

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO ILAO ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Eduardo Ilao on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. Mr. Ilao is the president of Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison E.R. Ilao & Associates, Inc.

Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison was founded in 1978 by Mr. Ilao's father Mr. John M. Ilao. Today, Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison is led by Mr. John Ilao's children: Eduardo, John Jr., and Beth. Johndel Incorporated dba JMI Edison comprises four separate companies offering products and services to the industrial, commercial, and medical industries serving Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Federated States of Micronesia, the republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Philippines.

At the young age of 16, Eduardo and his brother John worked at their family's motor rewinding business. Their introduction to their father's business began by sweeping the floor, cutting paper, and performing other necessary tasks associated with and necessary to the motor rewinding business. His father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers became the foundation for Edward's education in successful business practices. He was inspired by his father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers. Edward knew that his father was the ultimate perfectionist and that his business motto was, "whatever you decide to do, do it right the first time."

Because of their hard work, the Ilao family's modest motor rewinding business grew into one of Guam's successful family corporations, and, in 1987, when his father retired, Eduardo seamlessly stepped up to the plate. He now leads the JMI Edison group companies with the assistance of his younger siblings, John and Beth, and a dedicated team of loyal, long-time employees.

Eduardo is a 1983 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned a B.S. in electrical engineering. In 1986, the Illinois Institute of Technology awarded Eduardo a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering. Returning to Guam and his family business, Eduardo passed the Professional Engineer examination and was issued his license as a professional electrical engineer in Guam, the CNMI, and California. Eduardo and his wife Genilie Ilao have been married for over 24 years and they have five children: Geneveive, George, Gerilyn, John Edward, and Gemilie.

Like his father, Eduardo is an active member in our island community, participating in philanthropic organizations, government service, business associations, and professional societies. He previously served as the Chairman of the American Red Cross from 2004 to 2007. He has been a board member of the American Red Cross since 2002 and served as its Chairman from 2004 to 2007. He is the

President of the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA), a board member of the Guam Girl Scouts, a member of the Filipino Community of Guam, and helped in fund-raising efforts for the Ajuda Foundation. He is also active in numerous government service agencies. He was previously the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Guam Power Authority, he was on the Board of Trustee for the Guam Community College (GCC), he is a board member of the GCC Endowment Foundation and he is a board member of the Port Authority of Guam. Eduardo is also a member of Guam's business associations, specifically, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Contractors Association, and the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association. His participation in professional societies include: National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE), Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), American Solar Energy Society (ASES), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists.

Eduardo has extensive experience in the design, construction, management, financing, operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repairs of a wide array of Electrical Engineering projects and systems. He has expertise in Power, Computer Engineering, Control Systems, and most especially, Electro-Mechanical Machines. He is a Professional Electrical Engineer, a Certified Energy Manager, a Certified Energy Auditor, and a Licensed General and Specialty Contractor.

I congratulate Eduardo Ilao on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MARY STEPHANY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Stephany, a former teacher and current registrar at Guerin College Preparatory High School in River Grove, IL. Guerin College Preparatory High School is a Catholic learning community committed to the education and faith development of young men and women, and these goals are reflected in the work of Ms. Stephany.

Ms. Stephany began her career at Mother Theodore Guerin High School in 1965, and during her tenure she has taught numerous courses in the social science field and was Academic Coordinator for the school. Courses she taught were: Law, Humanities, AP Government, Citizen Politics, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Interdisciplinary (Theology, English, Social Science), World History, AP European History, Economics, Geographic Concepts, Introduction to the Social Sciences, American Studies, and Sociology. She also coached the volleyball team and developed and moderated Educating Women for Leadership and Life, as well as the Mentor Program.

Ms. Stephany has earned professional honors including The Cardinal's Award for Distinguished Service in Education, recognition in

the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for work in Education, and selection for the three year program with the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was also chosen as an Ambassador to Chicago's Field Museum for 2003–2004. In this role, Ms. Stephany served on education advisory committees to the museum and mentored other teachers.

Ms. Stephany earned a BA from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI, with further programs of study at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University Colorado (Boulder), Northwestern University, University of New Hampshire, St. Mary's College (Walnut Creek, CA.), Trinity University (San Antonio, TX), Bradley University, Northeastern University, University of Wisconsin (Madison), Kansas University, The Art Institute of Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago.

Since 1999, Mary has served on the Illinois 5th Congressional District Academy Review Board. She has evaluated many nominees on their qualifications for a Congressional Nomination to our U.S. Service Academies. These qualifications include character, leadership, academic preparation, community service, and extracurricular participation.

Thanks to Ms. Stephany's dedication, many young men and women in the 5th Congressional District have received "Offers of Appointment" to the U.S. Service Academies and are in leadership positions serving our Nation today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of dedication Mary Stephany has shown in education and service. Ms. Stephany has helped change the lives of many young women and men by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their future endeavors. She is truly an inspiring figure in our community and I thank her for her years of service.

CONGRATULATING THE BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an extraordinary team of young men from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District. The Bowie State University Bulldogs won the CIAA Men's Basketball Championship on March 2, 2013. This is their second conference championship in team history and second NCAA Tournament berth in three seasons. This incredible achievement was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition.

Once in tournament play, the Bulldogs emerged victorious over Chowan University, Lincoln University, and Winston Salem State University to ultimately meet Livingston College in the conference championship game at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Bulldogs prevailed, overcoming the Livingston Blue Bears with a final score of 85–74.

This victory demonstrates that with determination, willpower, and discipline we can work to overcome any obstacle in the path of achieving success. After entering the tournament as a fourth seed, the Bowie State

Men's Basketball team has gone above and beyond expectations. The Bulldogs end their 2013 season not only with a conference championship, but also a berth into the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Fifteen student-athletes contributed to this triumphant season, remaining focused and determined to continue the success of Bowie State Men's Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartiest congratulations to the members of the championship team—Julian Williams, Ray Gatling, Trawn Rogers, Cameron Knox, Dameatric Scott, Najee White, Tyrone Lawson, Jr., Carlos Smith, Byron Westmorland, Justin Beck, Bryan Wilson, Julian Harrell, David Golladay, Joel Clemmons, and Branden Doughty—on their victory. And, I also want to applaud Head Coach Darrell Brooks and his coaching staff—Larry Stewart, Sedric Baker, Darius Wilson, and Delmar Carey—for their dedication and commitment while guiding these talented student-athletes.

Like all Marylanders, I am very proud of these young men and I congratulate all of those involved in bringing home a conference title. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this great accomplishment.

HONORING THE DEPAUW UNIVERSITY LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the DePauw University Lady Tigers basketball team, who defeated Wisconsin-Whitewater 69–51 on March 16 to win the Division III National Championship, their second national title in seven years.

DePauw became one of only seven Division III teams to complete an undefeated season, and the only team in Division III history to win 34 games in a single season. DePauw's other recent accomplishments include 14 NCAA appearances in 18 years, including 4 quarterfinals, 14 conference championships in 17 years, and 20 or more wins in 16 of the last 17 years.

Seniors Ellie Pearson, Kate Walker and Kathleen Molloy completed their college careers with a combined record of 112 wins and just 15 losses at DePauw. The rest of the roster includes Ann Sarkisian, Jenna Stoner, Emma Ondik, Lauren Abendroth, Chelsea Francis, Morgan Skordos, Savannah Trees, Colleen McDonagh, Angela Hacker, Alex Gasaway, Hannah Lukemeyer, Ali Ross, Alison Stephens, Erin McGinnis, Abby Keller, and Colleen Frost.

Head coach Kris Huffman is a selfless leader who always redirects any credit for the team's success back to her players. Her .820 career winning percentage is the highest winning percentage ever for a DePauw women's basketball head coach, and she has been named National Coach of the Year 3 times and Conference Coach of the Year 11 times. In addition to Coach Huffman, the coaching staff includes Assistant Coach Mary Smith, volunteer coaches Donna Ferguson and Doug Miller, and Team Trainer Kara Campbell.

Located in Greencastle, Indiana, DePauw is well known for a deep tradition of social en-

gagement by its students and faculty alike, and its women's basketball team has earned much attention for their success on the basketball court as well. Incidentally, DePauw University is a friendly rival to my alma mater 30 miles to the north, Wabash College. This rivalry notwithstanding, I join basketball fans from across the Hoosier State in congratulating the 2013 DePauw women's basketball team on their remarkable accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN JOHN R. LEWIS AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL PEACE MEDAL AND THE GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Congressman JOHN R. LEWIS as the recipient of the National Peace Medal and the Global and International Civil Rights Award. I thank him for his service and invaluable contributions to making our country a better place for all Americans.

I am pleased that National Stop the Violence Alliance, Inc. is presenting Congressman LEWIS with these two coveted awards at a ceremony in my home district.

Congressman LEWIS has dedicated his life to the principles of non-violence as a means of social change. He believes in non-violence, but unlike so many, has actually lived accordingly, putting his own life at risk to show his commitment.

Congressman LEWIS is known as one of the most courageous leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and played a pivotal role in the struggle to end segregation and legalized racial discrimination. He knew from a very young age that the America he was living in was not the best that our country had to offer. Inspired by Rosa Parks and the non-violent message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Congressman LEWIS would later recall, "It seemed like he was saying to me, John Lewis, you too can make a contribution."

Mr. Speaker, Congressman LEWIS' contributions are invaluable. Because of his courage and steadfast commitment to ensuring freedom and equality for all Americans, our country is closer than ever before to living up to the ideals of our founders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in offering our sincere thanks and appreciation to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia, the Honorable JOHN R. LEWIS.

JACQUELINE DELGADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacqueline Delgado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacqueline Delgado is a 10th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacqueline Delgado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacqueline Delgado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING VPP STATUS AT L.L. BEAN WORKPLACES

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a corporation based in my district, L.L. Bean, for achieving the highest standards of workplace safety through OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at its Desert Road Service Center in Freeport, Maine.

VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. Achieving the status requires a rigorous onsite evaluation to ensure that a workplace meets high performance-based standards of preventing occupational safety and health hazards. With missed workdays well below their industries' averages, VPP worksites are some of the safest places to work in the country.

L.L. Bean has shown an incredible commitment to the program and its employees. Since 2007, the company has achieved VPP status at its Brunswick, Maine, manufacturing facility, its call centers, Freeport outlet store, and now Star Status at the Desert Road Service Center, which employs 200 people and handles returns for its vast global business. The company continues to work toward VPP status at all its facilities.

I am not only proud of L.L. Bean for these accomplishments, but also for the way it has involved its employees in achieving them. By fully engaging them in the process, the company has made employees feel safer at work, as well as more appreciated, prized, and respected.

My congratulations and appreciation go to all of the company's owners, managers, and staff for their incredible leadership in workplace safety.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Asian American Prosecutors Association, AAPA, for their dedication