

Latina business-owner development program in the nation and is a success because of Anna Maria's vision and dedication. During this difficult loss, the magazine is committed more than ever to carry out the hopes and dreams, and entrepreneurial spirit of this very talented young woman.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Maria Arias was a person who lived an accomplished life. She deeply cared for people and wanted only the best for them. I was proud to have called her my friend. Her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of the people whom she touched. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and warmest regards to her husband, Robert E. Bard, and their families at this time of remembrance. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

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IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON  
TAIWAN

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**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mr. FALEOMVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the

Republic of China (ROC)—October 10th, 2001—I send my warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes to President Chen Shui-bian, the Honorable C.J. Chen, ROC Representative to the United States, and the good people of Taiwan.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank President Chen, Representative Chen and the leaders of Taiwan for their strong support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. As our Nation struggled to recover from the horrific tragedy, I would note Taiwan was one of the first governments to declare unequivocal support for and cooperation with the United States to combat terrorism worldwide.

President Chen has repeatedly affirmed Taiwan's strong belief that the United States is on the right course in going after terrorists and extremists worldwide, and Taiwan has offered assistance in this mission. Terrorism knows no national boundaries and terrorists seek to destroy freedom and our democratic way of life. Standing shoulder to shoulder as fellow democracies, Taiwan has mourned with America, shared the pain of our Nation, and joined in partnership to fight terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the quick response of Taiwan is not surprising, as the Republic of China is a true democracy—a democracy that cher-

ishes, protects and respects all of the rights of her citizens. The success of Taiwan's democracy is further reflected in her prosperity where, despite having only 23 million people, Taiwan has developed into one of the most important and robust economies in the world.

As the United States leads the global fight to eradicate terrorism, Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful for good friends and allies such as Taiwan. In this regard, Representative C.J. Chen has done an excellent and superb job on Capitol Hill and Washington in representing Taiwan and furthering relations between our governments.

Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the National Day marking the birth of the Republic of China, I ask our colleagues and all Americans to join me in saluting and honoring the strong, vibrant and impressive democracy that is Taiwan today