

The facility will be named Terry's House in recognition of Tom Richards' brother, Terry, who sustained serious trauma in a car accident at the age of five. For nearly five months, Richards' mother traveled 80 miles a day to be with her son during his recovery. Over 45 years later, Tom Richards hopes Terry's House will help prevent other families from having to endure the same hardship as his did.

By providing a home away from home for burn and trauma families, Terry's House will undoubtedly provide a much needed respite to ease the burden of care on families. I am proud to have such a worthy project in my district and encouraged by the commitment of those involved in bringing Terry's House to life.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANNMARIE T. MUÑA AS THE 2008 WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2008 Women in Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

AnnMarie is dynamic businesswoman and an inspiration to Guam's small businesses. After working in the insurance industry for 13 years, she leveraged her expertise by forming her own company in 1994, AM Insurance (Access to Markets for Insurance/AMI). In business for nearly 15 years now, AM Insurance has become one of the leading brokers in the region with an extensive portfolio of government, commercial, and personal insurance accounts.

AnnMarie's community contributions have benefited many non-profit organizations including Soroptimist International of the Marianas, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and SCID Kid Foundation. She has contributed her time and her energy to help these organizations raise the funds they need to fulfill their missions, and in doing so, she has helped to improve our community.

I commend AnnMarie for the expertise she brings to Guam's insurance market and for her efforts to grow Guam's small businesses. The success of her businesses, AM Insurance and Y'Ma'gas, Inc., are an inspiration to young women in our community. I congratulate her today for her accomplishments and for being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2008 Women in Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR JOHNSON MACHINERY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an organization

whose contributions to the community of Riverside, CA, have been exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and outstanding businesses that enrich the lives of their employees, produce quality products, and help make Riverside a wonderful place to live and work. On Saturday, March 27, 2008, at the 108th Inaugural Dinner, Johnson Machinery will be recognized by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce as the 2007 Business of the Year.

Ruel Johnson purchased Freeland Tractor & Equipment Company in 1940. The country was emerging from the Great Depression and business was slow, however, as the Nation recovered, so did the equipment industry. Agricultural businesses purchased new farming machinery and contractors purchased equipment to build new houses, roads, and freeways.

Over 60-plus years of business, customer equipment needs have changed from primarily agricultural to heavy construction and industrial use. In 1986, the company changed its name to Johnson Machinery Co. to reflect this evolution. The company has grown from the original 12 employees to over 600, and remains dedicated to offering the best quality product and service to its customers. This dedication earned Johnson Machinery the rank of Platinum dealer in 2007, after achieving Gold Level dealer for 3 consecutive years; a first in Caterpillar history. Johnson Machinery is now comprised of five divisions.

The geography of the Inland Empire ranges from mountains with elevation as high as 10,000 feet to deserts. Due to this diversity, the industries served by Johnson Machinery are also wide ranging. Some of the major industries are: residential development, industrial development, underground and infrastructure, landscaping, cement plants, mining, sand and gravel, railroad, agriculture, resort and golf communities, and heavy construction and earth moving.

The power division, Johnson Power Systems, started as Johnson Industrial in 1977, and has nearly doubled in size since 1989. It provides on and off highway, and marine engine service as well as power generations sales, service and rentals.

In 1990, Johnson Machinery Co. acquired Eveready Pacific, a heavy-duty machine shop in the La Sierra area of West Riverside. The increased need for specialized service work caused the operation to outgrow its current facility. In 2000, Ever-Pac was moved to a new, larger facility right behind the home office on East La Cadena in Riverside.

Johnson Machinery Co. entered the material handling market in 1976 and in 1992, the Hyster product line was acquired. To reflect the new acquisition, the division changed its name to Johnson Lift/HYSTER. Johnson Machinery introduced Johnson Rental Services in the fall of 1998 and opened the first rental store in Temecula, CA.

It is my pleasure to recognize Johnson Machinery, Mr. Bill Johnson and his family and their world-class employees for over 67 years of exceptional service as well as thank them for their contributions to the community of Riverside, CA. Johnson Machinery not only provides quality products and services to their customers but also provides a positive place to work. I know that many community leaders are grateful for Johnson Machinery and salute them as they receive this prestigious recognition.

CONGRATULATING THE KLOPPENBURG FAMILY FOR BEING NAMED THE 2008 FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR ON GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Earl and Lois Kloppenburg and their family and I congratulate them on Kloppenburg Enterprises being awarded the U.S. Small Business Administration 2008 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for Guam.

Earl Edward Kloppenburg came to Guam only 3 years after the United States liberated our island during World War II. Although Guam was devastated by the war, Earl Kloppenburg saw potential and opportunity on our island. Earl and Lisa began their business venture in 1950 with the opening of Guam Factors, a gift shop specializing in imports from the Orient. Over the years, the Kloppenburg's holdings steadily grew to include the Specialty House, Earl's Hut, The Office, The Tapa Room, the Hideaway and the Coffee Pot—some of Guam's earliest restaurants and lounges. All of these were consolidated under Kloppenburg Enterprises, Inc., in 1964.

Earl Kloppenburg envisioned the future of the visitor industry on Guam and established Pacific Island Caterers to service the Pan American Airways Pacific flights. He then established Turtle Tours and Turtle Cove, two of Guam's first enterprises focused primarily to Guam's visitor industry. Kloppenburg Enterprises, now under the leadership of Earl's son, Bruce, and grandsons, Tom, Travis and Bradley, continues to grow and now consists of Turtle Tours, The Shopping Express Bus System, Adventure River Cruise, Iruka (Dolphin) Watching Adventure Tour, Nautilus Guam (Submarine) Tours, and Agana Bay Sunset Cruises. In addition to being the market leader in Guam's visitor industry, Kloppenburg Enterprises also provides mass transit services on Guam and operates a shuttle bus system for the military community. Kloppenburg Enterprises employs 130 residents and continues to grow.

The Kloppenburg family business accomplishments are a classic American success story, and I congratulate them for Kloppenburg Enterprises being named the Small Business Administration 2008 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year.

LONG TERM CARE AND RETIREMENT ACT

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, due to advancements in technology and health care, people are living longer than ever. As a result, the United States is experiencing a rapidly aging population due to the baby boomers, those born from 1946 to 1964. Florida leads the United States in aging population. According to the American Association of Retired

People, AARP, in 2005 Florida was ranked number one in the highest population above the age of 65 at 16.8 percent. AARP estimates that Florida will continue to be ranked number one in this category and by 2020 21.8 percent of Floridians will be above the age of 65.

Long-term care can be provided in a few different ways. According to the National Long-Term Care Study, NLTCs, 60 percent of those over the age of 65 live alone, increasing their need for long-term care. With regard to nursing homes, a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that people who reach age 65 have a 40 percent chance of entering a nursing home. About 10 percent of the people who enter a nursing home will stay there 5 years or more. More than nursing homes, adult children or grandchildren are cited as the main caregivers to the elderly population. According to research conducted by the American Association of Retired People, AARP, two-thirds of older people with disabilities relied solely on "informal" help; approximately 75 percent of which was unpaid care from friends and family. With the leading elderly percent population in the country, 13.8 percent of Florida citizens 18 and above are caregivers. The AARP found that the total economic value of this type of caregiving was \$350 billion in 2006, which is more than what was spent on all "formal," hospice, paid caregiver, nursing home, etc. . . . long-term care, including both institutional and home and community-based services.

Long-term care is a variety of services that includes medical and non-medical care to people who have a chronic illness or disability. Long-term care can be provided at home, in the community, in assisted living, or in nursing homes. While long-term care is often used for the elderly, it is important to remember that you may need long-term care at any age.

While there are a variety of ways to pay for long-term care, it is important to think ahead about how you will fund the care you get. Generally, Medicare doesn't pay for long-term care. Medicare pays only for medically necessary skilled nursing facility or home health care.

With an ever aging population and the variety of services provided by long-term care, most families at one point or another are forced to make a decision regarding the future of a loved one who needs assistance with everyday living. These decisions are limited and costly, and many find themselves struggling between the high price of institutionalization or informal family care. In an effort to alleviate the financial and emotional burden that families find themselves under, I have introduced the Long-term Care Retirement and Security Act of 2008.

This legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a deduction for eligible long-term care insurance premiums for a taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse and dependents; and a credit for eligible caregivers caring for certain individuals with long-term care needs. This legislation has three provisions. The first two detail the major elements of the legislation regarding deductions and credits. The final part of the bill deals with consumer protections. Specifically this legislation would:

Permit individuals to make a tax deduction in an amount equal to the "applicable percentage" of eligible long-term premiums. An "Applicable Percentage" is defined as 25 percent

in 2009/2010, 35 percent in 2011, 65 percent in 2012, and 100 percent thereafter.

These deductions would create incentives for individuals and by 2017 the number of individual LTC policy holders will increase by 9 percent and 8 percent of individuals will increase the richness of their policy.

Require coordination of deductions and prohibits an individual from making the same deductions twice.

Permit long-term care deductions to be made under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.

Under cafeteria plans 12 percent increase in the number of active employees with LTC policies by 2017, as well as, flexible spending accounts creating an incentive for individuals to enroll in FSAs and use their funds towards LTC.

Establish an "applicable credit" for caregivers of those with long-term care needs. An "applicable credit" refers to \$1,500 in 2009, \$2,000 in 2010, \$2,500 in 2011, and \$3,000 for 2012 and thereafter. The applicable credit is multiplied by the number of individuals with respect to whom the taxpayer is an eligible caregiver.

Establish consumer protections based on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners recommendations for qualified long-term care policies.

Creating incentives and helping families to afford long-term care insurance will encourage many more Americans to take personal responsibility for their long-term care needs, not only providing more LTC coverage for Floridians but preserving public funds for those who need them.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important tool for all Americans' financial and health security.

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF ICERD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe to introduce a resolution which recognizes the enduring value of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ICERD, as a cornerstone of global efforts to combat racial discrimination and uphold human rights.

To monitor the implementation of this important agreement a number of multinational organizations continue to cooperate as partners, including the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, CERD; the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, ODIHR; the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, ECRI; and the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, EUFRA.

Recently, CERD held its 72nd session in Geneva, Switzerland to review anti-discrimination efforts undertaken by the Governments of Fiji, Italy, the United States, Belgium, Nicaragua, Moldova, and the Dominican Republic. At this session, the United States received a response to its April 2007 report it submitted

to CERD detailing measures taken to adhere to the convention. The "Concluding Observations" which CERD responded with includes a number of important achievements that we should be proud of as Americans, but also a number of challenges we must still unite together to address. Until the displaced of Hurricane Katrina are housed and hate crimes are eliminated from our streets and workplaces, we must be vigilant in our quest to be the world leader in tolerance.

Madam Speaker, I call my colleagues to join me in reaffirming the commitment that the United States has made in ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. This resolution is the first step in recognizing the value of this international commitment, and I look forward to working with my colleagues toward its expedited passage.

CONGRATULATING FAYE BALMONTE VARIAS ON BEING NAMED THE 2008 SMALL BUSINESS JOURNALIST CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Faye Balcombe Varias on being named the United States Small Business Administration 2008 Small Business Journalist Champion of the Year for Guam.

Ms. Varias began her nearly 10-year-long career as a freelance writer for multiple publications, and today, she serves as the editor for Glimpses of Guam, one of the island's leading publishing and advertising agencies. As editor, she has been instrumental in the development and expansion of the Guam Business Journal, Marine Drive Magazine, and R&R Pacific. Through these publications, Ms. Varias has brought exceptional editorial coverage of Guam's small business news.

Ms. Varias' community efforts cross the spectrum. She has volunteered in schools, organized award-winning events, and committed to teaching our youth about the journalism profession. I congratulate Faye Balcombe Varias on her professional success thus far, and I join our island in celebrating her national recognition as Guam's U.S. Small Business Administration 2008 Small Business Journalist Champion of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portland State University men's basketball team on achieving their first-ever birth to the NCAA Division I Championship Tournament. The Vikings capped off their historic season with a 67-51 win in the Big Sky Conference Championship game over