

HONORING LYNDA MINTER OF
NUCOR STEEL-TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, the success of American companies is usually measured by market share, the strength of the balance sheet and the quality of goods and services that they produce. But many times, we can also look to the quality of a company's employees to find the true secret to their success.

Nucor Steel-Texas, which is located in Jewett, Texas, in the Fifth Congressional District, is a major economic driver in Leon County and the state of Texas. For almost 24 years, Lynda Minter has served Nucor Steel-Texas and will soon retire as Controller. Lynda's colleagues have told me that Nucor Steel-Texas' success is inseparable from her legacy of careful financial management and her superb relations with employees, Nucor leadership and with state and local community leaders.

Lynda has been characterized by her co-workers as a pillar of the mill's success, and those who know her best have testified that her kind manner, deep understanding of Nucor's business and fair dealing have been instrumental in Nucor Steel-Texas' continued growth and achievement. Her colleagues tell me that Lynda has offered Nucor Steel-Texas a steady hand, a keen intellect and a long-term devotion to service for over two decades.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Lynda Minter, and I want to wish Lynda all the best as she embarks on this new phase of her life.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS
WEEK

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Small Business Administration, its employees all over the nation and its resource partners during "National Small Business Week."

Mr. Speaker, small businesses play a vital role in our nation's economy. Many people have heard the phrase that small business is "the engine of our nation's economy," and perhaps no truer words have ever been used to describe how important the entrepreneurial spirit and dedication of the approximately 23 million small businesses are to the continued health and welfare of America.

Small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employers, employ half of all private sector employees, generate 60 to 80 percent of net new jobs annually, and make up 97 percent of all exporting firms.

American small businesses are extremely diverse, and despite the current economic climate, some are thriving. In particular, female participation in business ownership has been climbing in recent years. Women now own around 40 percent of all small businesses and are growing at twice the rate of other small

firms. In fact, the 9.1 million women-owned small businesses in this country employ 27.5 million people and add \$3.6 trillion to the economy.

About 5.8 percent of small businesses are owned by Hispanic Americans, 4.4 percent by Asian Americans, and 4 percent by African Americans.

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, I have long been an advocate for a level playing field for small businesses.

I have introduced legislation, HR 2374, which would allow minority small business owners participating in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) minority contracting program into teaming, leader-follow arrangements and joint ventures.

I have also authored legislation, HR 2375, that would change the IRS Code to allow small business owners to offer their employees greater savings opportunities under SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees) IRAs.

Finally, I have introduced HR 3099, legislation that would give the SBA authority to make loans to nonprofit day-care centers. This bipartisan measure helps not only non-profit small businesses, but gives parents a viable daycare option as they work during the day.

Mr. Speaker, small businesses are indeed the engine that makes our economy run smoothly, and I urge all my colleagues to take a moment this week and reflect on the hard work of our nation's entrepreneurs, the financial and regulatory hurdles they face everyday, and the measures I have proposed to make the full-time job of running a small business easier.

HONORING GUAM'S MANAMKO'
DURING SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the senior citizens of Guam who are celebrating a special month dedicated in their honor. I stand to commend and show appreciation for all they have contributed to our island of Guam, its people, and our Nation as a whole. I rise to pay tribute to them for teaching and imparting to our people a sense of patriotism and unwavering loyalty to this great Nation and American Democracy.

Guam's senior citizens lived through the horrific experience of World War II on the only American soil occupied by an enemy force. Through it all, the people of Guam never lost faith in America. Always defiant and proud, their solemn hymn was "Uncle Sam, won't you please come back to Guam." After the war, these proud Americans taught their children a love of democracy and freedom that carried them through battlefields in the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, the Persian Gulf and now, the global war on terrorism.

With this deep love of freedom and country, Guam's seniors were always the pillars of our island community. Through them the beautiful Chamorro culture is passed on to younger generations. They keep our island traditions, our language, and our ways of life alive and vibrant. They have taught our children the love

of nature, the love of God and the love of family and neighbor and in so doing, ensure that our heritage will survive.

Mr. Speaker, I honor the seniors of Guam, proud citizens who have participated in the growth of Guam as a showcase of American democracy in the Pacific. May every American remember and give honor to the forefathers who shaped this wonderful country and who were the architects and builders of a nation founded in the love of freedom and the inalienable rights of humanity. During this month dedicated to seniors, let us all honor these great Americans and say "thank you."

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY
OF HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the centenary of Haddon Heights, New Jersey. My family and I are privileged to live in Haddon Heights, a small town located in southern New Jersey just outside Camden and 7 short miles from downtown Philadelphia. While its proximity to one of the largest and most vibrant metropolitan centers in the country makes Haddon Heights a culturally diverse and enriched community, the town is also a world removed from the bustle of the city, reflecting values and a sense of community characteristic of small towns far removed from our urban centers.

Haddon Heights was first settled in 1699 when John Hinchman built a one-room brick house. However, the borough was developed primarily as farmland, divided between crops and orchards for nearly 200 years. The borough was named Haddon Heights because of its proximity to Haddonfield and its high elevation.

During the late 1890s, the town's first homes, church, rail station, and a general store were constructed, and by 1904, Haddon Heights had become large enough to incorporate as a borough. The town's residents elected Benjamin A. Lippincott as the town's first mayor.

Viewed as a resort town because of a direct rail connection to Philadelphia, its proximity to the lake, and the warmth and friendliness of its small town atmosphere, the population of Haddon Heights swelled during the summer months as vacationers escaped the cities. The rail station served as the hub of the town, and a small downtown began to emerge surrounding the railroad that brought the town's visitors.

Rail passenger service ended in 1965, but Haddon Heights retains to this day a character reflective of its roots as a rail town at the turn of the 20th century. Haddon Heights has a proud, rich heritage, which we continue to embrace and celebrate as we look to our shared future. I feel privileged to be a part of the Haddon Heights community, and I can think of no better place today, to raise a family or to be a child growing up. So in celebration of the past 100 years, and in anticipation of the many great things to come from our town in the next 100 years, please join me in honoring Haddon Heights, New Jersey, on the celebration of its centenary.