

working visits of U.S. legislators and regulators with their counterparts in the region; between leaders of industry, financial services and law and their counterparts in the Balkans; and of academic leaders with government, business and educational institutions in these countries.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome the establishment of this new organization and organizations like it and I strongly support the objectives they promote.

## RECOGNIZING SCORE

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valuable, non-profit association helping America's small businesses and entrepreneurs. The organization I speak of is SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Businesses.

Small businesses are vital to our communities and our economy. They add jobs, add dollars to local economies, and provide a valuable sense of community. However starting

and operating a small business is a serious risk, and it is not easy.

Many hard-working, skilled, brilliant Americans have all the ambition and specialized knowledge to take that risk—but they lack the business knowledge and experience necessary to be successful. That is why I'd like to thank everyone at SCORE for giving these ambitious, eager, hard-working Americans the last tool they need to make their endeavor a success.

I'd like to thank SCORE and all of their members and employees for their philanthropy, advocacy, and dedication to American small businesses. I'm pleased to honor them on the floor of this House.