

Doulis, President, Stavros Haviaras, Executive Vice President, Mike Frezoulis, First Vice President, John Monogioudis, Second Vice President, George Arnitsis, Executive Secretary, Kalliopi Volikas-Theodoropoulos, General Secretary, Nikolaos Papagiannakis, CFO, John Stoupakis, Treasurer, Kostas Potamousis, Assistant Treasurer, and Elsa Tsartsidou, Director of the Federation's Cultural Center. In addition to its political objectives, the organization takes pride in its dance group, cultural events, website, magazine, business card exchanges, food, clothing and toy drives, Senior Citizens' breakfast and lectures on topics ranging from archaeology to health care.

The Federation's accomplishments extend beyond the borders of the United States. On Chios, The Chian Federation has financially aided nursing homes, environmental groups for reforestation of the island, the Korais Library and the Office of the Repatriated Chians Organization, in addition to making substantial donations to the educational and health systems of Chios.

In 1977, the Chian Federation established the Homeric Award to recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Hellenic community. This year's Homeric Award recipient is Stamatis M. "Tom" Krimigis. The former Head of the Space Department of The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Dr. Krimigis' research interests include the earth's environment and magnetosphere; the sun; the interplanetary medium; and the magnetospheres of the planets and other astrophysical objects. He has been Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on several NASA space missions, including the Low Energy Charged Particle Experiment on Voyagers 1 and 2 and the Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorer, a collaborative program that created the first man-made comet on December 27, 1984.

Dr. Krimigis is the author of more than 370 academic papers; was awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement in 1981 and 1986; and has received more than thirty NASA Group Achievement Awards for his work on the Voyager, AMPTE, Galileo, Ulysses, Cassini, and ACE projects. Dr. Krimigis has also been a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Space Science Board; Chairman of the Board's Committee on Solar and Space Physics; a member of NASA's Space Science and Applications Advisory Committees; a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the American Physical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and trustee of the International Academy of Astronautics. He received the International Academy of Astronautics Basic Sciences Award and the AHEPA Academy Prize, both in 1994. At the World Space Congress in 2002, he was presented with the COSPAR Space Science Award, the highest honor that the worldwide space science community can bestow. In November 2004, he was presented with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Lifetime Achievement Award. He has participated as member or Chairman in many national and international conferences in space science and space systems management, has delivered more than 1,100 talks on these topics, and has lectured in major conferences and National Academies

in all five continents. The International Astronomical Union in 1999 named asteroid "8323 Krimigis" in his honor. The President of the Hellenic Republic awarded Dr. Krimigis the Gold Cross "Commandeur de l'Ordre du Phœnix" in 1997. Also, the American Hellenic Institute honored him with its "Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award" in Washington in 1998.

Dr. Krimigis has often testified before Congressional Committees on issues of Space Science and Technology and has been a member or chairman of many advisory committees for the U.S. government. He is often quoted in national and international media on space science and technology issues, most recently on the Voyager crossing of the heliospheric termination shock and the Cassini orbits of Saturn. His work on Voyager has been featured as front-page news in the New York Times three times and has appeared in many other newspapers and magazines throughout the world. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in Frontiers of Science and Technology, Who's Who in Technology Today, Personalities of America, American Men and Women of Science, Men of Achievement, International Who's Who of Contemporary Achievement and the Dictionary of International Biography.

Dr. Krimigis is truly a man "axios" (worthy) of the Homeric Award and I offer him my best wishes for many more years of outstanding achievements.

I ask my colleges to join me recognizing the Chian Federation and its honoree, Dr. Tom Krimigis.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes last night. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 534; "yes" on rollcall No. 535; "no" on rollcall No. 536.

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### ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral as they join together in the celebration of their 40th anniversary. They will be celebrating this very momentous and special occasion on Saturday, November 20, 2004.

The Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Elijah the Prophet is comprised of faithful descendants who came from many parts of the world such as Hercegovina, Bosnia, Lika, Banat, Dalmatia, and Serbia. Some also came from sections of America and Canada. The thriving steel mills offered ready employment. For many descendants, their relatives, friends, and acquaintances were already located in

Northwest Indiana. Each soul believed that Eastern Orthodoxy and the Serbian Orthodox Church, as well as the continuance of their Patronal Feast "Krsna Slava," was a priceless inheritance and worthy of great sacrifice. They gathered together under the banner and intercessions of St. Elijah the Prophet, with faith in God Almighty in Trinity to found a church-school congregation in Merrillville, Indiana.

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral is led in its faith by the Very Reverend Archpriest Lazar Kostur. In 1986, Protospesbyter Stavrofor George Lazich, retired, and the St. Elijah Cathedral Church Congregation elected Father Lazar to the status of permanent parish priest. On November 5, 1989 he was elevated to the dignity of an Archpriest by Bishop Mitrophan. Father Lazar, along with his wife, Protinica Mira and their beautiful children has served the Serbian Orthodox Church faithfully. The proud parishioners are thankful for the spiritual and emotional leadership he has provided during the years since his ordination.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher, His Grace Bishop Longin, His Grace Bishop Mitrophan, and His Grace Bishop Peter have all been invited along with clergy of the Gracanica Diocese and Midwestern Metropolitanate. St. Elijah Cathedral Choir will sing the responses in the church. Hieromonk Irinej Dobrijevic of Belgrade, Serbia, and consultant to the Holy Assembly of Bishops will be the featured speaker. The celebration will include performances by the St. Elijah "Frula" Folklore Group, St. Elijah Cathedral Choir and the Czar Lazar Men's Choir of Pittsburgh. A dance with live music from Mladost and Drina will begin after Vespers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral on their 40th anniversary. The members of St. Elijah have dedicated themselves to providing a spiritual and guiding light through the protection of the Serbian Orthodox faith and traditions for all of Northwest Indiana. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

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#### HONORING MARGARET AVILA

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Avila, my good friend and tireless advocate of nursing. Ms. Avila is one of California's prominent educators in the field of nursing and plans to retire on December 10th after 30 years of dedicated service to her community.

Ms. Avila has been an integral part and asset in the Congressional 38th District Health Consortium. She was the Chair of the Consortium of Health, Health Professions, and Mental Health Committees. As an educator she designed, developed, and implemented curricula for nursing students from entry level to licensed and post-graduate programs for over 15 years. She taught both nursing professionals and medical professionals at a family practice residency level.

Ms. Avila created an innovative Public Health Nursing Practice Model that completely reoriented and renewed the public health nursing practice in Los Angeles County. The

Model incorporates the concepts of Healthy People 2010, and it has been used in improving the quality and efficiency of the public health nursing practice. The creation and use of this model in one of the largest, most diverse, and dynamic settings in the country represents a tremendous advance in strengthening and expanding population-focused public health nursing. The influence of the model has extended well beyond the boundaries of California, with its adoption by the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan.

Margaret Avila provided the strategic and creative leadership for this effort. Her career path has included excellence in practice, in education, and in leadership.

Ms. Avila is a native of Los Angeles County and a product of the California educational system. She received a Diploma of Nursing from St. Vincent's College of Nursing, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. She has practiced as a staff nurse, a public health nurse, a nurse practitioner, a state nurse consultant, and an adjunct nursing faculty member. She has served as the Director of Nursing at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health since 1999. She currently serves on the Board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

Despite all of her success, Ms. Avila is never content to rest on her laurels. She has dedicated her life and knowledge to increasing opportunities for others. As a result, the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association awarded Ms. Avila the 2004 Lillian Wald Service Award. She received this award by demonstrating initiative and resourcefulness in developing efforts to improve the health of the public through political, legislative, and interdisciplinary activism. This noteworthy achievement highlighted her leadership role in promoting social reform activities for client groups, influencing health policy and health laws, strengthening public health nursing practice, and collaborating with other health care workers, legislators, and public officials.

Margaret Avila is retiring as Director of Nursing for the Los Angeles Public Health Department. She is going into private practice and is establishing a woman's clinic in the underserved Pico Union area of Los Angeles. Her goal is to provide health access to low income women to improve their quality of life. She also plans to seek her doctorate degree.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to personally acknowledge and commend Margaret for her dedication to the field of nursing which enriches and promotes the health of our community. She is a model of the passionate American educator, and a devoted and involved citizen. I know the rest of the House will join me in congratulating Ms. Margaret Avila and wishing her success in her future endeavors.

THE CONGREGATION ETZ AHAIM  
IN RECOGNITION OF 75 YEARS OF  
SERVICE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Congregation Etz Ahaim, the

oldest Sephardic Jewish congregation in New Jersey, as it celebrates the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish community in the United States.

Etz Ahaim has been serving the Sephardic community of New Jersey for more than seventy-five years. It was founded by Jewish immigrants who named the congregation Etz Ahaim, "Tree of Life," after the oldest synagogue in Salonica, Greece. Founded at the start of the Great Depression, the synagogue struggled to stay afloat. Unable to afford a rabbi, they relied on the uncompensated services of Rabbi Benjamin Naar of Salonica, and on unordained lay leaders Eliyahu Nahama and Elie Saporta until 1955.

Since then, Etz Ahaim has been lead by Rabbis Ishmael Cohen, Murray Greenfield, Rafael Wizman, David Glicksman, Yamin Levy, and, from 1991 until today, Rabbi David Bassous. It has grown since its incorporation in April of 1927 from a circle of 25 worshipping in private residences, to a small community of 75 families in a building on Richmond Street, New Brunswick, to a vibrant congregation of 155 families in Highland Park. What was once a small group, barely able to afford the mortgage on their building during the Great Depression is now a thriving community and religious center of New Jersey.

Today, Etz Ahaim is deeply involved in the Middlesex County community. They sponsor community outreach, philosophy classes, dance lessons, educational opportunities. Etz Ahaim also has an active Sisterhood as old as the congregation itself, and which just came out with a Sephardic cookbook, "Come, es Bueno." On Sunday, November 7, they will be celebrating the 350th anniversary of the start of the Jewish community in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the profound cultural achievements of Congregation Etz Ahaim, both for the Sephardic community, and for Highland Park in general. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them, and their many years of service to Jewish life in the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons require me to return to my district, and I am unable to be present for legislative business scheduled after 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1417, the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004 (Rollcall No. 532), and "aye" on S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas (Rollcall No. 533).

I would appreciate it if my remarks would appear in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAIN (MAJOR)  
FLOYD L. WHITE III

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Chaplain (Major) Floyd L. White III from the United States Army Reserve, and to recognize his years of service to his community and country.

Chaplain White served his country for 20 proud years, from June 4, 1983, to November 7, 2003. His role in the U.S. Army Reserve took him across the country and across the world. He served as a Battalion Chaplain for the 457th and 451st Chemical Battalions in Greenville, SC, and as a Brigade Chaplain for two brigades at Fort Dix, NJ. He served overseas in South Korea in Operation Team Spirit in 1990, and in 2001 he served in a Warfighter Exercise in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Chaplain White is also a dedicated and motivated community leader. He is the Pastor of the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Camden, NJ, and is President of the Woodland Community Development Corporation. He serves on the boards of the Cooper University Hospital Foundation, the United Way of Camden County, the Camden Eye Center, and the Cooper Ferry Camden Waterfront Development Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Chaplain White today. He embodies the American spirit of service to one's family, community, and country. I thank him for his dedicated service and wish Chaplain Floyd White all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN  
WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

SPEECH OF

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2004*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize my good friend, Congressman BILL LIPINSKI, and to thank him for his 22 years of service and vision and leadership in Congress.

I know we use the word—friend—often in this body. Usually right before we are about to disagree with our colleagues.

We say things like, I have a lot of respect for my good friend from Illinois, but I couldn't disagree more with his staunch support of the Chicago White Sox.

But as much as we use the word "friend" to frame our debates, I have always felt that Congress actually is a tough place to build real, lasting friendships.

That is why Mr. LIPINSKI will be so missed. Because while it's true that I hardly knew BILL LIPINSKI when I arrived here in 1993, it's more true now that I can hardly imagine not having Bill as one of my best friends and allies in public service.

I will miss his effectiveness and his leadership, but more than that I will miss his day-to-day presence and his friendship.

And I know I am not alone.

Because Mr. LIPINSKI has been such a good friend to so many of us in this body, on both sides of the aisle.