between the recruiters, the recruiting support personnel, and some Navy commands. Despite this disadvantage, the NRPS Guam was able to accomplish their mission and exceed their goals. My congratulations to the team and to their families.

HONORING JULIA AND BUDDY FARRELL ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful couple as they mark a milestone in their lives, 50 years of marriage. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Julia and Buddy Farrell were married at the church they had both grown up attending, Nativity Church, on June 7, 1947. On this Saturday, April 12, over 125 of their friends and family will honor them at a surprise party to celebrate their anniversary.

Before marrying Julia, Buddy proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Queens, NY, where they raised their five children, Terri, Joan, Kathy, John, and Timmy. In 1964, their niece, Noreen, from County Kerry, Ireland, joined their family here in America.

Julia and Buddy were very active in St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish. Julia headed the "milk mothers," organized the majorettes, helped with the sports association, and volunteered in the gym. Buddy, who worked as a police officer with the New York City Police Department, also was involved in the Holy Name Society and the homeless shelter. Julia and Buddy are known to everyone for their giving natures and always reaching out to help their friends and family.

After working very hard and raising a wonderful family, they are living the good life in retirement in the condo in Leisure Village in Ridge, NY. Julia and Buddy are very proud of their children and adore their 12 grandchildren, Tricia, Maryellen, Danny, Kevin, John, Bridget, Casey, Erin, Matthew, Colin, Elizabeth, and Christopher, who range in age from 4 months to 25 years old. Julia and Buddy enjoy the company of many friends, playing golf, and swimming. In the winter, they go south to Florida, and in the summer, they spend time in Brant Lake, NY.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today in honoring Julia and Buddy Farrell on 50 years of marriage, and in wishing them many more years of happiness together.

NATIONAL UNITY COALITION FOR ISRAEL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the opportunity to address a coalition of Jewish and Christian groups who convened a national unity conference in support of Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu was the keynote speaker at this important event. The National Unity Coalition consists of more than 200 American Christian and Jewish organizations which collectively represent more than 40 million citizens. Attendance at this event was filled to beyond capacity. Two ballrooms at an area hotel were needed to accommodate all the attendees.

At the conference a resolution of solidarity with Israel was unanimously adopted. Mr.

Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues the text of this excellent resolution, and to thank those in attendance of their ongoing and dedicated commitment to the people of Israel. We wish the National Unity Conference for Israel much success in their future endeavors on behalf of a strong United States-Israel relationship, and look forward to working with them in the months and years to come.

RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY—NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL

We, the members and friends of the National Unity Coalition for Israel, give unanimous congratulations and commendation to the people of the State of Israel in their tenacious struggle to survive and flourish in their God-given homeland, Eretz Israel.

We are firmly committed to Jerusalem as the legitimate, undivided capital of the Jewish state. The 3000 year union between the Jewish people and their holy city is a relationship unique in human history. We commend the U.S. Congress for passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and urge immediate implementation of the move of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

While respecting the legitimate rights of all people in the region to live in peace, we call on responsible parties, particularly Israel and the United States, to halt further negotiations with the Palestinian Authority until Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority take concrete steps to implement basic promises made but thus far blatantly disregarded.

Namely:

1. Amend the PLO charter, which calls for the annihilation of Israel.
2. Close illegal offices in Jerusalem operated in violation of previous agreements.
3. Effectively stop terrorist violence and cease giving the "green light" to violence when contentious issues arise between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.
4. Reduce the Palestinian "Police Force" to the size agreed to in the interim agreement.
5. Comply with legal obligations, including transfer of terrorist suspects.
6. Confiscate illegal arms.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to peace as opposed to continual threats to foment a state of war against Israel among Arab states.

We strongly urge that any funding for the Palestinian Authority, planned or in process, be withheld until compliance is guaranteed.

With due respect and regard for the rights of the Palestinian people and legitimate Arab states in the region, we insist that the basic issue affecting affairs in the Middle East is the survival of the modern State of Israel. Since its rebirth as a nation in 1948, Israel has never posed a threat to any neighbor nation. Israel has only responded to aggressors. It has contributed enormously to the social and economic welfare of the residents of the region. Israel stands as the single bastion of democracy in the Middle East and therefore remains an invaluable ally to the United States and democracies the world over. Israel holds the key to the future prosperity and social development of the region.

Beyond these obvious indispensable benefits, no people in the history of humanity has a more legitimate right to a place in the ancient land of their fathers. We hold that Israel's biblical, historical, and moral right to the land is inviolable, and, as a body representing more than 200 organizations of Zionist Christians and Jews, we stand unanimously with the people of Israel and their right, in the words of "Hatikvah," to live freedom in the land of Zion and Jerusalem.