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COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of more than 111,000 of my constituents who are of Polish descent, I rise to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl. We remember those in Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine, many of whom suffered the loss of life, health, and home as a result of this tragedy.

The accident at the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl occurred on April 26, 1986, and is considered to be the most serious nuclear disaster in human history. A flawed reactor ruptured, causing a cloud of highly radioactive smoke to be spread over a wide geographic area. Unaware of the seriousness of the situation, firemen and emergency workers were summoned to the catastrophe. Many received high doses of radiation and later died as a result.

The entire town of Pripyat was forced to evacuate, and, in total, it is believed that more than 200,000 people were forced to relocate due to the Chernobyl disaster. An area of more than 150,000 square kilometers is considered to be contaminated, and the immediate area around the plant is still, for the most part, uninhabited.

This tragedy came at a huge human and environmental cost, and so it is of the utmost importance that it not be forgotten. For this reason, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Kyiv Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program which is working to commemorate the anniversary of this tragedy through a program highlighting response and recovery efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on this, the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl tragedy, I invite my colleagues to remember those who suffered as a result of this disaster, as well as recognize the efforts of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program. Only by commemorating and learning from this catastrophe will we be able to move forward towards a safe and productive future for nuclear energy.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM P. HITE AND THE UNITED ASSOCIATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate General President William P. Hite

for his selection as the 2011 recipient of the Military Officers Association of America's Distinguished Service Award.

This most recent recognition and honor are well deserved. As General President of the 350,000 members of the United Association of Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, Welders, Sprinkler Fitters, and HVAC Technicians, Bill has worked tirelessly to ensure members of our armed forces have access to the very best careers in his industry.

His organization provides one of the best services available to our veterans. The Veterans in Piping Program trains veterans for the finest careers in the industry. The United Association's Veterans in Piping partnership with the Marines at Camp Pendleton is considered by many to be the most successful military transition program in the country. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis described it as "an awesome program" and one that "should be expanded throughout the United States." It differs from other programs in that it trains Marines prior to discharge—at no cost to the individual—in a certifiable skill, and then provides the network and connections to ensure job placement. Every graduate of the program has been successfully placed in the position of second year Apprentice or higher with the exception of a handful who have either re-enlisted or gone on to college.

General President Hite's service to our armed forces and veterans is accentuated by a distinguished career in public service. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Task Force on Rebuilding the Gulf Coast and to the Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations; and, by President Barack Obama to the President's Export Council. He has been called upon by the leaders of both of our political parties in recognition of his fidelity, objectivity, and candor. These characteristics have made him among the most respected labor leaders in the United States.

As we recognize General President Hite and the United Association today, I wish to point out that he is a third generation union member and the membership of the United Association voluntarily bears all of the costs of its veterans programs. The membership supports the men and women of our armed forces with a record of commitment that is second to none. I am particularly and personally proud of the work that San Diego based Local 230 has done to implement this successful and innovative program at Camp Pendleton.

HONORING YAZMIN SPEARMAN FOR WINNING THE LESSONS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WRITING CONTEST

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yazmin Spearman as a winner of the second annual Lessons of the African-American Experience Creative Writing Contest. Yazmin is currently in the eighth grade at the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication, which is located in New London, Connecticut.

In celebration of Black History Month, I sponsored a creative writing contest for all

third through eighth grade students within the Second District. As we know, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of our nation's past. The lessons learned during this month continue to serve as the stepping stones of our nation's future. Yazmin's essay "African American Music History: The Reason I Remember Black History Month" eloquently embraces this belief.

Yazmin's essay shows a remarkable enthusiasm for learning that is inspiring to all. She identifies the principles of perseverance and discipline as embodied by Marion Anderson and Stevie Wonder. Yazmin creatively discusses how their successes and failures encourage her dreams of becoming a musician. For this, her essay was among the winners selected.

RECOGNIZING MONICA GUZMAN ON BEING NAMED THE 2011 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Monica Okada Guzman for her years of outstanding business leadership and community involvement on Guam. Ms. Guzman is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of Galaide Group, a full service communications and public relations firm on Guam. She was recently named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

Ms. Guzman partnered with local artist Ron Castro in 1998 to form the Galaide Group, which provides services that combine Chamorro culture, art, and language with public relations and advertising campaigns on Guam. Under Ms. Guzman's leadership, the Galaide Group has grown to 45 employees, more than half of whom are women. The Group has expanded its services to provide a full range of communications and public relations services to public and private sector clients on Guam. Ms. Guzman's efforts with the "We Are Guam" project through the Guam Visitors Bureau identified many women leaders on Guam to serve as Village Ambassadors and promote Chamorro cultural traditions. Her business has also focused on developing small business opportunities on Guam, and it helped to coordinate the Guam Industry Forum series and the Guam Economic Forum. These projects promoted awareness of business opportunities on Guam and helped to form partnerships between local small businesses and off-island firms.

Ms. Guzman is actively involved in a variety of community organizations on Guam. She has worked with the Guam Women's Club, Women in Movement, and the Guam Make-a-Wish Foundation. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities and TASI, an organization dedicated to the preservation of traditional canoe construction, sailing, and navigation practices.

I congratulate Monica Guzman on being named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion of

the Year for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her contributions to our community.

THIRD ANNUAL DC TAP FESTIVAL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the third annual DC Tap Festival, taking place in Washington, DC from April 15–April 17, 2011. I also ask the House to recognize its founders, Chloe and Maud Arnold, both of whom are natives of the District of Columbia, for their contributions to our great city and to the art form, tap dance.

The third annual DC Tap Festival will attract over four generations of tap dancers from around the world, and will heighten global respect and appreciation for a rich American art form, tap dance. The mission of the DC Tap Festival is to unite the global tap community, bringing people together from around the world to celebrate dance, while bridging the gap between the hip-hop and jazz generations through the classic, timeless art form of tap dance. The DC Tap Festival is a forum for the creative and artistic processes.

We acknowledge the founders, sisters Chloe and Maud Arnold, for their commitment to this city. They have received international acclaim for tap dancing, after studying at two Washington-based dance companies, DC Dance Collective and Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and performing at highly acclaimed D.C. venues such as Dance Place and the Kennedy Center. The Arnold sisters have returned to their hometown, every year for the past three years, to celebrate tap dance and to encourage the next generation of tappers to pursue their dreams. This year, the DC Tap Festival welcomes groups from as far away as Taiwan, and will showcase a fabulous array of tap-dance techniques and styles in a variety of musical genres through workshops, jam sessions, cutting contests, and an all-star concert performance.

Chloe and Maud Arnold were fortunate to grow up in D.C. during a time when funding for arts programs was available. They have trained with tap-dance legends such as Harold Nicholas of the Nicholas Brothers, Pegleg Bates, Buster Brown, Gregory Hines, Savion Glover, and with dancer and arts patron extraordinaire Debbie Allen. Both sisters are graduates of Columbia University's Film School, and performers, choreographers, and teachers worldwide.

In addition to being an art form, dance can be an aerobic activity that helps to improve heart health, strengthen muscles, increase flexibility, and burn calories. As I work to celebrate dance as an art form and to promote the health benefits of dancing, I will reintroduce a resolution to recognize July 31st as National Dance Day, both in the nation's capital and throughout the United States.

On July 31, 2010, with a few thousand District residents and tourists, we gathered on the National Mall to watch, learn from and dance with Fluria Flamenco, Step Afrika, Beat Ya Feet Kings, Capitol Movement Project, DCypher, Banneker Ball Room Dancing Club,

and many more. I was joined on the Mall by "So You Think You Can Dance" co-creator, executive producer, and judge Nigel Lythgoe, by Dominique Dawes, the U.S. Olympic gymnast and a member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition, and by the Dizzy Feet Foundation to promote dance as an avenue for physical fitness and artistic expression. Our country has an adult and childhood overweight and obesity epidemic, and we need to promote physical activity among children and adults, especially dancing, the exercise that many of us most enjoy!

I ask the House to join me in celebrating the third annual DC Tap Festival, taking place in Washington, DC from April 15–April 17, 2011, and to recognize Chloe and Maud Arnold's lifetime of passion for tap dancing and hard and productive work and service to the community.

RECOGNIZING ALBERT WU ON BEING NAMED THE 2011 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Albert Wu for his years of outstanding business leadership and community involvement on Guam. Mr. Wu is the Executive Partner of FADA Investment LLC, a small business that owns and manages numerous real estate properties on Guam. He was recently named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

Albert Wu was born in Taipei, Taiwan to Chuck C. Wu and Shiu Fong Wu. He and his family moved to Guam in 1972—when he was just 11 years old. After completing his secondary education in the Guam public school system, Mr. Wu went on to attend California State University in Los Angeles; he graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, Mr. Wu worked for several California businesses, but he returned to Guam to assist with his family's business, Sunny Wholesalers. In 1991, Mr. Wu married Shana Wu, and they have three children: Stephanie, Alexander, and Sophia.

In the early 1990s, Mr. Wu founded AAA Cellular, which later became HafaTel GSM Telephone, a wireless communications company on Guam. HafaTel provided affordable telecommunication rates to over 15,000 subscribers and revolutionized Guam's wireless communications industry as the first provider of GSM and SMS texting services on the island. Mr. Wu helped to serve minority groups on Guam by providing multi-lingual services and offering affordable fees for clients to communicate with family and friends off-island. In 2007, Mr. Wu sold HafaTel and founded FADA Investment LLC, a real estate property management firm.

Mr. Wu is an active member of our island community. He has been involved in several charitable and civic organizations, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese School Foundation, and the Make-a-

Wish Foundation. Through his involvement in these organizations he has helped to improve our island community.

I congratulate Alfred Wu on being named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLIE STILLITANO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention to the work of a man I am proud to represent in Congress and prouder still to call friend, Mr. Charlie Stillitano. Charlie has been named Man of the Year by the Milan Club and was recognized in a ceremony on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication and commitment to his community.

Charlie Stillitano is a man who has led a most distinguished career in the world of professional sports. He is a great American who has found a way to put his passion for soccer and love for others into all that he does. Charlie began this journey at Princeton University where he was a four-year starter, three-time All-Ivy, All-American Captain of the Men's Varsity Soccer Team. He also received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Rutgers University.

His unparalleled career took off in 1992, serving as the Venue Executive Director for the FIFA World Cup right here in the tri-state New York area.

Following the 1994 FIFA World Cup Mr. Stillitano was named Vice President and General Manager of the NY/NJ MetroStars' Major League Soccer Team. Under Charlie, the MetroStars were able to secure the services of some of the world's top Managers including Carlos Alberto Parreira (former Brazilian National Team World Champion Coach), Carlos Queiroz (2-time World Youth Champion Coach with the Portuguese National Team) and Bora Milutinovich (former U.S. National Team Coach); and international stars such as Roberto Donadoni (of Italy), Branco (Brazil), Anthony De Avila (Colombia), Lothar Matthaus (Germany), Shaun Bartlett (South Africa), Tony Meola (USA), Tab Ramos (USA) and Nicola Caricola (Italy).

During this time, Mr. Stillitano created and established an international division which became responsible for implementing numerous successful football events such as the 1995 Parmalat Cup, 1996 FIFA World All-Star Game, 1996 U.S. Cup, 1998 Colombia vs. Scotland and Jamaica vs. The Caribbean All-Stars Matches.

Following five successful years as Vice President and General Manager with the MetroStars, Charlie continued his work with Metromedia Company as the Managing Director of the newly formed Metromedia Soccer Properties, LLC.

Metromedia Soccer Properties was responsible for the development of Metromedia's