

MANFRED PEIPER: GUAM'S 2001
EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, For the past nineteen years, the Guam business community along with the local chapter of the American Red Cross puts together an annual event honoring Guam's "Executive of the Year." For 2001, the honor was bestowed upon Manfred H. Peiper, the general manager of the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa. A returning resident of Guam, Manfred was born in Hamburg, Germany on March 25, 1945. Orphaned at the age of sixteen, he was introduced to the hotel industry at an early age. Having had no choice but to fend for himself, he decided to take a job in the hotel business. A small family owned business called the Nienhouse in Borken trusted him with a wide range of responsibilities and got him acquainted with the many facets of hotel management and operations. He later enrolled and graduated in 1966, from the Hotel Management School of Berlin where he earned the equivalent of a bachelor of arts degree in hotel management.

Manfred first joined Hilton International in 1969 taking a position at the Paris Hilton. He soon found himself working for the company in, among other locations, Deseldorf, Curacao and London. He took over as general manager for Hilton Guam in January 1988. His original plan to stay on the island for a few years eventually became a ten-year tour during which time he was able to secure \$100 million worth of renovations and improvements to Hilton's facilities on Guam. Also under his direction, repairs were expeditiously completed after Hilton Guam sustained \$44 million in damages from an 8.1 magnitude earthquake in 1993. In 1995, he took on additional responsibilities for the corporation as vice-president for East Asia and Thailand while maintaining his post as general manager on Guam.

Manfred and his family moved to Tokyo in 1998. Maintaining residence at the location of Hilton's flagship hotel for the region enabled him to better perform his corporate duties. For the next six years, he had the responsibility for 12 existing Hilton properties as well as a number of hotels under development in Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Guam. In 2000, he was welcomed back to his old post on Guam. His corporate level stint made him miss the challenges of direct interaction with employees, customers and the community.

On Guam, Manfred is well-known as both a leader and a team-player. The years he has spent on Guam is highlighted by a commendable record of service and contributions to community and civic organizations. In many instances, he has demonstrated his commit-

ment to the advancement of tourism and the service industry on the island. As a manager, this work and dedication is reflected in the excellent service provided by his employees. As a community leader, he has accepted leadership posts and remains an active participant in civic activities. He has chaired the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association and has been a board member of the Guam Visitors Bureau. Manfred is also a leading supporter of the Guam Symphony Society.

In light of his achievements and contributions, Manfred Peiper rightfully deserves to be honored. I join his wife, Li Wei, his daughter, Michelle, his sons, Nathly, Graham, and Mark-Alexander, in celebrating his accomplishments. The island community is elated with his desire to return to the island and we are hoping that he will be with us this time for good. Danke Schön and Si Yu'os Ma'ase', Manfred!

Also deserving recognition are the 2001 nominees for "Executive of the Year"—Andrew D.M. Harford, Joseph E. Husslein, Karla Gonzalez Kehres, Ronald Leach, Gerald S.A. Perez, Karri Trahin Perez, Jay R. Shedd, Willie Tan and Gerald P. Yingling. As, with Manfred, these individuals have also made noteworthy contributions to the local business community. We commend them and appreciate their good work.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SONS
& DAUGHTERS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER
CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, INC.**

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special group, the Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher Charitable and Benevolent Society, Inc. On Sunday, May 26, in East Hanover, New Jersey they will gather to celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

The Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher Charitable and Benevolent Society, Inc. of New Jersey was founded in the City of Newark, New Jersey in 1942 by a group of men and women from the Island of St. Kitts. The purpose of the Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher is to bring together its natives for the betterment of its social, intellectual and financial environment.

The Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher meets its objectives through several annual programs, such as a Fall Dance and Annual Scholarship Jazz Luncheon and an Oldies But Goodies Dance and other events. The Society has and continues to establish a relief program for the Island of St. Kitts during times of natural disaster.

The Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher have established the Thomas A. Nelson

Scholarship Committee which has awarded in access of over \$20,000.00 in Scholarships and the Esmond E. James Award given to every scholarship recipient who graduates with degree.

Mr. Speaker, let us offer our congratulations to the Sons & Daughters of St. Christopher Charitable and Benevolent Society, Inc. on this great occasion and express our very best wishes for continued success.

**IN HONOR OF FRANCIS X.
LAMPARELLO**

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis X. Lamparello, Bayonne's "2002 Unico Man of The Year". Mr. Lamparello will be honored Saturday, April 27, 2002, at a Black Tie Dinner Dance at the Colonia Country Club in Colonia, New Jersey.

Francis Lamparello started his career with MCC Powers, later joined Monsen Engineering, and now serves as President and owner of Beacon Oil. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Lamparello served as President of the Hudson County Fuel Dealers Organization, and was recognized as its Gold Seal Man of The Year in 1996. He also served as Fuel Merchants Association Convention Chairman in 1993, and member of the Finance Committee from 1995 to the present.

Attentive to the community's needs, Mr. Lamparello served the community as Treasurer and Building Chairman of Bayonne Family YMCA from 1994 to 1997, and then as President from 1997 to the present. As a member of the Board of Trustees for Marist High School, he served as Chairman of the Development and Advancement Committee, and the Building and Grounds Committee. He was chosen as a Trustee of the Bayonne Care at Home Board and as the Committee Chairman for NCCJ Brotherhood Week in 1999. A devoted member of the Bayonne Chapter of Unico National since 1991, he served the organization in all officer positions, including as President in 1998-1999.

Mr. Lamparello holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers University College of Engineering, a Master Plumber's license, and is licensed as a Professional Engineer in New Jersey.

Mr. Lamparello is happily married to Doreen and the proud father of daughter, Andrea Danielle, and son, Connor Xavier.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring New Jersey's own Francis X. Lamparello. Along with the Bayonne Chapter of Unico, I would like to commend him for his outstanding contributions to our community.