

1984, Mr. Sgro received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is also a licensed real estate broker on Guam.

I congratulate Peter R. Sgro, Jr. on receiving the 2012 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

13TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS (CLEA)

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

This year, I established the 13th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I congratulate the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Patrolman 1st Class Justin Wyatt of the Wauchula, Florida Police Department received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty and the Congressional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

Deputy Steve Aherns of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty and the Congressional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

Detective Salvatore Levita of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Trooper John B. McGrede of the Florida Highway Patrol received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Detective Michael A. Dumer of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Michael Page of the Bradenton Police Department received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Special Agent Steve Lieberman of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Special Agent Jim Vogt of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Career Service Award.

The Venice Florida Police Department received the Unit Citation Award.

Government Analyst Kelly Andriano of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Associate Service Award.

I offer my sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of these outstanding law enforcement officers. I appreciate the law en-

forcement agencies that made such outstanding nominations and panel that judged them.

I believe these awards are a fitting tribute to our officers and a reminder of the important role they play in our communities.

HONORING THE POLICE UNITY TOUR'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Police Unity Tour and its riders as they mark their Fifteenth Anniversary.

In May of 1997, the Police Unity Tour was organized to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. The Tour, the inspiration of Florham Park, New Jersey Police Officer Patrick P. Montuore, currently Florham Park Police Chief, has grown significantly since its first year. New chapters have formed in many states, including New York, Florida, Delaware and California.

During National Police Week, participants in the Police Unity Tour travel 300 miles by bicycle from New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington DC. The tour culminates in a candlelight vigil held in Washington DC at the Memorial where the names of newly added officers are read aloud and officially dedicated on the monument. This ceremony reminds the participants that their important work is never done.

To honor fallen officers who have fallen in the line of duty, the ride helps raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. Since 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised \$10 million for the Fund, going towards the task of adding officers' names to the Memorial's Hall of Remembrance and providing for renovations to the facility.

From 18 participants raising \$18,000 for the Fund in its first year, the Police Unity Tour has grown to over 1,200 riders who raised \$1.325 million in 2011 alone. Inspired by its motto, "We Ride for Those Who Died", participants come from over 40 states as well as a number of countries such as Australia, Israel and India. However different the backgrounds of these officers may be, they all share in the common purpose of honoring and remembering their fellow fallen officers.

The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial contains the names of 19,000 officers who have sacrificed their lives to keep our communities safe and the contributions of the Police Unity Tour have helped preserve their memory. In 2006, The Police Unity Tour pledged to raise \$5 million to restore the Memorial and in 2009 the restoration was completed, ensuring that the names and legacies of these officers will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Police Unity Tour and the law enforcement officers who participate in it, as they mark 15 years of devotion to the law enforcement community.

RECOGNIZING MARK ZHAO ON BEING NAMED THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF YEAR FOR 2012

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark M. Y. Zhao for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2012 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year Award. Mark is the Executive Director of the Westpac Institute of Management on Guam, and has a strong background in banking and finance.

Mark graduated from the University of Guam in 1986 and soon became a banking officer for the Bank of Hawaii. In this capacity, he worked hard to develop and grow Guam's access to the Chinese market. Mark worked to meet the needs of small business owners by eliminating language and cultural barriers that existed between the bank and its customers of Chinese descent. These efforts earned him the position of Vice President for Corporate Lending at the Bank of Hawaii, which he held until 2001.

Following his banking career, Mark used his financial and entrepreneurial expertise to establish the Westpac Institute on Guam. This institute has helped hundreds of entrepreneurs in the local community, especially the minority segments on Guam, by providing them with the education and resources needed to develop their skills.

Further, Mark is an active member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on Guam, where he serves as the Chairman of the Real Estate and Education Committees. He also uses his expertise to promote programs that support the education of our young people and the development of Guam's economy. Additionally, Mark is a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers and a Life Member of the Navy League of the United States.

I commend Mr. Mark M. Y. Zhao for his work in addressing the needs of Guam's small business community, and for being named the SBA's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for 2012. I join our island in thanking him for his contributions to our community, and I wish him continued success with the Westpac Institute.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICKY YATES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Command Sergeant Major Ricky Yates. His service to our Nation is the standard by which all U.S. Army Aviation Command Sergeant Major careers are measured. His ability to develop solutions to complex and inter-related problems coupled with his unequalled leadership, technical expertise and devotion to duty set him

apart from his peers. From his time as a helicopter repairman in an Aviation Battalion serving in peacetime and in combat, to his capstone assignment as the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Command Sergeant Major Yates was recognized with the same superlative by every Commander—the best maintenance Non-Commissioned Officer with whom they have ever served.

Command Sergeant Major Yates served our Nation for over 3 decades, at all levels of leadership which allowed him to capitalize on his talents and abilities to serve Soldiers, his unit, the Army and his country at every opportunity. He is truly a selfless servant, caring only about the welfare of others and never seeking accolades for himself. He demonstrated the capacity to be a transformative leader in an organization even when he was new to the unit and the mission. In the execution of his duties, he was recognized for his unequalled ability to diagnose maintenance problems and determine repair requirements.

Command Sergeant Major Yates first demonstrated his ability to lead an organization in combat while assigned as First Sergeant in Task Force 118, a ground-breaking special operations aviation unit, during Operation Prime Chance. Operation Prime Chance was a United States Special Operations Command operation intended to protect U.S. flagged oil tankers from Iranian attack during the Iran-Iraq War. This operation pioneered the first use of OH58D Helicopters in ship board based combat operations.

During his Divisional assignments, he was noted by all levels within his chain of command as the single best Aviation Maintenance NCO with whom they had ever worked and as the “epitome of commitment to maintenance excellence.” One outstanding feature of CSM Yates’ career is his constant service in the toughest units in the Army. During his career, CSM Yates served in the 1st Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Division, 24th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, and the 82d Airborne Division. He served for 21 total years at Fort Bragg, earning Jumpmaster Wings and the Combat Action Badge while deploying in support of Operations Prime Chance, Desert Shield & Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Because of his proven record in solving strategic level problems and his unparalleled expertise in Aviation Maintenance, Command Sergeant Major Yates was selected by the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) to be the AMCOM Command Sergeant Major, the senior Aviation Maintenance NCO in the Army. He immediately became an invaluable member of the AMCOM team, and his leadership in Aviation Maintenance was crucial in the organization’s support to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operations over the Horizon (OTH).

During his tenure as AMCOM CSM, he personally worked multiple initiatives that proved crucial to supporting Warfighters. When AMCOM was tasked to assume the supply and maintenance management mission at Fort Rucker, CSM Yates assisted in identifying the necessary green suit structure needed to properly supervise the large force of contractor personnel. Stated simply, if any portion of AMCOM required senior leadership attention, CSM Yates provided it, and always provided

sound, timely, and well researched advice to the three Commanding Generals he served.

In support to the Global War on Terrorism, Command Sergeant Major Yates made multiple visits to the CENTCOM Area of Operations to assist the Combat Aviation Brigades and the Aviation Logistics hubs. He spent months in Iraq and Afghanistan, operating independently and by his own initiative to provide direct support from AMCOM to the Aviation Brigades. He was the eyes and ears of the commander to the field, gathering information on how best AMCOM could support units in the fight. Likewise, he was the voice of the Commanding General, ensuring standardization to maintenance and logistics practices across the Army, focused on the areas that most significantly affected the Aviation Soldier.

From the individual Soldier to the highest echelons of Army Aviation, Command Sergeant Major Ricky Yates demonstrated a technical prowess, unyielding devotion to the Army’s mission, transformational leadership, and unwavering support to the Soldier. He reached the pinnacle of his profession, and was truly the best Command Sergeant Major to have ever done his job.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Ricky Yates’ exceptional service, dedication and devotion to duty, leadership, and professional competency. He exemplifies the fine tradition of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of the Army, and the United States of America. May he know that his Nation is greatly appreciative of his dedication, and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MODESTO LIONS CLUB

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Modesto Lions Club on their 90th Anniversary. This dedicated service club should be commended for their leadership.

In the early 1920’s, there were few community service clubs; however, 43 prominent business owners in Modesto joined to establish the first Lions Club in Stanislaus County on March 29, 1922. This core of movers & shakers became the ‘Booster Club’ of their fair city, Modesto.

This hardy band supported the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts and the YMCA in a way never before accomplished. The club’s membership dwindled during WWII, but the Modesto Lions Club maintained its stature and continued its good deeds for the community.

The economic growth of the post-war period allowed the Modesto Lions Club to grow and facilitate bigger projects, such as the Modesto High School Swimming Pool and the Mancini Bowl Band Shell.

In 1987, the Modesto Lions Club broke social barriers by welcoming female members, and a new era dawned as many ladies joined the ranks.

Recently, the Modesto Lions Club completed the Modesto Lions Junction Park along

the Virginia Trail providing shade for all who use the trail.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising and congratulating the Modesto Lions for 90 years of community service and success.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH ROBERTO ON BEING NAMED THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS OF YEAR FOR 2012

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joseph Roberto for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 2012 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year award for Guam. Joe is a founder and manager of the family-owned East Island Tinting, and has many years of leadership in our island community.

In 1990, Joe and his brothers founded Island Tinting to provide the people of Guam with low-cost services for tinting vehicles as well as residential and commercial properties. This company served Guam for almost 20 years, and became the basis for the family’s new venture, East Island Tinting, which was established in 2008. Over the years, the company has increased their service to their customers by providing more staffing and a convenient location to serve them. East Island Tinting has expanded to two locations and its services have grown from one line of automotive tint film to an array of films that cater to a diverse customer base on Guam. The company also recently opened its newly renovated facility in East Agaña, Guam, which includes custom detailing services. Further, in 2010, the company was recognized by the Guam Small Business Development Center for their continued success as a small business.

Joe is also an active member in our island’s community. He has served as a volunteer soccer coach for the Shipyard Wolverines soccer club, and has helped develop hundreds of players over the years. He also served as Chairman of the Small Business Committee in the Guam Contractors Association, and has volunteered in several parent-teacher organizations on Guam.

I commend Mr. Joseph Roberto for his efforts in growing and expanding his family’s business, and for receiving the SBA’s 2012 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year award. I join the people of Guam in thanking him for his many contributions to our community, and I wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly unable to make votes on March 26, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall Vote Numbers 127, 128, 129.