

ranks of the Department by serving as Company Foreman, Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief, and finally as Fire Chief from 1965 to 1967 and again from 1980 to 1981. In addition, Ed served for fifty years as the Union Company's chief mechanic. Ed is a dedicated public servant, who also served his country in combat during the Korean War and was a driver and mechanic for the Saratoga County Department of Public Works prior to joining the Fire Department.

Over the course of his career as a volunteer firefighter, Ed responded to countless fires and emergency incidents, notably the Saratoga Springs Convention Hall fire and the Saratoga Hospital fire of 1965. Ed was instrumental in standing up the neighboring Malta Ridge Fire Company, of which he is a charter member.

Having devoted three quarters of his life to fire protection, Ed serves as an exemplary member of his community. On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank Ed for a lifetime of hard work and dedication to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on April 12, I missed Roll Call vote No. 138. I would have voted NO on H.J. Res. 2, the so-called Balanced Budget Amendment.

RECOGNIZING MS. MELANIE MENDIOLA ON RECEIVING THE 2018 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ms. Melanie Mendiola on receiving the 2018 Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam. Melanie is being honored for fulfilling a commitment to support and assist minority entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Melanie is the Executive Director of the University of Guam Endowment Foundation and the project director of Farm to Table Guam, a non-profit organization committed to strengthening the agricultural industry on the island of Guam through supporting farmers and agriculture based businesses. These small businesses include food manufacturers, restaurants, and food trucks. Since its formation in 2012, Farm to Table Guam's mission has been to grow the local agricultural community for the good of Guam's long-term sustainability. The organization operates a farm and

engages in technical and business planning assistance with farmers and agricultural procedures, assisting in the process of obtaining bank financing, pursuing federal funding, and increasing the profile of local farmers among businesses and consumers.

Farm to Table, through its project beneficiaries have created 18 direct jobs and 50 indirect employment opportunities with restaurants, farms, and other business. Farm to Table has also assisted farmers in Guam and Saipan through their "Leafy Green Farming" project to give farmers training in areas of business development, diversification, and planning for expansion.

Farm to Table has also given the community greater access to fresh farm produce through projects such as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes of produce for delivery or pickup. Farm to Table also heavily focuses on improving access to fresh farm produce through person to person outreach such as "pop-up" shops, bringing the produce of over 35 local farmers out into the community. This has positively contributed to the local economy by putting thousands of dollars into the pockets of local farmers. Melanie's "Tanom, Fa'tinas, Yan Sustansia" project has assisted island farmers through services such as creating business plans, budgeting, record keeping, and facilitating farmer certification. Additionally, under Melanie's leadership, Farm to Table entered a partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide training to individuals with disabilities and has trained multiple individuals in areas of farming, marketing produce, and building the farm from the ground up.

Melanie has demonstrated that she is an effective advocate for minority small business interests and has been recognized for these efforts multiple times. Melanie was the 2017 Businesswoman of the Year Nominee for Guam, the 2017 Guam Young Professional of the Year Winner, 2014 KUAM Careforce, Environment & Sustainability Category Winner, and the 2013 Financial Planning Association Diversity Scholar. Melanie also dedicates her time and service to civic organizations such as the Guam Girl Scouts, the Guam Young Professionals, and the Young Men's League of Guam.

I congratulate Ms. Melanie Mendiola on receiving the 2018 Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island community.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN ENO FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF CHEBOYGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Susan Eno for being named

the 2018 Michigan Bankers Association Banker of the Year and for her retirement from Citizens National Bank of Cheboygan after more than forty-five years of service. Through her exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to her community, Sue has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Sue got her start at Citizens National Bank of Cheboygan in 1971 as a part-time employee while still in high school. Over the next four decades, she moved through several departments within the bank, eventually becoming CEO in 2008. As CEO, Sue led the creation of new branches in Gaylord, Petoskey, and Rogers City. Under her leadership, CNB enhanced their customer's experience and became an example for other banks around the state through improved electronic banking services and the introduction of rewards checking.

Not only has she provided the support and leadership necessary to ensure Citizens National Bank is held in the highest regard by members of its community, she has also lent her considerable talents to the banking industry at both the state and national level. In March, Sue was recognized as the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) Banker of the Year. This award is given annually by the MBA Board of Directors, made up of bank CEO's from around the state, to recognize extraordinary contribution to the industry and a strong record of community service. This was not the first recognition of her incredible work in Michigan. She also received the 2002 Business and Professional Women of Cheboygan Woman of Distinction Award and in 2017, CNB received the Business of the Year Award from the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Outside of her service with Citizens National Bank, Sue has been involved in numerous community groups and has been instrumental in establishing several local organizations focused on economic growth within Cheboygan County and the surrounding area. Included are the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Cheboygan Economic Development Group, Cheboygan Communities Foundation, City of Cheboygan Strategic Planning Committee, Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Cheboygan County United Way, to name just a few. Sue has also served as a director for the Michigan Bankers Association, a member of the Federal Reserve Bank's Advisory Group and on the American Bankers Association Community Bank Council. She is a graduate of the Northern Michigan School of Banking at Northern Michigan University and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Susan Eno for her decades of service to Northern Michigan and congratulate her once again for being named the MBA Banker of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Sue all the best in her future endeavors.