

ROSA SUGRANES—THE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 1999

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent, Mrs. Rosa Sugranes, who was recognized recently in ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol by the Small Business Council of America as the Small Business Person of the Year for 1999.

Rosa has built Iberia Tiles into one of our nation's largest independently owned distributors of ceramic tiles, marble and stone. Starting out as a 22-year-old college student with just a \$100,000 investment, she opened a tile warehouse in 1980. Her hard work and dedication helped create today's major corporation which has annual revenues of over \$24 million and offices throughout South Florida and the Atlanta area. Miami's Bayside Marketplace, Joe's Stone Crabs and the World Trade Center in Panama are among the many famous buildings which have used Iberia tiles.

Among the many roles she is being honored for by the council include her commitment to the vital cause of multilingual education, as well as her many civic and charitable contribu-

tions which have greatly benefited our community and nation. She heads the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's multilingual task force and is chairwoman of the Multilingual Development Committee of the Miami-Dade Public Schools. Rosa also serves on the board of trustees of Florida International University and the United Way, and has played a major role in Miami-Dade County's Efficiency & Competition Committee and Cultural Affairs Council.

This is definitely a fitting tribute for Rosa Sugranes who, over the past twenty years, has very ably served as an entrepreneur, civic leader, education crusader and mother of two children.

IN HONOR OF THE BAYONNE ELKS LODGE NO. 434 FOR ITS WORK WITH ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bayonne Elks Lodge No. 434 for all of its efforts with the Elks National Youth Week.

The Bayonne Elks Lodge has been committed to reaching out to our youth, shining a light on the contributions and accomplishments of young people in the community. Every year during the first week of May, selected area high school seniors are honored by the Elks Lodge for National Youth Week.

This year thirty outstanding students are scheduled to be honored on Youth Day, set to take place on May 4, 1999. Pictures and biographies of the selected students can be found in local newspapers as the Elks Outstanding Students.

As part of the Elks Lodge National Youth Week program, students get the opportunity to gain first hand experience of government. They are assigned positions within the city government, are sworn into these positions, and tour City Hall. This opportunity not only promotes work in government as a positive and honorable career choice, but it also opens students to the possibilities that public service has to offer.

Bayonne Elks Lodge No. 434 exemplifies leadership and dedication to young people and to the Bayonne community. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey, I am very happy to honor the Bayonne Elks Lodge for its achievements with the Elks National Youth Week program. I salute and congratulate the Bayonne Elks Lodge on these extraordinary accomplishments.