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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 PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. PASCARELL. 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

international soccer business, including exploring the acquisition of soccer clubs, stadium development and the international match business.

Charlie's influence in the soccer world cannot be overstated. Over the course of fifteen years, from 1993–2007, Charlie also served as an inaugural Board Member of the U.S. Soccer Foundation; as its Vice Chairman for 11 years and Chairman of the Grants Committee for 14 years until his retirement from the U.S. Soccer Foundation in 2007.

Mr. Stillitano currently serves as an esteemed soccer agent at CAA Sports (a division of Creative Artists Agency), which represents more than 400 of the world's best athletes in team sports such as baseball, football, hockey and soccer, in addition to icons in individual sports, on-air broadcasters and numerous other sports personalities. Based out of CAA's New York office, Charlie represents many of the world's leading athletes and sports personalities, including Cristiano Ronaldo, Jose Mourinho, Deco, Chelsea FC—the English Premier Club and the 2009 European Champions-FC Barcelona.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of community leaders like Charlie Stillitano. I applaud the Milan Club for its initiative in naming Charlie the 2011 Man of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Milan Club, Charlie's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Charlie and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of Charlie Stillitano.

RECOGNIZING REANNA A. CRUZ ON BEING NAMED THE 2011 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

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. Reanna A. Cruz for her years of outstanding financial expertise, business leadership, and community involvement on Guam. Ms. Cruz is Assistant Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer for the Bank of Guam. She was recently named the Guam Financial Services Champion of the Year for 2011 by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Ms. Cruz graduated from the University of Guam in 2001, with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Economics. Shortly thereafter, she joined the Bank of Guam as a management trainee. In 2003, she joined the Commercial Banking Group and helped increase its SBA lending portfolio. Ms. Cruz was selected to receive special training in SBAExpress and Community Express Loan Programs. Helped in part by her expertise, the Bank earned the SBA Lender of the Year in 2010. Further, in her role as an assistant vice president, she assisted community organizations and the Small Business Development Center assess

ways to improve the relationship between financial institutions and small businesses.

Ms. Cruz also serves as a mentor to junior loan officers, one of whom was named the 2010 SBA Loan Officer of the Year. Her contributions to the small business community and her understanding of modern financial services tools have helped the Bank of Guam grow and adapt to changes in the industry. Additionally, Ms. Cruz is an active volunteer for the Soroptmist International of the Marianas, where she helps women entrepreneurs navigate the challenges that many small business owners encounter.

I congratulate Reanna Cruz on being named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Financial Services 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.

HONORING COLONEL JOHN LAZAR

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Colonel John Lazar, upon his retirement after having served this great Nation since 1981, most recently as Director of Operational Contracting Support and Policy with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army.

In 1981 John Lazar enlisted in the United States Army. Upon his graduation with a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1986, he was commissioned as an Armor officer. Colonel Lazar went on to serve as a Tank Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader and Assistant Battalion Operations Officer in the 1st Battalion 68th Armor Regiment at Wildflecken, Germany. He commanded Alpha Troop 5th Squadron 12th U.S. Cavalry at Fort Knox, Kentucky, served as an Assistant Professor as a member of the faculty at West Point, as Chief of the Joint Contracting Center in Hungary and as a Brigade Operations Officer for the United States Army Contracting Command Europe. Colonel Lazar commanded the Defense Contract Management Agency of both Canada and Central Iraq. He also served as Military Deputy to the Director of Acquisition Resources and Analysis in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Colonel Lazar has earned several graduate degrees including a Master of Science in Kinesiology from Indiana University in 1994, a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University in 2000, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in 2007. He has a vast military education consisting of Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College as well as the aforementioned United States Army War College. Colonel Lazar holds acquisition certificates of Level II in Program Management and Level III in Contracting.

Highly decorated and awarded in his career, Colonel John Lazar has earned the Defense

Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the NATO Medal with Yugoslavia Bar.

Mr. Speaker, since 1981 Colonel John Lazar has faithfully served the citizens of the United States. As he enters the next phase of his life with his beloved wife Renee and their three children Erika, Jacob and Matthew, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel John Lazar upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

RECOGNIZING VICENTE D. ADA ON BEING NAMED THE 2011 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS 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. Vicente D. Ada for many years of outstanding business leadership and contributions to our island community. Mr. Ada is the founder of Ada's Mortuary, Inc., a family-run funeral service on Guam. His company was recently named the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for Guam.

In 1972 Mr. Ada founded Pacific Funeral Home, which was renamed Ada's Mortuary, Inc. in the mid-1990s. Under his leadership, the mortuary has grown from a small, home-based business with limited inventory into a full-service operation that provides funeral services for more than 300 families on Guam every year. Throughout its history and growth, Mr. Ada has maintained Ada's Mortuary as a family-run business—with many of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their spouses getting their first real-work experience there. Mr. Ada has successfully guided Ada's Mortuary from a small, family-run, operation into Guam's most successful funeral service business.

Mr. Ada has been actively involved in public service to our nation and on Guam. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a former Senator in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Guam Legislatures. Mr. Ada has also focused his business to supports youth development by participating in school-to-work programs, which allows youth to gain work experience at the company. Ada's Mortuary also provides caskets and funeral services, at no cost, to certain religious orders, unborn children, and families who cannot afford to bury their loved ones.

I congratulate Vicente Ada on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him on this award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.