

this volatile region. We must encourage India's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to play an instrumental role in resolving this issue. I have asked the US State Department to encourage the Indian Government to designate the Kashmiri Pandit community as an "Internally Displaced People" (IDP) so that they may receive extensive humanitarian assistance.

I urge Members of this Body to work with me with the Government of India in creating conditions in the Kashmir Valley that are conducive to the return of the Pandits.

TRIBUTE TO CEL AGUIGUI: A  
CHAMORRO PUBLIC SERVANT

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this month, Mr. Celestin "Cel" J. Aguigui, a native son of Guam, will retire after 30 years of dedicated public service. Cel has served our country well as a teacher, a military officer, a State of Arizona employee, an assistant to the first Congressman from Guam, and as a senior information specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The eldest of nine children, Cel moved from Guam to the U.S. mainland and graduated with a B.A. degree in political science from DePaul University. His higher education would prove invaluable as he pursued his professional career as legislative assistant, and later as the district director, for the late Honorable Antonio Borja Won Pat, Guam's first elected delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. As an assistant to Congresswoman Won Pat, Cel was responsible for land issues, civilian and military relations, and defense issues.

His stint with the U.S. Air Force is noteworthy. Cel was a commissioned officer and served as a detachment commander and logistic officer both in the United States and at overseas bases. During the Vietnam War, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer for

the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron which flew combat missions. He supervised the entire maintenance operations consisting of 30 fighter aircraft and over 100 maintenance personnel. For meritorious service, he was awarded the Air Force commendation medal and the bronze star.

In 1989, Cel joined the staff of the U.S. Census Bureau. As a senior information specialist, Cel represented the bureau at national conferences as a speaker, panelist and exhibitor. During his entire career with the bureau, Cel has been an invaluable resource and advocate for the minority communities. He has contributed significantly in promoting the importance of census participation for Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. For his dedication in improving communication between community leaders and the agency, he was awarded the bronze medal, the highest award given by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Cel's commitment to the community is exemplified by his various volunteer programs and civic participation at the local level. As a resident of Prince George's County, he served as the first Pacific Islander appointed by Parris Glendenning, the former Prince George's County Executive, to be a member of the Asian Pacific Advisory Board. A later appointment by Wayne Curry, the current Prince George's County Executive, gave Cel an opportunity to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission as well as a member of the Community and Ethnic Advisory Board. His other accomplishments include: (1) past president of the Guam Society of America; (2) past president of the Federal Executive Association of Guam; (3) recipient of the "Who is Who in Washington, D.C."; and (4) named one of ten individuals selected in 1997 as a "Volunteer of the Year" by the Prince George's County Voluntary Action Center.

I am proud to recognize this remarkable public servant. Cel Aguigui's unselfish dedication and his personal commitment to others enhances all of our lives. I congratulate Cel for his retirement from federal service, and wish him and his family well. Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Cel, for all your work to bring together diverse

groups and to make this a better place in which to live.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KELSO  
GILLENWATER

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to congratulate Mr. Kelso Gillenwater, president and publisher of the News Tribune newspaper in Tacoma, WA, for the last 8 years.

Mr. Gillenwater officially retired as president and publisher of the News Tribune, one of the most respected publications in the state, last week. Mr. Gillenwater provided Tacoma with fair, insightful, and thorough news and editorial coverage. He has spent his life in the newspaper business as a reporter, editorial writer, and business manager. It is this knowledge of all aspects of the newspaper business that have made Mr. Gillenwater such a quality president of the News Tribune.

Not only has Mr. Gillenwater given his time to the newspaper, he has been dedicated to the community. Mr. Gillenwater has given so much to the community—he is a board member of the Washington State Historical Society, the International Museum of Modern Glass, the Washington State Bar Association, and a member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Executive Council for a Greater Tacoma. He has also donated his time as president of the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Gillenwater is a fine example of an American who has made his community a better place to live. I am proud to have worked with him and would like this Congress to recognize his accomplishments.

I send my best wishes out to Mr. Gillenwater and his family. I wish him an enjoyable retirement in the years ahead.