

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HAL JACKSON CONTINUES HIS CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN TEENAGERS THROUGH HIS TALENTED TEENS COMPETITION

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a report written in the New York CARIB News on July 24, 2007 entitled, "Who Will Become the World's Top Teen?"

This article highlights the accomplishment of Hal Jackson, the group chairman of Inner City Broadcast Holdings, Inc., who created the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition. The scholarship competition is now in its 37th year of existence and has promoted hundreds of Black teenaged women to a greater awareness of their beauty and intelligence. The most recent competition was held on Saturday, July 28, at the Harlem State Aaron Davis Hall.

I applaud Mr. Jackson for his contributions in providing the opportunity for young women of every color the chance to compete for scholarships to the college or university of their choice.

WHO WILL BECOME THE WORLD'S TOP TEEN?

HAL JACKSON'S TALENTED TEENS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

NEW YORK.—Long before reality TV competitions became a part of American culture, Hal Jackson, group chairman of Inner City Broadcast Holdings, Inc., created a unique opportunity for young women of every color to compete for scholarships to the college or university of their choice, based on talent, personality and achievement and appearance.

Now in its 37th year of existence, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International returns to New York, for its annual competition, which will be held Saturday, July 28 at Harlem Stage, Aaron Davis Hall, 135th and Convent Ave., New York City.

Approximately 40 young ladies, ages 13 to 17 will vie for the coveted title of Miss Talented Teen International, currently being held by Raquel Winchester, a 16-year-old opera singer from Trinidad. Miss Winchester has spent the past year representing her country by making a series of personal appearances where she has displayed her exceptional winning talent.

Unlike other contests, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International features contestants who are role models in their communities who have mastered public speaking ability and skills which enhance their scholastic ability. Each contestant will have two minutes to perform the talent of their choice to judges who represent a myriad of fields. During the week of July 21-28, 2007, the contestants will tour New York City, visit Mayor Mike Bloomberg's office, and have an opportunity to visit 1190 AM-WLIB, and 107.5 FM-WBLS and the station for which Hal Jackson has broadcast his Sunday Classics for well over 20 years.

In addition to touring the sites and rehearsing production numbers for the upcoming

July 28th show, they will sample some of New York's finest cuisine. One of the week's highlights will be a dinner honoring individuals who have supported Talented Teens International on Thursday, July 26th at Tavern on the Green. During the dinner, special recognition will be given to various professionals, including musical legends Ashford and Simpson, who have donated their services to Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International in the past. For more information regarding Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, contact 212-592-0413.

HONORING ANN M. SOLDO

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a truly exceptional member of her community. On this day we celebrate Mrs. Ann M. Soldo's 50 years of service and membership in Soroptimist International of Watsonville, as well as the many other important accomplishments and contributions she has made for the city of Watsonville. Over the years she has been an invaluable asset to the community. She has served as an educator of our youth, a leader in local politics, and as a member of countless clubs and organizations. All of these activities speak volumes about her commitment to improving the lives of others.

Ann began her education in Watsonville, California at Pajaro Elementary School and later studied at Watsonville Union High School. She received her associate of arts degree from Hartnell College in 1940 and a bachelor of arts degree from San Jose State University in 1942. Upon graduating, Ann began a career in education, teaching at the Hall District School. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, Ann taught at several other elementary schools, including a U.S. Army School in Germany. In 1954 she received her master's degree from Stanford University and eventually moved from teacher to principal, constantly demonstrating her penchant for leadership. After years of educating young minds, she finally retired from Pajaro Valley Unified School District in 1978.

Although she had completed her career in education, Ann continued to demonstrate exemplary leadership in the community. In 1979 she was elected to the Watsonville City Council and was appointed vice-mayor. In 1983 Ann made history when she became the first female mayor of the city of Watsonville.

Ann has contributed countless hours to community organizations in the pursuit of helping others. She has been a president of the Seniors Council of Santa Cruz County, Soroptimist International of Watsonville, the California Elementary School Administration Central Coast Section, the Pajaro Valley Performing Arts Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Monterey Bay; to name just a few. She has also served as a board

member for the Watsonville Community Hospital and the Visiting Nurse Association of Santa Cruz County and other charitable organizations. Mrs. Soldo is extremely well respected for her years of hard work and dedication to helping others. In the year 2000 the Ann Soldo Elementary School, named in her honor, opened its doors in Watsonville, California.

Her 50 years of membership to Soroptimist International of Watsonville will be celebrated on September 17, 2007 with the declaration of this date as Ann M. Soldo Day. The mission of Soroptimist International is to "improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world." As her outstanding record of community service demonstrates, Ann has truly lived this motto throughout her years as an educator and local leader, and through her selfless involvement in community organizations. I am honored to know this amazing woman and am proud to acknowledge her tremendous achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2007*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 865, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended to H. Res. 257, which supports the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF VA MEDICAL HOSPITAL OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2007*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the VA Medical Hospital of Wilmington, DE as a 2007 recipient of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is given to those employers who have gone above and beyond in their support for their employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserve. The VA Medical Hospital has earned this honor through its unflagging support for our Nation's troops and its commitment to our Nation's security.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the United States' government's highest recognition for those employers who support their employees in the National Guard and Reserve. Candidates are judged on several categories, including their pay policies, benefits and leave policies, and supervisor training.

In order to be honored with this prestigious award, an employer must be nominated by an

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employee who is a member of the National Guard or Reserve. This nomination process reflects how highly regarded the VA Medical Hospital is by its many employees. Wilmington's VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital that provides veterans with health care options, readjustment counseling, as well as a nursing home care unit. With its high end technology and 60-bed, well-organized facility, the VA Medical hospital provides care for veterans on multiple levels.

I join Delawareans in thanking the Wilmington VA Medical Hospital for its continued support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. I commend the hospital for 61 years of practice and thank them for their tireless dedication to the veterans, as well as to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GISELE A. MARCUS FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT OF "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVES WITH MBA DEGREES" BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Gisele A. Marcus from Harlem who was awarded the distinction of being "Top 50 Under 50 Corporate Executives with MBA Degrees" by Diversity MBA Magazine. I appreciate the effort of Diversity MBA Magazine for recognizing the achievements of young minority corporate executives.

Ms. Marcus was born and raised in my hometown, Harlem, NY. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and her master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. Ms. Marcus is currently the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business and manages a portfolio of more than \$15 million. She leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to her impressive career achievements, Ms. Marcus has also contributed to civic leadership which shows her commitment to the community. She is a board member of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, the Gateway Foundation, a 2007 leadership fellow at the Leadership Greater Chicago, a lifetime member of the National Black MBA Association, and is the recipient of the "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

I am very proud of Ms. Marcus for all her achievements and look forward to hearing more about her in the future. I wish her well in all her future endeavors.

HARLEM'S OWN SELECTED BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE AS "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVE"

NEW YORK, NY.—Johnson Controls executive and Syracuse alumnus, Gisele A. Marcus, was selected by Diversity MBA Magazine for the publication's "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees".

Marcus is the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experi-

ence, building efficiency and power solutions that's creating a more comfortable, safe and sustainable world. Managing a portfolio of more than \$15 million, Marcus leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada. She directs Johnson Controls' facilities management business for Ericsson, the world leading supplier of telecommunications, coordinating their project, leasing, and space planning requirements.

Marcus, who was born and raised in Harlem, N.Y., has an undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard University. Along with her professional accomplishments, Marcus has an extensive list of civic leadership and involvement that demonstrates her commitment to the community, including: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, board member; Gateway Foundation, board member; Leadership Greater Chicago, 2007 leadership fellow; National Black MBA Association, life member (prior vice president, Chicago chapter), and Women of Color in Technology "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

"To be recognized by such a significant publication is a tremendous honor," Marcus said. "I am fortunate to work for a global company that sees the value of providing a diverse workplace environment and promotes excellence, leadership and teamwork. I hope the magazine's recognition for the entire group of 50 can be an inspiration to women and people of color."

This is the third year that Diversity MBA Magazine has identified the "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees". Awardees must hold a management position within a for-profit or non-profit organization, must currently serve on a board or be an active member of a volunteer organization for at least two years, and be responsible for a minimum budget of \$1 million. In addition, each honoree must have profit and loss responsibilities and/or hold a position critical to growing the bottom line. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experience, building efficiency and power solutions. The company provides innovative automotive interiors that help make driving more comfortable, safe and enjoyable. For buildings, it offers products and services that optimize energy use and improve comfort and security. Johnson Controls also provides batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles, along with systems engineering and service expertise. Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI), founded in 1885, is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### HONORING TANIMURA & ANTLE

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two great American families and the company that they have created. That company, Tanimura & Antle, turns 25 years old this fall. In that time, T&A has grown into the Nation's largest privately held lettuce company, shipping over 150,000 cartons of fresh produce daily. While you may have never heard the name, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown and shipped by T&A. I know I speak for the whole House in expressing our congratulations to the company's employees and partners for their past and continued success.

Of course the story of any company is the story of the people behind it. And in the case

of Tanimura & Antle that story is of the two families who have given their names, not to mention their expertise, creativity, passion, dedication, and time to build the company that we know today.

The Tanimuras first immigrated to California's Central Coast in the late 19th century and settled in San Juan Bautista. By the 1920s the second generation of Tanimuras had started farming lettuce in the Salinas Valley and began raising a large third generation family of 12 children. During WWII, the U.S. government interred the family in Arizona while one of the sons, Charlie Tanimura, served in the U.S. Army in Europe. Following the war and their release from internment, several of the Tanimura brothers reestablished themselves in the Salinas Valley lettuce business and began selling crops to local lettuce brokers. One of those brokers, Bud Antle, so trusted the quality of the Tanimuras' product that he entered into an exclusive contract with them. Older brother George Tanimura and Bud Antle became trusted friends, and that legacy has passed on through the generations.

Bud Antle followed his father Lester into the lettuce business in the 1930s. They started their own packing and shipping operation in the early 1940s. Based on their relationships with growers such as the Tanimura's, the Antle's operation grew throughout the 1940s. In the 1950s, Bud Antle led the produce industry to shift from railcars to refrigerated trucks to ship produce to market. That meant lettuce and other crops arrived fresher and lasted longer, helping to further expand consumption. In the 1970s, Bud's son Bob took over the enterprise.

During the 1970s, the personal and professional relationships between the Tanimura's and the Antles grew. Finally, in 1982, seven Tanimuras—brothers George, Bobby, Charlie, Johnny and Tommy, and their nephews, Gary and Keith, partnered with Bob, and his sons Rick and Mike Antle to form T&A. This amounted to a perfect marriage between world-class farmers and world-class shippers. It is a marriage that over the last 25 years, has enriched the Salinas Valley and California as a whole in so many ways, economically, culturally, socially. For example, the T&A company has been a leader in raising wage and working conditions for their workforce and setting the standard for the produce industry generally. The families themselves have become great patrons of one of California's newest universities, California State University Monterey Bay, that grew out of the closure of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, the story of the Tanimuras and the Antles is a great American story. It is an example to us all that success comes from cooperation and in that teaches us, in the words of George Tanimura that "many are stronger than one."

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