

Sumiko Glenn emigrated from Japan and after graduating from Texas Tech University, founded her own tax consulting firm, Glenn Consulting LLC, in Mesa, Arizona. Gelie Akhenblit left Moldova with her family to come to Arizona, where her later studies in Communication at Arizona State University led her to launch NetworkingPhoenix.com as a way to fill the advertising needs of our state through social media. In the state of Arizona, immigrants make up 13.4 percent of population; own 19.6 percent of businesses, and start 31.5 percent of new businesses.

If we are going to protect America's position as the global leader in innovation, we must ensure that tomorrow's entrepreneurs have every opportunity to build and develop their ideas on American soil. The Startup Act of 2014 will create high-wage jobs here in the United States, spur private investment and economic growth, and help ensure that America remains globally competitive. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VIRGINIA LEE ROSE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Virginia Lee Rose. Virginia was truly a pillar in the Madera community. Her time and energy spent to better the lives of individuals throughout the region will always be remembered.

Virginia was born on September 27, 1934, in Rayville, Louisiana. She attended Merritt College in Oakland, California where she received an Associate's Degree. After graduating, Virginia worked as a Probation Aide with the Alameda County Probation Department.

In 1953, Virginia moved to Madera, California. She and her husband, John, built a very nice life together and raised two beautiful daughters, Margaret and Jacklyn.

Virginia's philanthropic efforts and hard work were crucial to the development of numerous public, private, and nonprofit organizations in Madera County. Some of these organizations include the Madera County Chamber of Commerce Crime Prevention Commission, the Madera County Cultural Diversity Committee, and the Interagency Child and Youth Services Council. Virginia volunteered with over 15 organizations throughout the community, demonstrating her dedication to improve the lives of residents in Madera.

Virginia's good work and efforts never went unnoticed. She was honored with numerous awards from the community, including: the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, the Victim Services Volunteer of the Year award, and the Golden Apple Award from the Mariposa/Madera Chapter of the Association of California School Administrations. Additionally, Madera Community Hospital recognized Virginia for dedicating 15 years of service to the hospital.

Virginia will be greatly missed by John, Margaret, Jacklyn, her granddaughters, Shanel, LeeAnn, and Amanda, and many relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Virginia Lee Rose, an individual who dedicated her life to improving the lives of others. Her presence will undoubtedly be missed, but her impact and influence in the community she loved dearly will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. OSCAR JESUS CANTU

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Oscar Jesus Cantu, a championship boxer from Kingsville, Texas.

Oscar is a lifelong resident of Kingsville, Texas and has been boxing since the age of eight at Kingsville Boxing Club. In 2009, Oscar graduated from H.M. King High School with honors and continued his education at Texas A&M University—Kingsville.

In 2012, Oscar was an alternate on the U.S. Olympic boxing team. He holds the World Boxing Council's USNBC Title won in Kingsville, Texas on March 22, 2014 and is currently ranked within the top one hundred boxers in the super-flyweight class by the International Boxing Organization.

Oscar actively gives back to his Kingsville community and manages an organization named "I Am Second," which encourages students to avoid destructive behaviors and find hope, peace, and fulfillment. Additionally, he serves as a role model to children by volunteering as a boxing coach at the Kingsville Boxing Club.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Mr. Oscar Jesus Cantu and his contributions to the sport of boxing. Further, I appreciate you joining me in recognizing his contributions to Kingsville, Texas.

HONORING MRS. MARY LEE TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former educator and longtime community activist from Tallahatchie County, MS, Mrs. Mary Lee Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor is 101 years old. She was born January 17, 1913 in Paynes, MS. Her years have been long and her mind is full of many stories her eyes have seen. I am talking about trying times, historical eras, blue skies, and personal achievements.

Mrs. Taylor is a 1936 graduate of the Tallahatchie County Training School. She went on to continue her education at Rust College in Holly Springs, MS and at the Mississippi Vocational College (now referred to as Mississippi Valley State University) in Itta Bena, MS. There she received her Bachelor of Science Degree.

Her age has not had an effect on her memory which brings smiles to her face. One of her personal achievements is that Mrs. Taylor

is the only person in her family who received an education, according to her son, Mervyn Leon Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor taught 1st grade and adult education classes. Another achievement of Mrs. Taylor is that she was one of the original pioneers who led the effort to bring the Head Start program to Charleston and across Tallahatchie County. Her list of fighting for the citizens of Tallahatchie County and surrounding communities goes on to include road improvements in the Black community, and bringing electricity and telephone service to the Black communities.

Her son, Mervyn, said his mother wasn't just active locally but also overseas. She traveled to poverty stricken areas on mission trips. Mrs. Taylor was also an active member in her church, St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church. She served as president of the local missionary, president of the Northern District Episcopal faith domination, and missionary president of the northern and southern Mississippi C.M.E. conferences.

Mrs. Taylor is the widow of the late Mr. Jimmy M. Taylor. She now lives in the Blue Cane Community, right outside of Charleston.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Mary Lee Taylor a pioneer in her community who has helped to pave the way for others, like you and me, to come along.

"ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE" ENERGY APPROACH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of an "all-of-the-above" energy approach for our nation's future. By taking this fair and reasonable approach to domestic energy exploration and production, we can properly care for the energy needs of families and businesses in New York, and across the country, while promoting American jobs, boosting national security and taking care of the environment.

Last year, 13 percent of electricity in the United States was produced from renewable sources, ranking us second in the world. This development has improved environmental quality while providing power to our nation's homes and businesses. Since I care about our fellow Americans health, this is the right thing to do. Additionally, the growing use of alternative and renewable fuels lower imports of foreign energy, improves our national security by reducing foreign energy consumption, and creates jobs for families across the country. In addition, clean natural gas development is bringing with it job growth and revitalizing manufacturing in towns and cities across America.

We can create jobs, provide quality energy to American businesses and families, care for the environment and support national security if we, as a nation, focus on an "all-of-the-above" energy approach.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF GENERAL WILLIAM SHELTON
TO THE UNITED STATES AND
THE CONSTITUENTS OF COLO-
RADO'S FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize General William L. Shelton, Commander of Air Force Space Command, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

Over the course of his 38-year career in the United States Air Force, General Shelton has served with great distinction and made countless sacrifices for our country. We commend his service; the sacrifices of his family in support of his service, including his wife Linda and their two children Sara and Joel; and must express our great appreciation for his leadership and devotion to our Nation's security.

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, General Shelton's selection as the Commander of Air Force Space Command in January 2011 culminates a distinguished career that began in 1976 at the Space and Missile Test Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. In a career dedicated to the space enterprise, he commanded units at Falcon/Schriever, F.E. Warren, Offutt, Vandenberg, and Peterson Air Force Bases. He also provided valuable leadership and counsel to the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Joint Staff community during multiple Headquarters U.S. Air Force assignments. His positive leadership directly influenced countless men and women in our Armed Forces, and the enduring effects of his service to our country will be felt for years to come.

General Shelton has been a vigilant advocate for national security space programs. As the Commander of Air Force Space Command, he was responsible for organizing, training and equipping more than 40,000 military and civilian personnel to assure space and cyberspace capabilities for the Combatant Commands and for the Nation. While space and cyberspace capabilities clearly contribute to making our military unmatched in combat operations, they also have become essential in humanitarian and disaster relief efforts and are now vital assets for the global community and world economy. Through his leadership, we enjoy unprecedented success in the areas of space launch and acquisition which have led to greater mission assurance and cost savings across the Department of Defense. Further, his vision on future space capabilities will position us to make the changes necessary to provide resilient, capable and affordable space capabilities for the joint force and the Nation well into the future.

General Shelton established an unmatched and sustained level of success during a time of increasing challenges. He has worked closely with the House Armed Services Committee, and it has been my great pleasure to work with him in that important capacity. His frank and informed discussions on our space systems, particularly the Global Positioning Satellite system, have helped leaders and citizens around the world appreciate the value

and need to protect our Nation's foundational space capabilities. As a member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, I am grateful for General Shelton's wise counsel and firm resolve to always do what is best for the Nation and for the Airmen he has led.

With nearly four decades of exemplary service to our Nation, General William L. Shelton deserves our most heartfelt gratitude and praise. Thank you, General Shelton—and best wishes to you and your family.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday 30, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letters in support of the Export-Import Bank:

1. Letter from Steve Wilburn, President and CEO, FirmGreen, July 21, 2014
2. Letter from Greenery Solutions, Inc, June 23, 2014
3. Letter from Brek Manufacturing to Ranking Member Maxine Waters
4. Letter from Hansen Engineering Company, July 23, 2014
5. Statement from Fritz-Pak, June 17, 2014
6. Letter from Boyle Energy Services & Technology, Inc, July 22, 2014

JULY 21, 2014.

HON. MAXINE WATERS,
Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR RANKING MEMBER WATERS: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ranking Member, Chairman Hensarling, all the Committee Members and staff, for the opportunity of testifying before the House Committee on Financial Services on June 25, 2014.

It was an extreme honor to appear before the Committee. Only in America can a disabled Veteran small business owner like me, hope to share the national stage with a multi-billion international conglomerate, and have my voice heard on such a critical issue as the Reauthorization of the Export Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank US).

I remain deeply concerned over the continuing negative comments and name calling emanating from many members of Congress concerning the Reauthorization of the Export Import Bank of the United States. I believe such public comments are harming US Exporters and helping to embolden our overseas competitors. As stated in my testimony, "Words have consequences." FirmGreen lost an order worth \$57 million due to the uncertainty created by a vocal minority of Congressional critics opposed to Ex-Bank Reauthorization.

I feel that the current economic recovery occurring in the US is fragile. We are experiencing mounting trade deficits. I firmly believe that the decades-long decline and deterioration of the once formidable United States industrial and manufacturing base is having a negative effect on our economy and our national security.

In 1970, more than a quarter of U.S. employees worked in manufacturing. Today, the number is only one in 10. Over 76 percent of current jobs in the US are in the Service Sector.

Ensuring the viability of our manufacturing and industrial sectors is critical to providing jobs that pay good wages, is important to the recovery of our struggling economy and is vital to the defense of our Republic.

In my opinion, we cannot continue to be a global power capable of responding to serious threats to US interests worldwide, without the support of a strong industrial manufacturing base.

According to declassified CIA reports, China has overtaken Japan and is now second to the United States in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In recent years, led by a strong expansion of its Industrial and Manufacturing Base. China has more than doubled the USA's rate of growth in GDP.

According to the CIA's World Fact Book, as of 2013, China and the European Union are ahead of the United States in Exports. More troubling than the shrinking dollar amount of US exports, is a growing trade deficit in "manufactured" goods.

In order for US Exporters to recover from the recent economic downturn and create jobs, they must have access to sufficient working capital and credit support. Since the near total collapse of the Global Banking system in 2008, Export Credit Agencies (ECA's) and Development Finance Institutions (DFI's) have played an increasingly important role in financing exports.

While US commercial banks are still recovering, sources of capital for US exporters have become constrained. On the world stage, nations and private clients seeking to import manufactured goods and technology have increasingly looked to the competitively priced financial products provided by ECA's and DFI's. Chinese, Japanese and Korean competitors to FirmGreen, and other US Exporters have easy access to very attractive finance terms being offered by the Chinese, Japanese and Korean ECA's.

FirmGreen's export potential has been directly affected by the uncertainty of reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank US and the aggressive finance terms offered by the Korean Ex-Im Bank (KEXIM). (See Attached Letter from Greenery, Solutions, Inc.).

In many of the international markets where FirmGreen competes, ECAs are providing the only project finance available. In the energy infrastructure marketplace, fully nine out of 10 projects that get done on a true project finance basis have ECA support.

"JBIC remains a global leader for energy and infrastructure project finance; KEXIM is rising in prominence, particularly in energy; Chinese institutions are also very active and increasingly willing to work with other International finance providers as opposed to going it alone as they have done in the past." (Source Baker and McKenzie 2013 Report on the Rise of ECA's and DFI's).

The Export-Import Bank of the United States allows US Manufacturers, such as FirmGreen, to compete on an equal basis with the project finance terms being offered by foreign ECA's and DFI's. Ex-Im Bank US provides valuable comfort to US commercial banks, allowing them to provide the longer tenor loans that are essential for many US Exporters, and vital for FirmGreen's credit-worthy energy and infrastructure projects.

In summation, as a combat decorated Veteran, small business owner, job creator, exporter and concerned citizen, I believe that we should not unilaterally disarm and abandon the very governmental agency that allows US Manufacturers and other US Exporters to fairly compete on the world's trading stage.

I strongly urge members of Congress to support the Reauthorization of Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

STEVE WILBURN,
President, CEO.