

1984, Mr. Sgro received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is also a licensed real estate broker on Guam.

I congratulate Peter R. Sgro, Jr. on receiving the 2012 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

13TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS (CLEA)

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

This year, I established the 13th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I congratulate the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Patrolman 1st Class Justin Wyatt of the Wauchula, Florida Police Department received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty and the Congressional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

Deputy Steve Aherns of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty and the Congressional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

Detective Salvatore Levita of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Trooper John B. McGrede of the Florida Highway Patrol received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Detective Michael A. Dumer of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Michael Page of the Bradenton Police Department received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Special Agent Steve Lieberman of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Special Agent Jim Vogt of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Career Service Award.

The Venice Florida Police Department received the Unit Citation Award.

Government Analyst Kelly Andriano of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received the Associate Service Award.

I offer my sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of these outstanding law enforcement officers. I appreciate the law en-

forcement agencies that made such outstanding nominations and panel that judged them.

I believe these awards are a fitting tribute to our officers and a reminder of the important role they play in our communities.

HONORING THE POLICE UNITY TOUR'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Police Unity Tour and its riders as they mark their Fifteenth Anniversary.

In May of 1997, the Police Unity Tour was organized to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. The Tour, the inspiration of Florham Park, New Jersey Police Officer Patrick P. Montuore, currently Florham Park Police Chief, has grown significantly since its first year. New chapters have formed in many states, including New York, Florida, Delaware and California.

During National Police Week, participants in the Police Unity Tour travel 300 miles by bicycle from New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington DC. The tour culminates in a candlelight vigil held in Washington DC at the Memorial where the names of newly added officers are read aloud and officially dedicated on the monument. This ceremony reminds the participants that their important work is never done.

To honor fallen officers who have fallen in the line of duty, the ride helps raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. Since 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised \$10 million for the Fund, going towards the task of adding officers' names to the Memorial's Hall of Remembrance and providing for renovations to the facility.

From 18 participants raising \$18,000 for the Fund in its first year, the Police Unity Tour has grown to over 1,200 riders who raised \$1.325 million in 2011 alone. Inspired by its motto, "We Ride for Those Who Died", participants come from over 40 states as well as a number of countries such as Australia, Israel and India. However different the backgrounds of these officers may be, they all share in the common purpose of honoring and remembering their fellow fallen officers.

The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial contains the names of 19,000 officers who have sacrificed their lives to keep our communities safe and the contributions of the Police Unity Tour have helped preserve their memory. In 2006, The Police Unity Tour pledged to raise \$5 million to restore the Memorial and in 2009 the restoration was completed, ensuring that the names and legacies of these officers will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Police Unity Tour and the law enforcement officers who participate in it, as they mark 15 years of devotion to the law enforcement community.

RECOGNIZING MARK ZHAO ON BEING NAMED THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF YEAR FOR 2012

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark M. Y. Zhao for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2012 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year Award. Mark is the Executive Director of the Westpac Institute of Management on Guam, and has a strong background in banking and finance.

Mark graduated from the University of Guam in 1986 and soon became a banking officer for the Bank of Hawaii. In this capacity, he worked hard to develop and grow Guam's access to the Chinese market. Mark worked to meet the needs of small business owners by eliminating language and cultural barriers that existed between the bank and its customers of Chinese descent. These efforts earned him the position of Vice President for Corporate Lending at the Bank of Hawaii, which he held until 2001.

Following his banking career, Mark used his financial and entrepreneurial expertise to establish the Westpac Institute on Guam. This institute has helped hundreds of entrepreneurs in the local community, especially the minority segments on Guam, by providing them with the education and resources needed to develop their skills.

Further, Mark is an active member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on Guam, where he serves as the Chairman of the Real Estate and Education Committees. He also uses his expertise to promote programs that support the education of our young people and the development of Guam's economy. Additionally, Mark is a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers and a Life Member of the Navy League of the United States.

I commend Mr. Mark M. Y. Zhao for his work in addressing the needs of Guam's small business community, and for being named the SBA's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for 2012. I join our island in thanking him for his contributions to our community, and I wish him continued success with the Westpac Institute.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICKY YATES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Command Sergeant Major Ricky Yates. His service to our Nation is the standard by which all U.S. Army Aviation Command Sergeant Major careers are measured. His ability to develop solutions to complex and inter-related problems coupled with his unequalled leadership, technical expertise and devotion to duty set him