

RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON BUSINESS

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction."

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp. For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience, always looking out to protect our wonderful free enterprise system.

I want to particularly note that each Christmas since 1988, the holidays for many rural families in Washington have been a bit brighter—and the Legislative Building a bit more festive—since Don Brunell founded the Holiday Kids' Tree Program, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for needy families around the state and establishing the community tradition of a tree lighting each December in the state capitol.

Throughout his distinguished career, Don has maintained his strong belief in family, as evidenced by his marriage of 42 years to wife Jeri, children Jennifer, Carey, Erin, Don, Dan and Colleen and his 14 grandchildren; and Don has also remained committed to those serving in the U.S. armed forces, himself a

veteran with 23 years of service in the U.S. Army, Montana and Washington Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve as a special forces, infantry and public affairs officer.

It is bittersweet to see such a distinguished career draw to a close, but I must acknowledge Don will retire from AWB in January 2014, making the legislative session that is drawing to a close in Washington state the last one with Don as president of the state's largest and oldest business association.

Future legislators and business leaders should draw inspiration from his steadfastness and dedication to the cause of freedom and free enterprise that was a constant during his long and honorable career.

**ROB O'BRIAN, 2013 WINNER OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PHOENIX AWARD**

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce President Rob O' Brian, recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award.

Like all Joplin residents, Rob had his life drastically changed on May 22, 2011, when an EF5 tornado touched down leaving only a path of destruction in its wake.

The aftermath of the Joplin tornado left the area with nearly 5,000 jobs in jeopardy of being lost and damage to over 550 local businesses. As president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Rob used his quick thinking and resourcefulness to help business owners recover from the destruction left behind from the tornado.

Through the leadership of Rob, the Joplin Chamber was able to set up a Small Business Administration Business Recovery Center just days after the tornado. This center enabled the chamber and its staff to help all business owners in their time of need. In fact, over 500 affected companies are still operating today and 90 percent of the jobs affected by the storm were saved.

In addition to the reopened businesses, more than 100 new employers have opened their doors since the storm. The new businesses cited the resilience of Joplin residents and the support of Rob and the Joplin Chamber as key reasons for their decision to locate to the region.

The Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award is awarded to businesses, public officials, and volunteers who are tested by disasters like the Joplin tornado but work to overcome the disaster by rebuilding and helping their communities recover.

Rob's acts of courage, selflessness and perseverance in the aftermath of this disaster make him an outstanding recipient of this award. I am grateful for his leadership and service to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, DAVIER RODRIGUEZ AND JESUS CISNEROS

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arizona State University students, Davier Rodriguez and Jesus Cisneros, winners of the Clinton Global Initiative University's 2013 Commitments Challenge.

Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros are the leaders of DREAMzone ASU, a professional development workshop aimed at bettering the ability of student leaders, staff, and faculty to meet the social, cultural and academic needs of undocumented students at Arizona State University.

DREAMzone ASU strives to establish a network of support as part of a national network of allies through a four-hour certification program. Those enrolled in the program expand their content knowledge regarding federal, state, local, and institutional policies that directly affect the undocumented college student experience. Participants also actively work to increase their knowledge of the challenges faced by undocumented students at ASU, and by challenging assumptions through meaningful dialogue and interaction.

The Clinton Global Initiative University's Commitments Challenge involved a rigorous application process and four rounds of intensive online voting, in which DREAMzone emerged victorious. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros on this accomplishment, and on their hard work to help make many DREAMS a reality.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 184, H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 and "yea" on rollcall No. 185, S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Re-authorization Act of 2013.

**YATZIRE AGUIRRE**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yatzire Aguirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yatzire Aguirre is a 12th 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 Yatzire Aguirre 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 Yatzire Aguirre 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.

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TRIBUTE TO TRISH MORRIS-YAMBA

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**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representative to join me as I rise to recognize and honor a dedicated public servant, Trish Morris-Yamba who is retiring from the Newark Day Center after 32 years of service. Mrs. Morris-Yamba's journey to this post encompassed many levels including launching the Livingston College Day Care Center, classroom teacher, principal at the Chen School in Newark, overseeing the Newark Fresh Air fund and Executive Director at the Newark Day Center. As a result of these experiences, Mrs. Morris-Yamba was definitely in a position to make a difference in the lives of our most precious resources, our children.

Mrs. Morris-Yamba attended Rutgers University where she received both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in education. Mrs. Morris-Yamba sought to ensure that Newark's preschool children received both quality daycare and education. Her influence can be seen in the many programs she spearheaded, like the Fresh Air Fund that sends hundreds of children every year to summer camp and the programs that help seniors, single parents and people out of work or returning to work. Fortunately, for those who had the opportunity to work with her, Mrs. Morris-Yamba was generous with sharing her knowledge and her significant leadership skills.

As Mrs. Morris-Yamba retires, she will be remembered for her belief in fulfilling the needs of the total child. She has a love of learning and is an excellent role model as well as the consummate professional. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has touched the lives of countless children, parents and Newark's senior citizens. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has received many awards during her tenure at the Newark Day Center. I am truly grateful that she chose Newark. I know that to be in an educational environment is to serve with one's heart. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has served the Newark Day Center with her heart and in the process has created a memorable legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues agree that Mrs. Trish Morris-Yamba deserves to be recognized for a job well done and for her many years of dedicated service to the Newark community. I am proud to have such a dedicated person in my Congressional district and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE SONS OF ITALY

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**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, the Sons of Italy is the largest and oldest nationally-recognized organization in the United States for people of Italian heritage.

For 100 years, the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has worked to establish over 150 lodges throughout the commonwealth, all dedicated to the promotion of Italian culture, traditions, and legacy.

With support from their members, the Sons of Italy has raised over \$35 million for numerous charities including the Alzheimer's Association, the Doug Flutie Junior Foundation for Autism and Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

The organization has also given \$117 million in donations to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation and disaster relief.

Through their commission for social justice, The Sons of Italy has fought racism, prejudice and the stereotyping of all races, religions and cultures.

As an Italian-American myself, I am honored to offer my congratulations to the Sons of Italy, and praise their devotion to the preservation of Italian-American heritage.

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TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF THE USS TIDE

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**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Zangara who has established a 501(c)3 in Harpers Ferry, called "World War Two History Archives". The purpose of this non-profit organization is to honor WW2 Vets with oral history interviews as well as commemoration of WW2 military service.

On the week of June 4–8, 2013, Mark Zangara sponsored the reunion of survivors of the USS Tide. On June 7, 2013, 1100 hours, the USS Tide Veterans was honored at the Navy Memorial at the plaque dedication ceremony of their ship, itself a minesweeper. June 7 was a significant day for the crew since it was on that day June 7, 1944, that the Tide hit a mine and was split in two. 25 percent of the crew were killed immediately, while all others on board were wounded and hospitalized. The USS Tide is the only American Naval ship to have 100% casualties (either KIA or WIA) in one single incident. The heroic acts of the sailors involving great risk to themselves to save others are extensive and numerous. They will be covered at length in Mr. Zangara's forthcoming book to be released this year "Reflections: World War Two Veterans Tell their Remarkable History."

We owe everything to these Veterans of World War Two. We owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL ROSEN

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**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Michael Rosen as he receives the inaugural Patient Impact Legacy Award from the Cures Within Reach Foundation for his work in the BioSciences over the last 30 years.

Michael Rosen has been chosen to receive this inaugural Legacy Award based on his leadership and involvement in the BioScience industry and his interest in the betterment of the regional community. Currently the Senior Vice President of the Forest City Science + Technology Group, Rosen is responsible for developing marketing strategies for Forest City's biotech projects across the United States and serves as their liaison to the life science industry developing relationships with clients and major research universities. Forest City Science + Technology Group is one of the country's leading developers & owners of science parks associated with leading research-based universities. He is also a founding member, current board member and former vice-chairman of IBIO, the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization, and chairman of its predecessor organization. Prior to Forest City, Mr. Rosen spent 32 years as an executive in the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device industries in the U.S. and abroad working in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The Cures Within Reach Midwest Bio-Science Industry Campaign event will occur annually to celebrate both the industry in our region, and its commitment to life-changing solutions for patients. Cures Within Reach was founded in 2005 as a Chicago-based not-for-profit organization helping patients by repurposing FDA-approved drugs and devices to deliver fast, safe and affordable treatments for diseases and rare disorders that have insufficient or nonexistent therapies. Cures Within Reach has emerged as a leader in the repurposing revolution, working to transform patient lives through research that looks backward to move forward.

Past research has delivered seven treatments in use today in major disease areas and rare disorders including Multiple Sclerosis, Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome, Lung Cancer, Prostate Cancer, and Familial Dysautonomia. Current research projects are in process at many select institutional partners, including The Mayo Clinic, the Seattle Children's Hospital, Rush University, The University of Chicago, Weill Cornell, and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for Michael's decades of work and lifelong commitment to patients and the bioscience that heals them, and to Cures Within Reach. I wish them well and ask this body to do the same on this momentous occasion.