

INTEL ACHIEVES ENVIRONMENTAL
SUCCESS**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform my colleagues that Intel New Mexico has become the first Excellence Award winner as part of my home state's Green Zia Environmental Excellence program. This is a significant achievement.

The Green Zia program was launched three years ago, but no business had ever been named an Excellence Award winner, which is the program's highest honor. For the past two years, Intel New Mexico had won the program's Achievement Award.

This award would not have been possible without the support of every employee of Intel New Mexico. Indeed, the company has a fully-integrated, prevention-based environmental management system in place throughout their site in New Mexico. Some of the company's major environmental achievements include: a water conservation rate of more than 50 percent; a recycling rate of 78 percent for solid waste with only 22 percent going to a landfill; and a 20 percent reduction in volatile organic compound emissions from last year.

The company also has strong environmental programs for employees, including commute reduction, recycling, and several volunteer programs in which employees directly contribute.

Mr. Speaker, Intel is one of the largest employers in my state, and I am pleased at the fine example they have set for other businesses. The crowning achievement of Intel New Mexico's efforts in environmental stewardship is proving that environmental protection is good business, that sound environmental practices are good for business, and that the environment is everyone's business.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD
MIUCCIO**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the vicious attack unleashed on our country on September 11, 2001 left tears in many American's eyes. Many people were victims in this tragedy and as the recovery efforts continue, many innocent citizens are being uncovered amidst the bricks and steel of the collapsed buildings. On that day, Richard Miuccio was killed at the hands of this terrible and malicious assault. I would like to take a moment to pay tribute and recognize the life of Richard.

Richard was born on May 23, 1946 and was raised on Staten Island in New York. This city served as his residence for his entire life. Thirty-four years ago he married his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Black, and they became the proud parents of three children—Owen, Laura and Thomas. Rich was employed for thirty-five years with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and served as the Auditor Supervisor in the last years of his employment. He served honorably in the United

States Army and from 1967 to 1968 Rich served in active duty in the war in Vietnam.

St. Mary's Church on Staten Island always held a special place in Rich's heart and he was a member of the church for 20 years. Faith played an integral part for Richard and his family and they routinely attended services for solace. Richard was battling prostate cancer and his fight proved victorious. He credited much of this to his faith and his family.

Mr. Speaker, Rich will always be remembered as a man who had a quick smile and a gentle spirit. His passing leaves an emptiness in the lives of those who knew and loved him. Rich will always remain in our hearts and in our prayers. While the flag of our great nation flies high, the lives of those who were lost in this incident will never be forgotten. I would like to stand together with this body and offer our deepest sympathies to Richard's family at this time of remembrance. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOUSTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN
JAY JAHNKE**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Houston Fire Department Captain Jay H. Jahnke. A 20-year veteran of the department, Jahnke, aged 40, died in the line of duty on the morning of Saturday, October 13, 2001.

Captain Jahnke and the three other fire fighters were attempting to help residents trapped by choking smoke and flames escape a fire that had broken out in a high-rise apartment building. After carrying over 100 pounds of equipment up five flights of stairs, in full gear including breathing apparatus, they found themselves trapped by the blaze. The crew sent in to rescue Capt. Jahnke and his men were also temporarily trapped by the fury and intensity of this fire before being rescued. While no other fire fighters were killed, several others were injured.

Due to the rapid response and quick action of the Houston Fire Department, only one resident died in this fire. Three fire fighters and 12 residents were hospitalized for smoke inhalation or burns. 300 residents were left homeless by this fierce blaze.

As the grandson and nephew of fire fighters myself, I am familiar with the Jahnke name. For many years, Jahnkes have served in the Houston Fire Department with distinction. Currently, over a dozen Jahnkes answer the call and lay their lives on the line as fire fighters. Numerous other fire fighters are part of the Jahnke extended family through marriage.

His father, Claude Jahnke, was a District Chief who died of a heart attack while training for the departmental Olympics. Three uncles, former District Chief Marvin "Roe" Jahnke, who died in 1991; retired Assistant Chief Eugene "Duke" Jahnke; and former District Chief in charge of cadet training, and namesake for the department's training center Val Jahnke, all protected our community for many years.

Jay Jahnke died doing his job, trying to protect and evacuate Houstonians whose lives were in danger. The words of his cousin, Dis-

trict Chief Steve Jahnke, say it best: "That early in the morning, you know there are people sleeping in. They had to get them out, so they took a calculated risk. That's what the job's about. We don't ever go in trying to commit suicide, but we do take calculated risks, and that's what Jay did. It's what all firemen do."

Jahnke is survived by his wife, Dawn; daughter, Jayne, 11; son, Hunter, 8; mother, Katherine; brother, Jeff; and sisters Karen and Mary Ann.

Mr. Speaker, across our nation every day, people like Capt. Jahnke put their lives on the line. Later this week, I plan to introduce legislation that would help not just the Houston Fire Department, but departments across America protect our lives and homes by providing Federal assistance for hiring additional fire fighters.

The SAFER Act of 2001, which would be modeled after the successful Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), will provide direct funding in the form of grants to States or communities for the hiring of additional fire fighters. It will help fire departments meet industry minimum standards for staffing and enhance the ability of fire fighters to save lives, property, and effectively respond to emergencies.

We can never replace Houston Fire Captain Jay Jahnke, loving father and husband, skilled fire fighter, and loyal friend. It is my hope, though, that we can provide the residents of Houston with a greater level of fire protection, and prevent incidents like this one from happening in the future.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, recently, Armenia celebrated its 10th anniversary of independence from the Soviet Union. This anniversary reminds us of the strong bond that the people of the United States and Armenia share. As we grieve for the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, so do the Armenian people. The Armenian people have expressed their solidarity with the American people. Armenian President Robert Kocharian has offered rescue aid to help in the recovery efforts. Moreover, Armenia has joined with the United States and the world in the fight against terrorism.

Earlier this year in a House Resolution, I joined with the people of Armenia, the Armenian Church in America, and His Holiness Karekin II in celebrating the ideals and values they share with the people of the United States. These values are essential to the continued stability and economic prosperity in the region. In a letter to President Kocharian of Armenia, President George W. Bush echoed these ideals. President Bush states, "our countries continue to work together to achieve our common goal of establishing peace and stability and seeing Armenia prosper. Peace in this region will provide Armenia with great opportunities to ensure the economic prosperity and security of future generations."