

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALLISON ROTH FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Allison Roth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Allison Roth was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Allison Roth always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Allison Roth on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

CONGRATULATING DAWN DALLAIRE

HON. LYNN C. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dawn Dallaire from Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2008 Small Business Person of the Year for Georgia.

Just five years ago, Dallaire started a specialty-soap business in the garage of her Fayetteville home and produced \$47,000 in revenues. Today, her business, Clearly Fun Soap,

has created local jobs and projects annual revenues to reach near \$3 million.

Like many inventors, Dallaire didn't start out intending to become CEO of a company: she was simply making gifts for friends. She perfected her "goldfish in a bag"—which has become her signature product in the U.S. gift market—and then branched out with new designs.

Dallaire's fortunes took a fateful turn when she took her soap products to a gift show in Florida. There, she took \$5,000 worth of orders and happy customers started coming back.

By 2005, Dallaire's soap business had bubbled beyond the garage. With the help of a Small Business Administration Community Express Loan, she opened a 5,000-square-foot facility in Griffin, another city in the 3rd District. But the growth continued. Two years later, Clearly Fun Soap upgraded to a 10,000-square-foot facility with 15 full-time employees, with up to 35 part-time employees.

Clearly Fun Soap now dots the shelves at Bath & Body Works. Linens N Things, Marshall's and TJ Maxx with accounts pending at other major retailers. Soon, Dallaire will publish her book "Being a Woman in Business in a Man's World" which chronicles both her business and personal accomplishments—including losing 120 pounds.

Our small businesses are the economic engine of our economy and they create over 75 percent of new jobs. Small business people such as Dallaire are helping others as they help themselves. I want to congratulate Dawn Dallaire on this distinguished award. It's truly a great honor that reflects her truly great accomplishments. Georgia's 3rd District is proud to call her one of our own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I again congratulate Dawn Dallaire, the Georgia Small Business Person of the Year for 2008, and wish her and Clearly Fun Soap continued success at "cleaning up."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. ABE MUNFAKH

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Abe Munfakh upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout his career, Mr. Munfakh has dedicated himself to bettering our community. He served on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees for 12 years, Plymouth Community United Way Board for 8 years, and was a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for 8 years.

Since 1984, Abe has been actively involved in promoting the conservative principles of the Republican Party in Michigan. He represented the State of Michigan at the 1992 National Republican Convention as an Alternate Delegate. He has served on the Michigan Republican State Committee since 2005 and is a member of the Outreach and Diversity subcommittee and Budget subcommittee. He currently serves on the Eleventh District and Wayne 11th Republican Committees.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Munfakh's legendary dedication to the founding principles of our great democracy and his tireless efforts to perpetuate America's revolutionary experiment in human freedom are an inspiration to all. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Abe Munfakh upon his receipt of the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award and in recognizing his selfless service to our community and our country.