

sonable risk to health or the environment," to test that chemical fully. If there are several makers of the chemical, testing costs may be shared among them. Should the substance be found to be hazardous, the head of the EPA shall make rules controlling use of the substance. EPA would also have to receive premarket notice of all new chemical substances.

We know some Americans have died because of such substances and the totally uncontrolled manner in which they now reach the public. Also, we know the danger grows with proliferation of new products. To allow continuation of this situation is absolutely unacceptable to the nation. Congress has an obligation to alter this equation in favor of the public.

**GUAM BISHOP SUPPORTS
COMPACT**

HON. ANTONIO BORJA WON PAT

OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 20, 1976

Mr. WON PAT. Mr. Speaker, as our colleagues in the Senate continue to deliberate the provisions of the measure authorizing commonwealth status for the Northern Marianas Islands, I am pleased to announce support for this historic measure from one of Guam's most respected citizens, the Most Reverend Felixberto C. Flores, bishop of Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Bishop Flores' decision to support the commonwealth proposal comes at a time when a few here are having their doubts about such a move. There are some who question whether commonwealth status is in the best interests of the people of the Northern Marianas and for the United States.

I believe that their doubts would be instantly dispelled if they could meet with Bishop Flores. The bishop is not a man who makes decisions lightly. As the first native-born Guamanian to be chosen for the position of bishop of Agana, the Most Reverend Flores is a man who knows his people and his duties. His support for the compact is predicated on both a profound spiritual sense of duty to those whom he serves and an inherent appreciation of the benefits which commonwealth status will bring not only to the Northern Marianas, but to Guam and our fellow citizens in the States as well.

The Bishop also speaks as a fellow Chamorro, who, as do all Guamanians, possesses close ethnic, cultural, and religious ties with the Chamorro residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. He is acutely aware that the Chamorros were once one, but have remained politically divided by the arbitrary decisions of powers much greater than we.

For countless centuries, Guamanians roamed these islands, living in peace and harmony. The coming of the Spanish brought Christianity, which in time, became the religion of our people.

Following the Spanish-American War, however, Guam was ceded to the United States, and our fellow Islanders to the

north went through a series of interventions by foreign powers culminating in their conquest by American forces in World War II.

We on Guam who have been privileged to be associated with the United States are proud of our American citizenship. We have flourished and prospered. It is our hope that similar benefits will be granted to the Northern Marianas by the U.S. Government in exchange for agreements to utilize certain portions of those islands to enhance our strategic position in the Western Pacific.

In a recent letter to the Honorable Francisco C. Ada, District Administrator of the Northern Marianas, Bishop Flores pointed out that the decision to request commonwealth status with this country is a clear-cut decision "made known by an overwhelming vote of the peoples of the Northern Marianas in favor of such a status last June."

I congratulate Bishop Flores for espousing the Commonwealth proposal and urge our friends in the U.S. Senate to ratify House Joint Resolution 549 in the very near future. Their actions will permit the United States to take a historic step toward unifying all the peoples of the Marianas in a common political bond under the American flag.

Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK ITALIANO

HON. JAMES J. FLORIO

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 20, 1976

Mr. FLORIO. Mr. Speaker, we often encounter individuals whom we respect for a certain particular quality; intelligence, ability, competency or personality. It is very rare to know a person whom we respect for all of these qualities. I knew such a man, a resident of my district, Frank Italiano.

During the recent recess I had the great misfortune to learn that Frank had passed away. He had dedicated his life to public service most outstandingly as a New Jersey State senator and lastly as a judge in Camden County.

I will never forget Frank Italiano and I wish to place in the RECORD the remarks of the Reverend Richard Gerbino who expressed my sentiments and the sentiments of all who knew Frank far more eloquently than I.

REMARKS BY REV. RICHARD GERBINO

May it please your Excellency (George H. Guilfoyle, Bishop of Camden), brother Priests, beloved Italiano family, and dear friends of Frank C. Italiano.

It is with very heavy heart that we offer this day, this Mass, for the soul of Frank C. Italiano. I got to know Frank twenty-four years ago as a law student in Rutgers College of South Jersey. Frank not only worked hard as a student, but also drove an oil truck for "La Buona Anima", his father. Frank worked hard, always worked with enthusiasm, and total dedication.

I could relate to you his climb to success. I could tell you with great detail his service to the city of Camden, to the state of New Jersey, and then as a judge to Camden

County. But this is not what made Frank Italiano great. What made Frank Italiano great was his tremendous faith. This man went to Mass and Communion in this very church every Sunday. This man (and Frank will forgive me for divulging his secret) made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament every day in this very church. This man knelt down in prayer for thirty minutes every time he was about to go to the Bench to beg God's guidance and wisdom. This was and is Frank Italiano.

If there is a word that I could sum up my dear friend Frank, it is this... he was "Una Persona Simpatica." This is a very difficult word to translate from the Italian to English. "Una Persona Simpatica" is a person who so identifies himself with his neighbor that when his neighbor feels pain, he feels pain—when his neighbor is joyful, he is joyful. Frank C. Italiano was in all truth "Una Persona Simpatica."

Now the question is, "WHY?" WHY should a man at the zenith of his career, who had so much to live for, and so much to give, be so unceremoniously snatched from life? He had so much more to give and is denied it... so many people to serve and not given the opportunity. The question is WHY—WHY—WHY!

The answer is WHY NOT? Frank Italiano knew only too well that we have not here a lasting city. He knew only too well that we are only passing through this life. As St. James says in his Epistle, "What is your life? It is a mist which appears for a while and is seen no longer." Frank knew and understood this only too well.

I recall very well when Frank Italiano's father died over twenty years ago, and was laid out right across the street from this church. I was there. I will never forget what Frank told me that night. He said to me, pointing to the body of his father, "That's not my father over there. This is what my father left behind. My father is with God." This was, this is, and this will always be the faith of my brother, Frank C. Italiano.

In our humanity certainly we lament the loss of Frank Italiano. We offer to the Italiano family our sympathy and our love. At the same time I invite the Italiano Family and all of you here present to offer this Mass with us, not for the soul of Frank C. Italiano, but to live as well and to die as well as Frank C. Italiano.

**EMANUEL MEYER RUBENSTEIN OF
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, HONORED
FOR 70 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

HON. CHARLES J. CARNEY

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 20, 1976

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that Emanuel Meyer Rubenstein, a constituent of mine, was honored by the Jewish Federation of Youngstown on his 90th birthday, which was January 10, 1976.

On that date, Mr. Rubenstein was commemorated for 70 years of humanitarianism and devotion to his family and community. After World War II, Mr. Rubenstein brought his brother, whom he had not seen in nearly 50 years, his sister-in-law, nephew, niece, and her husband to Youngstown from a displaced persons camp in Europe.

Emanuel Rubenstein first came to Youngstown as a teenager before the