

in the United States and around the world. As a Surface Warfare Officer, a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a Joint Qualified Officer, Captain Jackson dedicated his life to ensuring the men and women of the United States Navy had well-functioning and state-of-the-art systems, accommodations, and equipment.

His superior service did not go unnoticed. Over the years, Captain Jackson has received numerous unit and service awards, among them the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Married to the former Sonja Huff of Camdenton, MO, Captain and Mrs. Jackson are the proud parents of three young adults: Ryan, Kirsten, and Evan.

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Captain Jackson has shown uncommon commitment to service and dedication to country. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing him well as he prepares to close a chapter in his life and begins to write another.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHEN YUN
PERFORMING ARTS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural impact of Shen Yun Performing Arts, a dance and music company that promotes traditional Chinese heritage throughout the United States and the world. The group will be coming to New Jersey in coordination with the New Jersey Falun Dafa Association, and I would like to thank them for sharing their art with my home state.

Shen Yun's performances are marked by their beauty and grace and the dancers' ornate costumes. Each dancer adheres to a strict training regimen that requires a thorough knowledge of Chinese dance and customs. The production showcases 5,000 years of Chinese history while bringing the audience a thrilling experience. Their show combines the energy of dance and music with the wisdom of famous Chinese legends in a manner that both educates and entertains its spectators.

Shen Yun Performing Arts has made incredible strides in its short existence. In 2009 alone, they performed in front of over 800,000 people, four times more than in their first year, in almost 100 cities worldwide. They have been featured in such esteemed venues as Radio City Music Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Le Palais de Congress in Paris, France.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Shen Yun Performing Arts for their contribution to the advancement of the arts and their tireless promotion of Chinese culture. Their efforts have breathed new life into Chinese traditions and provided thousands with an indepth look into their heritage.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF
SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

The person I interviewed was Mr. Vance Miller, a past Captain of the United States Air Force. This person accomplished everything. Once he got back from service, he became a better person and a better leader. Mr. Miller gets respect and the care he needs for what he does every day as a businessman for his company. Once I walked into his office, everyone gave him respect and spoke to him with such care that could not be described. What I gained from this interview is to look at life as more than what you see right at first sight. When I spoke with Mr. Miller, he really made me think of what it is like to give your life up for your country and for the people you serve. Once I was finished he made me think about life a lot more. Life is more than just what is inside the box, it is about what you make of it and how much you put into it. Finally, I admire Mr. Miller tremendously for what he has done for this

great nation and the people in it.—Elliott Polanchyck

RECOGNIZING SHANA GUZMAN
PANGELINAN FOR THE U.S.
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-
TION'S JEFFREY BUTLAND FAM-
ILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR FOR 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shana Guzman Pangelinan for her entrepreneurial spirit in growing her family-owned business on Guam and her dedication to our community. Ms. Pangelinan is the President of International Distributors, Inc. (IDI) and has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010.

A native daughter of Guam, Shana is the second oldest of five children of Frank C. and Annie P. Guzman. Shana graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School and attended the University of San Francisco in California as a Business Management major. She returned home to Guam in 1993 and worked with her father, Frank, who established IDI, and learned from him the best practices which allowed Shana to take over management when he passed away in 2000. Under Shana's direction and leadership, IDI continues to thrive.

With the same passion and conviction Shana demonstrates for her business, she dedicates her time and talents to her three children and their school activities. She has served as the Finance Committee Co-Chair for Mercy Heights Nursery School and contributes to the community as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Department of Chamorro Affairs and through organizations such as Hurao, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to perpetuate the Chamorro language and culture. To assist & promote Hurao, Shana has developed her own Chamorro immersion program. With her leadership, IDI continues to support our community by donating produce to various charitable organizations, including Catholic Social Services, Guma' San Jose, Alee Shelter, Department of Youth Affairs, and the Tamuning Senior Citizens Center. Shana also continues her father's legacy by ensuring IDI remains an active member & supporter of the Micronesian Chefs' Association, an organization of which her late father was a founding member, supporting the education and talents of young local chefs.

It is on the occasion of her recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam in acknowledging her service and outstanding leadership in our business community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK CHAN AS THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Chan for his leadership and advocacy in support of minority small business owners. Mr. Chan is the Vice President of Kwong Hwa Trading Co. and is the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Minority Champion of the Year" for 2010.

Jack was born in Hong Kong in 1972 to Ping Chan and King Ng. He attended elementary school in Hong Kong before relocating with his parents and five siblings to Guam in 1985. He attended John F. Kennedy High School and completed a one year Tourism Vocational Program at Guam Community College during his final year of high school. Jack continued his educational pursuits at the University of Guam, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Marketing in 1997 while helping to maintain his family's business and working at a local tour agency.

Jack serves as Vice President of Kwong Hwa Trading, and under his leadership, the company continues to work closely with other businesses, suppliers and local government agencies and non-profit organizations to support the local community.

Jack's hard work, dedication and industrious nature have earned him the respect of business leaders in our community and in the western Pacific region. His efforts on the Board of Directors of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG) have made a difference in the participation of other minority business owners and associates as CCCG members. A CCCG Member since the organization's inception, Jack is actively involved in its annual events and activities. Jack's participation in CCCG has helped to raise support and awareness for local organizations such as the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Club of Guam and the American Red Cross Guam Chapter.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Minority Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge his service and outstanding leadership in our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. ARTHUR F. MESA AS VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Arthur F. Mesa for his years of civic engagement, leadership and advocacy for Guam's veterans. Mr. Mesa, known to his family and friends as "Art," is Editor and Publisher of the Guam Veterans News, host of K-57's radio show, "Vet Talk," and was re-

cently named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for 2010."

Art served in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971 as a member of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He is a 35-year resident of Guam. Following his service in the U.S. Army, Art worked in sales and in 1985, founded Independent Trading Company trading food products, appliances, and construction materials from the mainland to Guam and Micronesia. From 1989 to 1996, Art opened and operated Eagle Freight Services—which provided air freight services through five offices from Guam to the Midwest United States. From 1999 to 2006, Art co-founded and managed Auto Services 2000.

Art has become a prominent figure in our community and serves as a Board Member for the Pacific Island Microcredit Institute, an organization that provides microloans to veterans and individuals at poverty level seeking self sufficiency and business opportunities. A strong and dynamic advocate for Guam's veterans' community, Art volunteers his time to educate veterans on a variety of issues including programs, benefits, health care, legal rights and national representation.

Art's involvement in the veteran community has been recognized by various organizations. Art served as the Master of Ceremonies for Guam's Annual Veterans Day Memorial Program in 2009 and was a recipient of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay's "Service Above Self Award" for his commitment to our island's veterans. An avid motorcycle rider, Art is a member of the Guam Veterans Harley Davidson Organization, which provides motorcade escorts for funerals of fallen soldiers and conducts other philanthropic activities such as distributing holiday treats to children on Guam during their annual Christmas motorcades.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge him for his service and his commitment to our veteran community.

CONGRATULATING THE ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION TEAM

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arcadia High School, AHS, Constitution Team on their first place finish in the 23rd annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," contest which was held in Washington, DC this past weekend and concluded Monday evening.

The AHS team represented the entire state of California in the competition, which tests students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and American democracy. After spending time with this outstanding group of students last week, I was confident they would take their knowledge of and dedication to learning about the Constitution and turn it into a great win for Arcadia and California.

After winning local and state competitions, these students proved themselves champions at the final competition here in our nation's

capital. The City of Arcadia and the entire San Gabriel Valley should be very proud of these outstanding students.

On Monday, after three days of simulated congressional hearings testing the students' knowledge of constitutional principles, which were judged by a panel of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists and government leaders, the AHS team was announced the winners of this year's competition.

I believe very firmly in the tremendous importance of understanding our history and the principles on which our nation was founded. These students should be commended for their mastery of our founding documents and the words of our founding fathers, and I enthusiastically congratulate them on their success.

The AHS Constitution Team's victory is a testament not just to the hard work and dedication of these students, but also the guidance and commitment of their teacher Kevin Fox and coaches Gary Kovacic, Jim Romo, Bob Garrett and Karyn McCreary.

The members of the AHS Constitution Team are: Robel Abdella, Wini Addanki, Pallavi Bugga, Madyson Cassidy, Andrew Chang, Winston Chang, Greg Chen, Ruodi Duan, Daphne Fan, Kathy Garcia, Jamie Griswold, Derek Ha, Jennifer Hang, Lauren Hanna, Frank Huang, Rayla Hylbom, Michael Kallin, Amanda Kallis, Jesse Li, Andrew Lin, Sangavi Pari, Tim Semenov, Joanna Shen, Kiko Sunata, Bonnie Tam, Andrew Taylor, Catharine Tong and Shen Wang.

RECOGNIZING MS. LINDA TUNG AS THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Linda Tung for her entrepreneurial leadership and mentorship in the women's business community on Guam. Ms. Tung is the President and Founder of GIT International Tours and was recently named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion of the Year for 2010.

Linda was born and raised in Taiwan and is fluent in English, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese. Following her graduation from high school in 1966, she began working for a number of leading in-bound travel agencies in Taipei.

Linda married Dr. Frank C. Tung in 1976 and after traveling throughout the United States for educational opportunities, the couple settled on Guam in 1985. Since that time, Linda served as Guam Operations Manager of Japan Travel Land and established GIT International Tours, Inc. Since its inception, GIT Tours has successfully provided various services to more than 320,000 visitors from Taiwan (R.O.C.), Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Honcho, Liaoning and the Philippines.

Linda's thirty years of experience have proved invaluable as Chairwoman of the Tourism Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam. She works in partnership with members of the Guam Visitors Bureau,