

Mohammed Ghriga is already revolutionizing the business department at New York's Long Island University.

"The business world is being redefined by technology, with changes that can be swift and dramatic as well as risky," Dr. Ghriga once pointed out, adding, "Internet security and online commerce may be as significant over the next decade as the 'dot-com' bubble was to the 1990s."

Dr. Ghriga's views of success and security in business are formed by his own expertise. An Algerian native, he received his undergraduate degree in computer science in 1986 at the University of Sciences and Technology at Algiers, Algeria. Following research and teaching fellowships at Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, where he earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees also in computer science, Dr. Ghriga joined Long Island University as an assistant professor in 1994. He was associate dean of the business school for 2 years before his appointment as dean this summer.

As an educator, Dr. Ghriga has brought innovative methods to the classroom for teaching highly complex topics in modeling, analysis and discrete structures. His teaching interests include information systems analysis and design, programming languages and environments, and data security. His research interests incorporate the areas of conformance testing and formal analysis of communication systems.

In addition to his numerous scholarly publications and professional presentations, Dr. Mohammed Ghriga has served in progressively responsible administrative positions in the School of Business, establishing an exemplary record of leadership and service.

Although Dr. Mohammed Ghriga teaches in Brooklyn, he makes his home in Toms River, New Jersey with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Speaker Dr. Mohammed Ghriga is a leader that will propel the Long Island University business department into the next decade and far beyond; his service makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING ANGELICA CANTU

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angelica Cantu, a certified public accountant with Garza, Martinez & Co., P.L.L.C., in Laredo, Texas, on her being selected for the Distinguished Business Award by the Laredo Development Foundation's Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Cantu, in her current position as a certified public accountant with Garza, Martinez & Co., P.L.L.C., is known for her professionalism in accounting and client relations with those in the business community in the City of Laredo, Texas. Prior to her current position, Ms. Cantu was a senior accountant with Baum, Mejia & Co., P.L.L.C. She has shown extensive knowledge in the areas of payroll, tax, and audits through 11 years of experience in the accounting field. She graduated from Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in December 1993.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor Ms. Cantu, one of the valued members of Garza, Martinez & Co., P.L.L.C., in recognition of her selection as a recipient of the Distinguished Business Award.

DECLARING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PREVAIL IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on June 6 we commemorated D-day, the day that American military forces stormed the coast of France 62 years ago to turn the tide in one of the most brutal conflicts the world has ever known. The United States sustained 6,603 casualties that day, yet the final victory over the forces of fascism remained nearly a year away.

Rows of silent graves at the American Military Cemetery in Normandy bear witness to the high price of freedom. They solemnly remind us that there is no substitute for perseverance and sacrifice if we are to prevail over threats which challenge this Nation and the world today.

The Global War on Terror is a different war from the wars of the past. This is not a war of uniformed armies on clearly defined battlefields. It is a war that invades tranquil space and time without warning, carried out by those who hide among and behind civilian populations, seeking to exploit the vulnerable for ruthless purposes.

While we have endured the sacrifice of global wars during the past, we have never before waged such a war in an age of globalization, in an age when technology eviscerates the concept of distance, magnifies our losses, trivializes our accomplishments, and places our adversaries in a far better position to leverage the freedoms of our society against us.

In seeking to prevent another 9–11, the President and the United States Congress would have been utterly irresponsible to ignore the threat posed by Saddam Hussein in Iraq. It is important to note that in 1998, President Clinton ordered U.S. armed forces to strike military and security targets in Iraq because Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs posed a credible and serious threat.

But I am not here to argue the case for war today. The United States and our coalition partners made judgments to enter Iraq based on the best available evidence, and now the commitment is ours to complete. We are all in this together. The successful progression of our commitment in Iraq, from which I remain convinced that an abrupt withdrawal of U.S. troops would do more harm than good, is vital to achieving national security for America, stability and hope for all peoples of the Middle East, and establishing the prospects for civil reform and long-term peace throughout the world.

While our mission continues to be dangerous and costly, it continues to make strong progress as well. The recent establishment of democratic institutions in Iraq is without cul-

tural or historical precedent. This fact, combined with rapid progress on the deployment of Iraqi security forces, gives us realistic hope of diminishing conflict and a stable foundation for the prospects of long-term peace.

As we proceed with our obligation, may each one of us endeavor to discharge our responsibilities in a manner that is worthy of the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces.

And may each of us recall that this obligation is ultimately connected to the mantle of leadership that has fallen to the United States—not only for our own welfare, but for the welfare of the entire world.

HONORING NANCY PYLE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Pyle, President of Heartland Hall, Inc. of Bedford, Pennsylvania, who has been honored as the 2006 Citizen of the Year by the Bedford Rotary Club. The Club annually recognizes a local individual who epitomizes the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self."

Nancy Pyle has made numerous and significant contributions to her community. After a distinguished 16-year career in the healthcare industry holding positions that ranged from hospital staff nurse to management, Nancy embarked on a new challenge. In July 2004, she displayed vision and enthusiasm in building a new hi-tech conference center to serve Bedford County. Heartland Hall opened in 2005 with Nancy as its President, bringing a wealth of new opportunities for businesses, organizations, and families in the region.

Today, not only is Nancy a successful businesswoman who remains active in the medical field, but she is selflessly devoted to serving her family and community. She is a dedicated wife, and mother of three children. And she consistently finds time to be involved in numerous local organizations. Nancy has touched many lives in a positive way through her association with an impressive list of groups like Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the March of Dimes, the county Drug-Free Schools Task Force, the Bedford County Redevelopment Authority, and the Chamber of Commerce and Arts Council, just to name a few.

The thousands of people who know Nancy Pyle—and who have benefited from her hard work and dedication—would certainly join me in thanking Nancy for her contributions to business, community, and family, as well as serving as an inspiration for the spirit of chivalrous virtue.

HONORING RUBEN GARIBAY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruben Garibay, owner of R.T.T. Automotive dba A-1 Auto Stop Super Center, on

his being selected as a recipient of the Distinguished Business Award by the Laredo Development Foundation's Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Garibay is widely recognized by the business community in Laredo, Texas, for his strong commitment to his business and the community. He is responsible for over 60 employees at his business, and R.T.T. Automotive dba A-1 Auto Stop Super Center recently finished out the year with over \$7 million dollars in total sales revenues. Due to his entrepreneurship in the automotive industry, he has previously received the 1999 SBA Small Business Person of the Year for the San Antonio District, the first from Laredo to win the award, and the youngest recipient to date.

Mr. Garibay attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and pursued a career in mechanical engineering. During the summer of his sophomore and junior years of college, Ruben began his career in the automotive industry as an automotive technician at Automotive Surgeons of San Antonio, and was an integral part of the company until his departure in 1990. He returned to Laredo, Texas, with the plan of owning his own business and bringing modern technology to the automotive repair industry. He opened R.T.T. Automotive dba A-1 Auto Stop in 1991, which has become one of the top three auto repair facilities in Laredo. Mr. Garibay then took ownership of several trailer repair facilities, expanding his business further.

Ruben Garibay is married to Tina Fasci Garibay and has two children, Abigail and Isaac. The Garibay family is known for their generosity and community involvement. They are involved in many charitable organizations such as the March of Dimes, The Make a Wish Foundation, The Laredo Medical Center Senior Circle, The United Way, the Christmas Angel Wish, and the Thanksgiving Programs for Webb County.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor Ruben Garibay, owner of R.T.T. Automotive dba A-1 Auto Stop Super Center, in recognition of his selection as a recipient of the Distinguished Business Award.

HAVA NAGILA!

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful Cantor Sheldon Feinberg of Beaufort, South Carolina, has informed me that the years 2006–2010 mark the same period in Jerusalem—100 years ago—that a 12-year-old red-headed boy, Moshe Nathanson, wrote a song that continues to inspire the Jewish people and citizens throughout the world. His song “Hava Nagila” means “Let Us Rejoice” and conveys a tremendous message of optimism being recognized as the world’s most famous song of joy.

Moshe Nathanson immigrated to the United States in his early adulthood, and over a period of 60 years added to the richness of American culture, as a cantor, concert artist, teacher, and composer.

The inspiring story of the song and its composer is told in the book *Hava Nagila* edited by Cantor Sheldon Feinberg.

Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of this special song, and the remarkable work of Moshe Nathanson.

HONORING COLONEL GARY
JOHNSTON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity that I take this opportunity to honor one of the most selfless individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with, Colonel Gary Johnston. Colonel Johnston has spent the past 25 years of his life as a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Since his arrival as a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District in July 2003, Colonel Johnston’s gracious service to the First Congressional District of Indiana has touched the lives of many of my constituents. For his efforts, and on behalf of my constituents, I take this time to thank Colonel Johnston. Colonel Johnston will be recognized for his accomplishments at an event taking place on June 30, 2006, at the Union League Club of Chicago.

Colonel Johnston has devoted himself to improving quality of life, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. Prior to joining the Chicago District, Colonel Johnston served in many capacities within the United States Army. After being commissioned into the United States Army Corps of Engineers in August 1980 and completing the Engineer Officer Basic Course and Ranger School, Colonel Johnston served as platoon leader and company executive officer of the 84th Engineer Company, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Colonel Johnston has also completed assignments with the 588th Combat Engineer Battalion at Fort Polk, which included assignments to the National Training Center and the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi, as well as deployments to Southwest Asia in Support of Operation Desert Storm and to Kuwait for relief efforts. In addition, Colonel Johnston has been assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as S-3 and executive officer for the 19th Combat Engineer Battalion and as plans officer for the 194th Armored Brigade. As if these accomplishments were not impressive enough, Colonel Johnston has served as an instructor for the Royal School of Military Engineers, British Army, teaching command and control topics to Royal engineer and non-commissioned officers. Following this assignment, Colonel Johnston returned to Fort Polk, where he began his command tour with the 46th Engineer Battalion. This tour sent him to Nicaragua and Haiti. In 2000, at his final stop before coming to the Chicago District, Colonel Johnston was made Engineer Division Chief for the Director of Combat Developments at the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Colonel Johnston’s educational background is equally impressive. As a member of the United States Army, Colonel Johnston completed Airborne School, Ranger School, Engi-

neer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Armed Service and Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and Air War College. His civilian educational accomplishments include a Bachelor’s Degree in civil engineering from Louisiana Tech and Master’s Degrees in structural engineering from the University of Maryland and in strategic studies from the Air War College. Known as a man of integrity and dedication, Colonel Johnston is a recipient of several military awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the Airborne Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Since joining the Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District in July 2003, Colonel Johnston has been a driving force behind many projects aimed at improving the quality of life in the First Congressional District. While I hesitate to single out one accomplishment, Colonel Johnston has had an immense impact on the preliminary stages of the Marquette Plan, which is aimed at reclaiming Lake Michigan’s shoreline for public accessibility. This project is one of great importance to Northwest Indiana residents. In addition, Colonel Johnston has been instrumental in two important flood control projects, the Cady Marsh Ditch Project and the Little Calumet River Project, which, once completed, will protect over 10,000 structures from the dangers of flooding.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Johnston has given his time and efforts selflessly to people throughout Northwest Indiana, the country, and the world. His life truly exemplifies selfless service to others, and on behalf of the Northwest Indiana community, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Colonel Gary Johnston for his outstanding contributions to Indiana’s First Congressional District.

HONORING MICHAEL HALL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Hall, editor of Laredo Morning Times Business Journal, on his being selected as a recipient of the Distinguished Business Awards by the Laredo Development Foundation’s Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hall is widely recognized by the business community in Laredo, Texas, for his work with the Laredo Morning Times Business Journal in covering all aspects of business in the City of Laredo and Webb County for the past 2 years. He is responsible for the weekly publication, ensuring the quality of the writing, editing, photography, and the layout and design of the publication. Due to his quality of work in journalism, he has previously received the 2004 Jim Parrish Media Award by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, the 2004 Special Recognition Award for Print Media by the South Texas Workforce Development Board, and the 2002 Brownsville Herald All-Star Award.

Mr. Hall graduated from Ball State University in May 1979 with a bachelors degree in