

Bringing entrepreneurship into places such as schools provide youth a safe space to encourage divergent thinking, learning from failure, explore reiterative processes, gain financial literacy, and learn to communicate new ideas. Entrepreneurial thinkers can turn problems into business opportunities and stay in or return to their communities, generating employment and enlarging the local tax base. The development of an entrepreneurial mindset in youth will help lead to an empowered society.

Madam Speaker, as I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Global Entrepreneurship, I urge support of the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act. Ultimately, entrepreneurs are the backbone of American society; they drive innovation, job creation, and national economic growth. And entrepreneurship programs in our schools will empower our youth to strengthen our nation by cultivating their entrepreneurial spirit.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WILLIAM “BILL” ROBERT ROTH

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. William “Bill” Robert Roth who was a longtime resident of Guam and passed away on October 16, 2019, at the age of 68.

Mr. Roth was a son, a husband, a father, and a devoted administrator to Guam’s education.

He was the son of Philip and Joan M. Roth. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois along with his four sisters and two brothers. He then moved to Memphis, Tennessee and is where he met his beloved wife Ann Marie O’Mallan. Married for 45 years, together they raised four children and were blessed with four grandchildren.

In 1979, Mr. Roth started his educational career at Notre Dame High school where he served for 12 years as a teacher, business

manager; and subsequently, an Assistant Principal.

In 1991 through 2009, Mr. Roth became the principal of Father Duenas Memorial School. As an active supporter of the institution’s academic and athletic programs, he was instrumental in reshaping the campus by reinforcing financial stability and investing as much as possible when the opportunity arose.

Mr. Roth was recognized as a humble man who emanated solidarity and was influential to the island’s educational community. He was also known by many as one who was driven to inspire students in an all-boys school. As a father of two sons, connecting with his students and fostering growth was effortless.

In 2012, Mr. Roth embraced retirement and spent the rest of his days enjoying time with his wife and adoring their grandchildren.

I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife, Ann Marie O’Mallan Roth, his children, Bill Roth, Christina Roth Mantanona, Mariana Duenas, Kenny Roth, and their spouses and his grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of many.