

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TO HONOR MS. GEMA DUARTE LUNA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to bring attention to the achievements of a great woman who was recently presented with the Arizona State University (ASU) Young Alumni Achievement Award. This award is bestowed upon an alum who has excelled early in his or her profession and has served the community with distinction. She is a native Arizonan, devoted wife, loving mother of two, and I am proud to know her as my friend. Mr. Speaker, I speak of Ms. Gema Duarte Luna of Phoenix, Arizona.

Raised in the small town of Superior, Arizona, Gema graduated from ASU in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was the first in her family to receive a college degree. She has had many triumphs in the fields of business, management, and local politics including appointments to many civic committees, such as the Mayor's Fiscal Capacity Committee and the City of Phoenix Transit Tax Citizen's Committee, due to her extensive involvement in issues affecting the community.

She also serves as a board member for KAET Channel 8 (a public television station), Xicanindio Artes, an organization that provides youth programs and promotes Chicano and Native American artists, the National Conference for Community and Justice, a diversity program for high school students, and serves as a member of the ASU Cesar Chavez Institute, a youth leadership program.

Gema served as chairwoman of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is the current chair of the chamber's annual spring black and white ball which is the largest banquet and fund-raising activity of the Hispanic business community.

While working as the Affinity Marketing Manager for Bank of America she received the prestigious "LEND" award for her commitment to improve the efforts that target low and moderate families and neighborhoods. Currently, she serves as the market segment manager for the Arizona Republic and through her ongoing development and supportive measures, she has been instrumental in the funding of the ASU foundation, a non-profit organization that acts as the principal agent through which gifts are made to benefit the university.

As my colleagues can see, she is a role model to all Arizonans and young Latinas throughout the nation. Her involvement in the community is truly an inspiration and a testament to her dedication and commitment. Her strong presence and proven leadership skills have earned her the respect of her peers and she continues to be a well respected voice in the Valley's Hispanic community. Therefore,

please join me today in honoring my friend, Ms. Gema Duarte Luna.

RECOGNIZING THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as we observe National Police Week, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize members of the Guam Police Department who have distinguished themselves during the past year. On the island of Guam, the highest honors are usually reserved for the Police Officer of the Year and the Civilian of the Year—awards presented annually to the top employees of the Guam Police Department (GPD). For the year 2001, Police Officer II Patrick J. Santos was named Police Officer of the Year while Ms. Yolanda M. Crisostomo was honored as Civilian of the Year.

Assigned to the Homicide Unit as a Special Agent, Officer Patrick J. Santos has proven his knowledge and abilities in the field of law enforcement. Officer Santos has displayed diversified skills in investigating some of the most complex cases required in police work. With sixteen years of experience in the field, he has participated and investigated in several homicide cases, cleared 119 felony cases, 101 misdemeanor cases and 113 death cases involving suicides, accidents and death by natural causes. In the pursuit of his chosen career, he had been made to sacrifice time away from his family. Often on call without regard to the time of the day, he has selflessly devoted many hours investigating and working on sensitive, complex, and time consuming cases. For his efficiency, dedication and professionalism, the Guam Police Department has chosen to award Officer Santos its highest honor for the year 2001.

GPD's Civilian of the Year is a Clerk Typist II assigned to the Legal Affairs Section. While the department underwent a critical personnel shortage, Yolanda M. Crisostomo was left to manage GPD's Legal Affairs Section. As the sole employee assigned to the section, Ms. Crisostomo tended to duties normally distributed among six staff members. Within the period of one year, she was able to personally generate 7,837 minutes of transcription that converted to 237 investigative reports and a total of 4,740 pages of typewritten legal documents. This is in addition to her collateral duties as a claims representative and a lay representative in adverse actions—duties that entailed legal research and normally assigned to paralegals. Her efficiency and good judgement in the performance of her duties have earned her the coveted honor of being GPD's Civilian of the Year for 2001.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Patrick and Yolanda for having been named as GPD's Police Officer and Civilian of

the Year. Through their diligence and dedication to their duties at the Guam Police Department, they have made great contributions towards the safety and protection of our island's residents.

I additionally wish to submit for the RECORD, the names of units, police officers, and civilian employees who were also recognized for their services to the department and to the people of Guam. I urge them to keep up the good work!

## UNIT CITATION FOR EXCELLENCE

Criminal Investigations Section; Special Programs Section

## LIFESAVING AWARD

POI Seigfred D.R. Mortera; POI Juan LG Diaz, Jr.; POI Donny J. Tainatongo; POI Mark A. Nelson; Detention Officer Anthony P. Quichocho; CVPR Mario L. Laxamana.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Capt. Ricardo M. Leon Guerrero; Sgt. I Eric D. Fisher; Sgt. I M.J.Q. Sayama; POIII Robert A. Rasaan; POIII Jesse N. Camacho; POIII Joseph S. Carbullido; POIII Paul V. Sayama; POIII Rafael E. Pellacani; POIII Manuel R. Chong; POIII Dennis A.O. Santos; POIII Carlos Roman; POII Lydia C. Ogo; POII Thomas B. Manibusan; POII Jihn S. Tyquiengco; POII Jojo T. Garcia; POII Troy B. Lizama; POII Kenneth S. Espinosa; POII Barry K. Flores; POII Bryan J. Cruz; POII Vincent D.C. Nueva; POII Carl J. Nesmith; POI Francisco R. Cepeda; POI Donna L. Gomez; POI Gabriel T. Cruz; POI Virgilio A. Antonio; POI Peter A.R. Ada; Detention Leader Percy R. Manley; Civ. Rose Fejeran; Civ. Ovita A. Nauta; Civ. Erlinda T. Valencia; Civ. Monica P. Ada; Civ. Zenobia D. Lynn; Civ. Felisa Mae H. Pineda; Civ. Julie R.B. Paulino; Civ. Susan C. Reyes; Civ. Cynthia E. Ige; Civ. Elizabeth I. Barcinas; Civ. Albina E. Buccat; Civ. John F. Taitano; CVPR Dewey L. Castro; CVPR Jesus P. Angoco; CVPR Dean D. Delgado; CVPR Leo S. Diaz; CVPR Joey A. Terlaje; CVPR Mike L. Elliot; CVPR Michael A. Reyes.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

POIII James A. Buccat; POIII Raul Q. Atento; POIII Anthony V. Chaco; POIII Michael Q. Aguon; POIII Kenneth J.Q. Castro; POIII Mark A.B. Torre; POIII Jovito T. Jasmin; POIII Robert J.C. Santos; POIII Erfel O. Matanguihan; POIII Kenneth D. Mantanona; POIII John N. Quinatnilia; POIII John C. Aguon; POIII Eric A. Toves; POIII Anthony W.C. Taijeron; POIII Joseph I. Cruz; POIII Darren J. Caldwell; POII Gilbert J. Mondia; POII Glen S. Topasna; POII Jason P. Flickinger; POII Darryl L. Quitagua; POII Gilbert R.C. Quichocho; POII Anthony J. Kamminga; POII Michael S. Taitague; POII Ronny A. Barcinas; POII Craig C. Chong; POII Anthony V. Camacho; POII Robert J. Fejeran; POII David A. Brantley; POII Ray N. Quintanilla; POII Jesse J. Mendiola; POII John G. Gamboa; POII David Q. Manila; POII Norbert K. Sablan; POII Tracey Volta; POII Frank R. Santos; POII Daniel B. Anciano; POII Jason P.B. Aguon; POII Anthony J. Arriola; POII Chris Anthony M. Dangan; POII Anna I. Eustaquio; POII Steven F. Munoz; POII Timothy E. Certeza; POII Thomas H. Alger; POII Natanya R. Wolfe; POI Daniel D. Cepeda; POI Maria Lourdes O. Sumang; POI Ray C. Alcantara; POI Burt C.

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#### RECOGNITION FOR TWO OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

##### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two teachers, Jack Ganse and Micheal Matassa of Superior, Colorado. Jack and Michael are eighth grade science and math teachers at Eldorado K-8 school. They have initiated a program in which their classes will work together to study how the tremendous population growth Superior has experienced effects the quality of the air, land, and water.

In this program, Jack and Michael have found a way to engage our children in a meaningful educational experience. This experience will engage the students in an issue that our civic leaders must wrestle with on a continuous basis. It will be an education in math and science and civics all at the same time.

As in many parts of the country, urban sprawl has become a great concern to the citi-

zens of Colorado. Superior has grown from a small, rural town of 250 residents in the mid-1980's to a community of nearly 9,000 residents according to the 2000 census. It holds the title of Colorado's fastest growing town. Jack and Michael and their students are going to investigate the effects of this growth on everything from wildlife to possible local climate change from all the new concrete. In addition to posting their findings on the school's web site, the classes will also provide the information to the town board, so that it can then be used to assist in municipal decisions.

Jack and Michael are two of only 55 pairs of teachers nation wide to earn a \$15,000 grant from Verizon to fund their project. This project will continue each year with each succeeding class picking it up and adding to the database.

At a time when unchecked growth is having detrimental impacts on our natural resources and environment, these two individuals are connecting our students' energies and knowledge to a pressing community need. They are teaching them that their studies can have a practical application, an application that will benefit the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank Jack Ganse and Michael Matassa for their selfless dedication to their community and to the education of the students to whom we entrust to them.

#### TRIBUTE TO INA SINGER

##### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ina Singer, an American patriot and dedicated public servant, who retires on May 30, 2001, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

I first met Ina in 1969 when she came to the Coastal Bend of Texas after a hurricane. She was detailed to the Corpus Christi-Robstown, Texas, area to set up temporary housing for people who lost homes in the hurricane. It was the beginning of a long and beautiful friendship and professional relationship.

Ina is widely recognized as one of the best managers in the federal government. She is leaving the Directorship of Multifamily Housing in Baltimore, after a long and distinguished career in public service. Ina is a smart, tough motivator of people, and she has applied her considerable talents to improving public housing in the mid-Atlantic area since 1969.

Prior to her present position, Ina has held the following positions with HUD: Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multi-family Housing, Director of the Housing Management Division in the Baltimore Office, and a variety of positions in the mid-Atlantic area that provided her with a foundation of understanding asset management and property disposition, the staples of the work HUD does.

She is an extraordinary leader who motivates people and gets the job done. High performance ratings have followed Ina throughout her career at HUD, and her team consistently exceeds their goals. She is one of the "go-to" people at HUD when trouble pops up. She has been detailed all over the country to deal with troubled offices.

Ina has taken her no-nonsense attitude about the disposition of taxpayers' money and applied that to programs at HUD. Anybody can say yes, but Ina is the rare government creature who is unafraid to say "no" to people who would be bad partners or who would sell bad property.

In her current position, she expanded her responsibility from the Chesapeake Bay area to include other Maryland counties and the District of Columbia, forming valuable community partnerships and creating a virtual office in the greater Maryland-District of Columbia area.

In addition to all the work she does for HUD, she also gives of her time to national roles she views as important to furthering the mission at the Department. In 1990, Ina was awarded HUD's Distinguished Service Award for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty. She leaves HUD with the respect of her colleagues both locally and nationally.

Ina has a beautiful family: her husband Jon, and their children Meredith and Michael. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Ina Singer as she completes a distinguished lifetime of service to the United States as a tremendous steward of the public trust.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LEE QUARNSTROM

##### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I am in the habit of paying tribute on this floor to constituents and persons who have made extraordinary contributions to our community. But words fall me when it comes to describing the life of one of Santa Cruz's finest newspaper columnists, Lee Quamstrom. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I ask your indulgence in my sharing with the House the observations of Mr. Quamstrom's journalism colleagues on the event of his retirement:

Whereas, Lee Quamstrom has toiled for the San Jose Mercury News for nearly 20 years, covering daily events in Santa Cruz County, Monterey County as well as the great American West, and during that time has written literally more than a dozen news stories; and

Whereas, Lee has covered three generations of Santa Cruz County politicians, simultaneously indulging and insulting them; and

Whereas, Lee is the only man in Santa Cruz County to have made the psychedelic journey from Merry Prankster to Cranky Curmudgeon; and

Whereas, Lee has acted as a selfless champion of homeless rights, giving even the poorest among us the special privilege to call themselves "bums"; and

Whereas, Lee has been voted "Man of the Year" by the Santa Cruz Bicycling Club for his columns that have come flat out against capital punishment for cyclists; and

Whereas, Lee is the longest-standing member of the local journalistic community's honorary, limited organization, "The Three Biggest Jerks in Santa Cruz County," serving along with such notables as Dick Little, Steve Shender, Tom Honig, Bob Smith, Greg Beebe, Lane Wallace and Don Wilson; and

Whereas, Lee has been a friend, an advocate and an intellectual voice for all that is