

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM NAN LI ON RECEIVING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2016 MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate William Nan Li on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2016 Champion of the Year Award for Guam. This award honors an individual on Guam who has fulfilled a commitment to support and assist minority entrepreneurs and small business owners.

William is an Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer with the Bank of Guam, the largest financial institution on Guam, serving individual clients, small businesses, middle-market and large corporations, and government entities. In his role at the Bank of Guam, Will interacts with clients on a daily basis to provide assistance and counsel on appropriate commercial banking services to meet their business's individual needs. He has provided outstanding assistance to many local businesses, from restaurants to retail owners to contractors and investors. Further, he works with several Bank of Guam initiatives to promote financial literacy and sponsoring events and causes, including the Guam International Marathon, the Guam Football Association, and the "Nihi Tan Fan Bisita" which works with local mayors to extend financial counseling to island residents who may not have the resources to obtain it themselves.

Will is also an active member of our island community. He is a current Board Member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam and the Guam Chinese Association, as well as a member of the United Chinese Association, Guam Chinese Contract Association, and the Chinese Women Association. Will also volunteers for outreach events that teach safe financial practices to local high school students.

I join the people of Guam in congratulating William Nan Li on his selection as the SBA's 2016 Minority Small Business Champion for Guam. I commend him for his many contributions to our island and community.

PASTOR KEVIN HINTZE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

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Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to sponsor today's guest chaplain Pastor Kevin Hintze, the Associate Pastor of Missions and Outreach at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Georgetown, Texas. The guest chaplain program is a wonderful opportunity to welcome pastoral leaders from many different backgrounds. This practice brings to life the freedom of worship enjoyed across this nation.

Pastor Hintze is a steadfast servant of God who has dedicated his time and talents to the ministry of the Gospel in the Lone Star State for the past seven years. Despite the chal-

lenges of his profession, he remains enthusiastic in his calling to faithfully sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Hintze is eager to support and encourage the leaders of our nation through communication and prayer. Today's not the first time he's ministered to an elected body. In addition to being a devoted servant in his community, he has also been a guest Chaplain in both the Texas Legislature and Senate in 2015.

Pastor Kevin Hintze represents his faith, church, and community with dignity and brings honor to the stirring words of the New Testament, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." I'm privileged to sponsor him as guest chaplain for the House of Representatives.

HONORING PHILLIP E. SLOOP FOR EARNING THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION CERTIFICATE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phillip E. Sloop for earning the National American Legion Certificate. This certificate was awarded to Mr. Sloop for his 70 years of continuous service in American Legion Post 115, located in Kannapolis, North Carolina. It is an honor to thank Mr. Sloop for his brave and selfless service to our nation.

After graduating from high school in 1934, Mr. Sloop took a job at Cannon Mills, a local textile company, until he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in April of 1941. Just a few months into his service, the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred on December 7, 1941 and changed the course of Mr. Sloop's life. Once the United States entered World War II, Mr. Sloop was sent to Australia and joined the 436th Army Signal Construction Battalion as part of the 5th Air Force.

While in Australia, he was responsible for installing communication lines in support of the Allied efforts in the Pacific theater. His service in the Pacific extended nearly five years before the eventual conclusion of the war. Upon his return home to North Carolina, he returned to his job at the textile mill and joined American Legion Post 115, where he has remained an active member for 70 years.

I am overjoyed that the American Legion recognized Mr. Sloop for his service during World War II and his participation in the American Legion. The men and women in uniform who have answered the call to defend our nation represent the best our country has to offer and they deserve our continued admiration. Opportunities like this serve as a reminder that we must never take the service and sacrifice of our veterans for granted, and that we as a nation must continually find ways to recognize these heroic patriots for their unparalleled dedication to protecting our freedom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Phillip E. Sloop for earning this distinguished honor, and thanking him for his service and dedication to our country.

RECOGNIZING CARLOTTA LEON GUERRERO ON RECEIVING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PHOENIX AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISASTER RECOVERY AS A VOLUNTEER FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Carlotta Leon Guerrero on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2016 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery as a volunteer. Carlotta is being honored for her efforts and contributions that have enabled businesses of Guam and neighboring island communities to recover successfully from disasters.

Carlotta is the Executive Director of the Ayuda Foundation founded the non-profit organization in 1995 with Dr. Mike Cruz of the Guam Medical Society and Christine Nilsen of Continental Micronesia, Inc. Carlotta began her public service serving six years as a senator in the Guam Legislature from 1994 to 2000, and has served in different capacities within the public and private sectors.

The Ayuda Foundation is based in Guam and is dedicated to helping Pacific islanders, especially our Micronesian region, in times of need. The Ayuda Foundation is meant to improve the health and wellbeing of Micronesia through medical missions, emergency relief and program support. The Ayuda Foundation is comprised of Medical Missions to Micronesia, Reach Out & Read Early Literacy Program, AIDS Education Project, Island Girl Power and Books to Schools.

Through Ayuda Foundation, Carlotta was able to bring important resources to areas recently hit by storms in places such as Philippines, Vanuatu, Chuuk, Yap and Saipan. She was instrumental in bringing diverse parts of the community together to assist in providing thousands of dollars of aid to areas affected by natural disaster. Carlotta creatively used her own resources to source, procure and distribute supplies and assistance to those in need in the form of donations and in-kind contributions.

Carlotta has selflessly, consistently and tirelessly worked to help victims of disasters in every way possible. In addition to providing food and supplies, she believes that it is critical to assist hospitals within communities struck by natural disasters to maximize assistance. Though, Ayuda Foundation has a broad mission of helping the community, the bulk of the work goes to disaster relief. Most notably, Carlotta and the Ayuda Foundation partnered with MAP International, a non-profit in the U.S. to secure large donations of pharmaceuticals. She then worked with non-governmental organizations around the world to distribute them in areas of conflict and disaster. Ayuda Foundation was able to obtain \$400,000 worth of medication with only \$5,000 donated by the Bank of Gaum to donate to the islands of Chuuk and Yap after they were hit by Typhoon Maysak. Ayuda Foundation was also able to procure an inter Emergency Health Kit from MAP International for the community hospital on the island of Saipan after the devastating Typhoon Soudelor.