



# ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

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## VIP/SPEAKER SCHEDULE FOR ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY BANQUET HONORING PRESIDENT LEVON TER-PETROSSIAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1995 J.W. MARRIOTT HOTEL Grand Ballroom 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC

- 6:30 - 8:00 pm VIP Reception and photo opportunity for Major Donors with President Ter-Petrossian, Presidential Delegation and Speakers Russell/Hart/Cannon Rooms. **All members of Congress are invited to the VIP reception.**
- 8:00 pm Rolling introductions for Head Table as they enter the Grand Ballroom  
**ALL SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8PM.**
- 8:00 - 8:45 pm First portion of program
- Master of Ceremonies: The Honorable Edward Djerejian
  - Invocation: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
  - Welcome: Annie Totah, Banquet Chairperson
- 8:25 pm • Remarks: Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS) (5 minutes)
- 8:40 pm • Remarks: Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) (5 minutes)
- 8:45 - 9:30 pm Dinner is served
- 9:30 - 11:00 pm Second portion of program
- Remarks: Carl Bazarian, Chairman, Assembly Board of Directors
  - Remarks: Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) (5 minutes)
  - Remarks: Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) (5 minutes)
  - Remarks: Rep. John Porter (R-IL) (5 minutes)
  - Remarks: Administration Spokesperson (10 minutes)
  - Presidential Introduction: Hirair Hovnanian, Chairman, Armenian Assembly Board of Trustees
  - Response: President Levon Ter-Petrossian
  - Benediction: Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian

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October 20, 1995

The Honorable Bob Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attn: Morrell Taggart

Dear Senator Dole:

This letter confirms your attendance at our October 25 banquet honoring Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrossian. Attached is the VIP/Speaker schedule. Please note that you are scheduled to deliver remarks at approximately 8:25 pm. Alice Kelikian will introduce you. As a reminder, please make every effort to attend the VIP Reception, which will be from 6:30 pm — 8:00 pm in the Russell/Hart/Cannon rooms of the J.W. Marriott Hotel. At 8:00 pm, there will be rolling introductions where you and the entire Head Table will be introduced.

As previously discussed, we will provide your staff with talking points by the close of business on Monday. We thought that you may find the talking points of use in preparing remarks.

On behalf of the Armenian Assembly, and the Armenian-American community, we are grateful for your participation in this most important event. Please call me if you have further questions.

Warm regards,

Timothy A. Jemal  
Director of Congressional Relations

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cc: Randy Scheunemann  
Alice Kelikian - 67/868-5947

Enclosure



# **SENATOR BOB DOLE**

## **REMARKS**

### **ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY BANQUET**

**THANK YOU, ALICE, FOR  
THOSE VERY KIND WORDS OF  
INTRODUCTION. IT WAS 48 YEARS  
AGO THIS YEAR WHEN I FIRST MET  
ALICE'S FATHER--BUT I REMEMBER  
IT LIKE YESTERDAY.**

**I HAD CONSULTED MANY**

DOCTORS BEFORE I MET DR.  
KELIKIAN. THEY TALKED TO ME  
ABOUT NERVE DAMAGE AND  
IMPAIRED FUNCTION--BUT DID  
LITTLE TO DISCOURAGE MY  
SEARCH FOR "MAGICAL"  
SURGICAL PROCEDURES THAT  
WOULD RESTORE ME TO THE WAY  
I WAS BEFORE I WAS WOUNDED.

I RECALL THAT DURING OUR

FIRST MEETING, DR. K. ADMINISTERED THE VERBAL EQUIVALENT OF A SLAP IN THE FACE. HE WOULD DO ALL HE COULD, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO MIRACLES. "THE CHOICE IS ALL UP TO YOU," HE TOLD ME. I COULD EITHER FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF, OR I COULD ACCEPT MY SITUATION, GET ON WITH MY LIFE,

**AND WORK TO "MAKE THE MOST  
OF WHAT I HAD."**

**AND WORKING TO MAKE THE  
MOST OF WHAT HE HAD WAS THE  
STORY OF HAMPAR KELIKIAN'S  
LIFE. AS A BOY, DR. KELIKIAN  
ESCAPED THE ARMENIAN  
GENOCIDE, AND HE ARRIVED IN  
CHICAGO IN 1920 POSSESSING \$2  
IN HIS POCKET AND A RUG FROM**



ARMENIA. HE LOST THREE  
SISTERS IN THE GENOCIDE. HE  
GOT A JOB ON A FARM, WHERE HE  
IMPRESSED HIS EMPLOYER INTO  
PAYING HIS WAY THROUGH  
COLLEGE. HE THEN WENT ON TO  
MEDICAL SCHOOL AND AN  
APPRENTICESHIP AT COOK  
COUNTY HOSPITAL.

I WAS JUST ONE OF MANY

**WHOSE LIFE WAS CHANGED BY  
DR. KELIKIAN. AND BECAUSE OF  
HIM, I HAVE ALWAYS FELT A  
SPECIAL CONNECTION WITH THE  
ARMENIAN PEOPLE.**

**ELIZABETH AND I VISITED  
ARMENIA IN THE AFTERMATH OF  
THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE,  
AND WE WERE INSPIRED BY THE  
TREMENDOUS COURAGE OF THE**



**ARMENIAN PEOPLE--PEOPLE WHO  
WERE MAKING THE MOST OF  
WHAT THEY HAD.**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE  
RETURNED TO THE UNITED  
STATES, ELIZABETH AND I BRIEFED  
THE PRESIDENT ON THE  
SITUATION IN ARMENIA, AND  
ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN  
ASSISTANCE WAS SOON ON THE**

**WAY.**

**AND HUMANITARIAN  
ASSISTANCE WILL CONTINUE TO  
FLOW TO ARMENIA. THANKS TO  
THE EFFORTS OF ALL OF YOU,  
EVEN IN A TIME OF DECLINING  
FOREIGN AID, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE  
TO ENSURE ARMENIA WAS FULLY  
FUNDED. LAST NIGHT, A HOUSE-  
SENATE CONFERENCE APPROVED**

**THE HUMANITARIAN AID  
CORRIDORS ACT AS PART OF THE  
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL.  
THE SENATE PASSED THIS BILL  
LAST MONTH, FITTINGLY ON  
ARMENIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

**ENACTMENT OF THE  
CORRIDORS ACT WILL HELP  
ENSURE THAT AMERICAN  
HUMANITARIAN AID CAN BE**



**DELIVERED WHERE IT IS NEEDED  
AND WHEN IT IS NEEDED. AND IT  
SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY THAT IT  
CAN NOT ACCEPT AMERICAN  
FOREIGN AID, WHILE AT THE SAME  
TIME CLOSING ITS BORDERS TO  
THE DELIVERY OF FOOD AND  
MEDICINE ON ITS WAY TO  
ARMENIA.**

**FOUR YEARS HAVE NOW  
PASSED SINCE ARMENIA  
ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE  
FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AND  
PRESIDENT TER-PETROSSIAN IS  
NOW THE LONGEST-STANDING  
DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED  
PRESIDENT AMONG THE FORMER  
SOVIET STATES.**

**THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY**

**HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY.  
THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE HAVE  
WITHSTOOD THEIR BURDENS WITH  
STRENGTH AND COURAGE.  
PRESIDENT TER-PETROSSIAN  
KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE TO  
STRUGGLE UNDER TOTALITARIAN  
RULE. THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE  
HAVE HAD TO ENDURE TWO OF  
THE WORLD'S WORST MAN-MADE**



**DISASTERS -- THE FIRST GENOCIDE  
OF THIS CENTURY AT THE HANDS  
OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE,  
FOLLOWED BY SEVEN DECADES OF  
SOVIET COMMUNISM. ONE OF  
THE WORST NATURAL DISASTERS  
WAS THE 1988 EARTHQUAKE.**

**LET ME JUST SAY A FEW  
WORDS ABOUT GENOCIDE.  
BEFORE BEGINNING THE**

**HOLOCAUST, ADOLF HITLER SAID,  
" WHO REMEMBERS THE  
ARMENIANS?" THAT IS WHY IT IS  
IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER. THIS  
YEAR IS THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.  
AFTER ARMENIA, IT WAS THE  
JEWISH PEOPLE. THE WORLD  
SAID, "NEVER AGAIN." THEN IT  
WAS CAMBODIA IN THE 1970S.**

**NOW, AGAIN ON THE EUROPEAN  
CONTINENT, IT IS BOSNIA.  
REMEMBERING THE PAST -- THE  
HISTORICAL TRUTH OF THE  
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE -- IS A  
DUTY WE OWE TO THOSE WHO  
DIED, TO THOSE WHO CANNOT  
REMEMBER. IF WE DO NOT  
REMEMBER THE ARMENIANS,  
THERE WILL BE MORE**



**HOLOCAUSTS, MORE CAMBODIAS,  
MORE BOSNIAS AND MORE  
RWANDAS.**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE  
ARMENIAN PEOPLE HAVE MADE  
SACRIFICES, AND MUST CONTINUE  
TO MAKE SACRIFICES IF  
DEMOCRACY IS TO SURVIVE. FEW  
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE AS TOUGH  
AS ARMENIA'S -- BLOCKADED BY**

**TURKEY, FACED WITH WAR ON  
TWO SIDES, AND PRESSURED BY  
THE RUSSIAN BEAR. AZERBAIJAN  
HAS OIL RESOURCES, TURKEY HAS  
NATO, IRAN HAS A NEW ISLAMIC  
INTERNATIONAL. ARMENIA ONLY  
HAS ITSELF AND THE SUPPORT WE  
CAN GIVE. BUT GIVEN WHAT I  
KNOW ABOUT ARMENIA AND  
ARMENIANS, THAT WILL BE**

**ENOUGH.**

**AS I THINK ABOUT THE  
TREMENDOUS SACRIFICES  
ALREADY MADE THIS CENTURY BY  
THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE, I  
REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE  
STATE MOTTO OF KANSAS--TO  
THE STARS THROUGH  
DIFFICULTIES.**

**I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE**

**PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF  
ARMENIA HAVE THE COURAGE  
AND PERSEVERANCE THAT WILL  
ALLOW THEM TO REACH THE  
STARS.**



**STATEMENT OF SENATOR DOLE**

**MR. PRIME MINISTER, MR.**

**MAYOR, COLLEAGUES AND**

**FRIENDS. WELCOME TO THE**

**UNITED STATES CAPITOL FOR**

**THIS HISTORIC EVENT. IT IS AN**

**HONOR TO HOST A CELEBRATION**

**FOR THE 3000TH ANNIVERSARY**

**OF JERUSALEM. NO OTHER CITY**

**ON EARTH IS TODAY THE**

**CAPITAL OF THE SAME  
COUNTRY, INHABITED BY THE  
SAME PEOPLE, SPEAKING THE  
SAME LANGUAGE AND  
WORSHIPPING THE SAME GOD AS  
IT WAS 3000 YEARS AGO. NO  
OTHER CITY ON EARTH HAS HELD  
SUCH A UNIQUE PLACE IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN  
CIVILIZATION. NO OTHER CITY**

**ON EARTH HOLDS SUCH  
IMPORTANCE TO THREE GREAT  
WORLD RELIGIONS.**

**IT IS FITTING AND IT IS  
APPROPRIATE THAT THE 104TH  
CONGRESS HOST ALL OF YOU  
FOR THIS INAUGURAL  
CEREMONY. ALL OF US HAVE  
SPECIAL MEMORIES OF THIS  
MOST SPECIAL CITY. I FIRST**

**VISITED JERUSALEM ALMOST  
THREE DECADES AGO. I  
REMEMBER SPEAKING IN  
JERUSALEM IN 1977 -- FOUR  
SHORT YEARS AFTER THE  
TRAGIC 1973 WAR. I REMEMBER  
EASTER SUNDAY, 1990 WHEN I  
ATTENDED A SUNRISE SERVICE  
ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. IN  
ITS OWN WAY AND TO EACH OF**



**US, JERUSALEM IS UNIQUE.**

**TODAY IS A DAY TO  
REFLECT ON THE HISTORICAL,  
THE SPIRITUAL AND THE  
PERSONAL IMPORTANCE OF  
JERUSALEM. FOR 3000 YEARS  
JERUSALEM HAS STOOD AS A  
SYMBOL OF PEACE AND OF  
HOPE. TODAY'S ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION STANDS AS A**

**SYMBOL OF OUR RESPECT FOR  
JERUSALEM.**

**THANK YOU.**