

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR, MR. JOSEPH SANTELLI

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who exemplifies a successful small businessperson in our country, Joseph Santelli, who was recently honored, by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The week of May 16–20, 2011 was the 48th Annual National Small Business Week. This is a time when the President of the United States and the country as a whole recognizes and honors the contribution that small businesses are making to our nation. Small businesses are the engines of growth and innovation, and Mr. Santelli, who was honored by the Small Business Administration of Western Pennsylvania, is truly moving his small businesses towards greatness. Mr. Santelli took the honor of being the 2011 local and state Small Business Person of the Year in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joseph Santelli is the President of Santelli Tempered Glass, located in Monessen, PA. He was involved in the glass and window industry for many years prior to selling tempered glass himself. For fifteen years prior he sold tempering furnaces to companies so they could make the glass. With an ambition to grow his business and some help from outside investors, Mr. Santelli ventured into the manufacturing of tempered glass.

With his investment in the business, Mr. Santelli set up the first tempered glass outfit of its kind east of the Mississippi River. As his business became more successful, Mr. Santelli was able to buy out his business partner and expand his operation to factories in the states of Indiana and Florida.

Through his exploration of tempered glass, he has helped change the lives of residents throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. This type of tempered glass won't shatter if it is broken and greatly reduces injury in case of an accident. Recognizing that success bears responsibility, he has given back to the community by donating tempered glass for Habitat for Humanity projects and to ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

In this tough economic time, small businesses are creating jobs, innovative products, and services people need. They are the engine of economic growth. Mr. Santelli epitomizes intuitive and responsible business practices in this country. Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to honor Mr. Santelli for his extraordinary work and commitment as a small business owner.

AUGUSTINE ABEYTA TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augustine Abeyta for his service and heroism defending the United States of America. The Colorado native is a decorated

veteran who helped defend our country and our values during one of its most trying periods.

Mr. Abeyta enlisted shortly after the outbreak of World War II, in 1944. As an infantryman, he fought in two campaigns in Germany and Ardennes. His bravery in both arenas was quickly recognized and earned him two Bronze Campaign Ribbons. Almost a year after his enlistment, he was wounded in Germany by an enemy combatant on Christmas Day, 1944. He was given the Purple Heart for the injuries he suffered protecting his country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to a man who served the United States with such valor. His sacrifices are an inspiration and I am truly grateful for his service.

HONORING MR. KENNETH AHLSTROM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Kenneth Ahlstrom of Dunkirk, New York.

Mr. Ahlstrom was a proud, patriotic American. He served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the USS Phoenix in the southwest Pacific. During his service, Mr. Ahlstrom participated in 25 landings in New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, and Borneo.

Professionally, Mr. Ahlstrom worked for many years as a salesman with Eber Brothers Wine and Liquor Corporation. Throughout his life, Mr. Ahlstrom demonstrated a deep commitment and devotion to his local community. For more than 50 years, Mr. Ahlstrom has remained active in the American Legion Post 62, serving as treasurer, post commander, an officer of the board of directors and county vice commander. Concurrent with his service at Post 62, he also belonged to the VFW, Dunkirk Exempt Firemen, Dunkirk Lakeside Club, First Ward Falcon Club and the Buffalo Bills Booster Club. Mr. Ahlstrom had served on the Boys State Committee and the American Legion Baseball Scholarship Committee and was a past president and member of the Dunkirk High School Marauder Booster Club. He also had served as secretary-treasurer at Willowbrook Park Cemetery.

Of the many significant accomplishments of his life, Mr. Ahlstrom took the greatest pride in his family. Married to Nancy Ahlstrom for more than 63 years, Mr. Ahlstrom was patriarch of a great Western New York family that includes 8 children, 17 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. His is a wonderful legacy that each family member may cherish for years to come.

It is with great pride that I rise today, only a few days after our Memorial Day holiday, to honor and commemorate that service of Kenneth Ahlstrom. I hope that you will join with me, Mr. Speaker, and the entirety of our membership in the House in expressing the condolences of the House to the Ahlstrom family.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Joseph F. Bialek, Stephen N. Bobic, George Bosy, Norman N. Breyer, Ralph W. Brockman, Peter G. Broustis, Simon Bult, Joseph W. Burke Jr., Joseph J. Buzinski, Ingemar C. Carlson, John E. Carlson, James E. Carson, John F. Casper Jr., George P. Charnas, Lehman L. Cheshier, William C. Corrigan, Raymond E. Craig, John S. DeHesus, Arthur J. DeLorenzo, Cyril E. Diskin, James V. Doherty, Raymond J. Donovan, William J. Doyle, John T. Dryja, Eileen L. DuPont, Willard E. Duvall, Irving Ellis, Robert L. Elmer, Robert E. Engdahl, Charles L. Ettner, Guy R. Franzese, Julian L. Friedman, William Froelke, Alfred E. Galuszka, Olaf E. Gjovik, Norman Goone, Lester F. Guenther, Gilbert V. Hancock, Robert J. Heinzen, Vernon W. Hill, Donald M. Hintz, Andrew A. Hitzelberger, Rick J. Jimenez, James H. Kinnard, Fred W. Klooster, Alfred R. Koszyk, Guenther C. Krieger, Walter M. Krulac, Andrew F. Kwinn, Lloyd L. Lage, Seymour Laurie, John E. Lavelle Sr., Thomas W. Leo, Irving Lerner, James T. Letarte, Marcel L. Levesque, C. Russell Lockwood, Joseph Mann, John C. Marias, Richard W. Martial Sr., Marvin P. McGreal, Marion M. Mitchell, Edward J. Moran, William J. Nicholson, John Oberholz, Louis J. Olmetti Sr., David Perlman, Richard A. Pevitts, John J. Plisky, Joseph J. Pratl, Emil D. Pribula, George B. Renner, Arthur O. Reynnders, William G. Rieker, Robert H. Riplow, Frank J. Rock, James A. Rossi Sr., Edward T. Ryan, Charles John Sauer, Donald P. Schoo, Robert F. Shields, Edward C. Siessmann, Paul Sternfeld, Howard W. Surret Sr., Anthony J. Thomas, Robert Tinucci, John G. Torhan, Eugene Tronvig, Howard Vander Meer, Robert W. Vehlou, Dorothy Vesely, Lawrence Wallach, Frank Washburn, Albert J. Wiener, Elmer F. Wilhelm, Robert L. Winscott, Theodore Woytowicz, Joseph F. Zajac, Richard S. Zidek

HONORING THE VIRGINIA AQUARIUM & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of an organization that has been a leader in the national effort in marine science education, conservation, and research—the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center.

Since 1986, the Aquarium has been educating our youth, saving the lives of marine mammals and sea turtles, and spurring economic growth in the region. During the past 25 years, the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center has attracted 11 million guests, including one million students, making it the Commonwealth of Virginia's most popular non-historical, nonprofit tourist attraction.

The Aquarium has been instrumental in educating our future generations with its unique experiences involving live animal displays, interactive science exhibits, marine science programs, the country's only interactive Seal Splash activity, and boat trips.

The Aquarium's Ocean in Motion vehicle has transported live marine animals to visit over 337,000 school students in 78 cities and counties in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee to offer hands-on activities related to watersheds and key ocean literacy concepts. The vehicle has also traveled to the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Commerce to allow federal workers to learn hands-on.

In addition to its education initiatives, the Aquarium leads the way in conservation efforts through its renowned Stranding Program by responding to marine animals along the East Coast and providing an impetus for numerous research projects on seals, dolphins, right whales and endangered sea turtles.

The Virginia Aquarium has been influential in attracting economic development to the region with winter whale-watching trips which result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in direct spending to the regional economy. Out-of-town tourists who visit the Aquarium spend more money and stay longer in the area. The Aquarium is a key partner in the resort area's master plan for the retail, cultural, maritime, and natural environment, serving as an economic engine for the region and the state.

Congratulations to the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center on this 25 year anniversary and for the education, conservation, and economic contributions to the region. We all look forward to many more years of inspiring work.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my thanks and recognition to the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall No. 394 on June 2,

2011, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote on an amendment offered by Mr. SHERMAN of California, prohibiting the use of funds made available in the underlying bill from being used in contravention of the War Powers Resolution.

RECOGNIZING THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIX DAY WAR

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 44th Anniversary of the Six Day War, in which Israel—our greatest ally in the Middle East—turned a massive buildup and aggression by Egypt, Syria, and Jordan into a tremendous victory in just six days.

After months of continued aggression against it, Israel launched a preemptive attack against the massive Egyptian buildup in the Sinai, destroying most of the Egyptian Air Force and Army in a number of hours. After repeated air and artillery attacks by Jordan and Syria, Israel liberated all of Jerusalem two days later on June 7, 1967, including the Western Wall and Jewish Quarter in the Old City. For the first time in decades, Jerusalem was unified and the Jewish people could visit their holiest site, the Western Wall.

By June 10, just six days after it began, war was over. Israel's superior fighting force had destroyed the armies and air forces of their Arab aggressors, and had captured the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, the Golan Heights, Mas'ada, and the Sinai Peninsula to the Suez Canal.

However, this victory came at a great cost to the Israeli people. Nearly 1,000 Israelis were killed, and over 4,500 were wounded. Last weekend Americans celebrated Memorial Day with cookouts and a day off of work. However, when Israel commemorated their Memorial Day—Yom Hazikaron—a few weeks ago, they honored the memory of the tens of thousands of Israeli soldiers who gave their life in defense of their country by sounding a siren that can be heard all over the country.

During this one minute sounding of the siren, Israelis stop whatever they are doing and stand in silence to commemorate those who were lost—traffic stops in its tracks, throughout the country, people pray. The names of those who gave what President Abraham Lincoln called the last full measure of devotion for their homeland are displayed on television screens throughout the day.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, there has always been a Nation of Israel and Jerusalem has been and must always be recognized as its rightful capital.

As a Member of the United States House of Representatives, I believe the United States Congress has a solemn duty to ensure that the homeland of the Jewish people remains as such. The State of Israel is the one bright light shining in a dark ocean of tyranny and oppression.

Israel must be allowed to defend itself from external and internal aggression; the Israeli people must be allowed to continue to build within their borders, and Jerusalem must be recognized as the nation's only capital.

Furthermore, the United States must stand by Israel's side in the face of a United Nations

who clearly views the State of Israel through the lens of anti-Semitism and hatred. Anything less than full support for Israel and its citizens at the United Nations by the United States government is simply unacceptable.

The United States and Israel share the common bonds of freedom, liberty, democracy, and the right to worship in the name of any religion you see fit. We share a common enemy in radical Islam, and have both seen our citizens murdered and maimed by terrorist thugs who kill women and children in the name of religion. We are indeed each other's greatest ally—without the United States, Israel would not exist; without Israel, the United States would soon fall.

Next week, Israel will mark the 44th anniversary of the Six Day War. It will be a time of reflection and remembrance, and will undoubtedly render memories of when Jews—from Israel, the United States, or anywhere around the world—were not allowed to pray at their holiest of sites.

At this time of great challenge for our strong and loyal ally, America must take a stand and show not only Israel, but the rest of the world, that Jerusalem—an undivided Jerusalem—is the capital of the Jewish State, and that security will always come before a two state solution.

ON INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON FEDERAL LANDS ACT OF 2011

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill that will significantly improve traffic safety and mobility in our national parks and other public recreational lands through increased funding and expanded authorities. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, the Transportation Infrastructure Improvements on Federal Lands Act of 2011.

Our national parks contain some of the most important and valuable historic, cultural, and natural treasures in our country. Millions of visitors flock to these parks every year. Yet safe access to and movement around these sites are compromised by severe and chronic underfunding and irrational provisions in current law.

The state of park transportation systems is deplorable. A recent assessment by the National Park Service (NPS) found that 90 percent of the park roads are in poor or fair condition. This compares with 14 percent for major rural roads in the overall federal-aid highways system. One person is killed or injured on a park road every 4.5 hours. If the National Park System were a state, it would rank 13th highest for road fatalities and injuries among all the states.

The NPS received \$240 million in FY2010 through the Park Roads and Parkways program to build, repair, and rehabilitate roads and bridges, less than a third of what the NPS estimates it needs to provide safe and efficient access for visitors. My legislation would double the annual funding to accelerate the retirement of the growing road repair backlog now estimated at \$4.9 billion.

The poor state of park roads is not caused by insufficient funding alone. Under current