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MARISA UGARTE: THE SAN DIEGO CHICANO FEDERATION'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker: Passionate. Visionary. Bold. These are a few of the words used to describe Marisa Ugarte in a recent column in the San Diego Union-Tribune. As the executive director of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (BSCC), Marisa epitomizes all of these and more in her fervent quest to save children from pimps who pander them to pedophiles on both sides of the US-Mexico border.

With more than 20 years of experience advocating for exploited men, women, children and at-risk youth, Marisa has made her vision a global crusade over the past several years. While the BSCC is best known for its fight against sex trafficking, Marisa reports there are other issues that need attention drawn to them. They include the fate of sweatshop workers and young women working as maids and housekeepers, who Marisa says serve as indentured servants, working off the enormous debts made to get them into this country.

With a mission of 'preserving the dignity and well-being of commercially and sexually exploited women and children through prevention, intervention and education,' Marisa's organization collaborates with about 80 government and nongovernmental agencies in Mexico and the United States that strive to reduce slavery and human trafficking. They include the U.S. Justice Department, the U.S. Border Patrol Victims Unit, the University of San Diego, Departamento de Integraccion Familiar (DIF), and more.

The BSCC's vision is 'to live in a world where there is zero tolerance for exploitation and where women and children's lives are protected and held in high esteem.' Recently, the organization received a grant from the State Department to work on both sides of the border.

Marisa grew up in Mexico City and New York City. For the past three years she has created social service programs in Tijuana, Mexico. Marisa is the founder of the Binational Crisis Line in Tijuana, as well as the Domestic Violence Crisis Center for Sistema Nacional para el Desarollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), Tijuana. It was there that she became interested in advocating for those who have become victims to sex trafficking. (Marisa continues to be an advisor to DIF and to the Civil Protection and Disaster Crisis Prevention Program in Mexico.)

In the US, Marisa convenes annual anti-trafficking conferences in San Diego, and is an active speaker at similar conferences nationwide and internationally on human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. Her public speaking engagements have included: Artesana, (Successful Coalition Building), Texas; the Millennium Conference, and the International Institute (Restructuring the Justice System in Mexico). She was a presenter at the follow-up conference at the Yokohama Children's Rights Conference (for Latin America and Costa Rica) and at conferences in Mexico, San Salvador and Costa Rica.

Marisa also taught at the University of California, San Diego; the University of San Diego, and the University of Xochicalco, Mexico.

Congratulations, Marisa, on this Award for Community Service.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Simon Wiesenthal, beloved husband and father, author, Holocaust survivor, Jewish activist, and tireless pursuer of justice who passed away yesterday at the age of 96.

Mr. Wiesenthal was born and raised in Buczaz in what is now known as the Ukraine. There he pursued a career in architectural engineering until he was taken to a forced labor camp in 1941. For the next four years Mr. Wiesenthal was transferred between twelve concentration camps until he arrived at Mauthausen concentration camp in northern Austria. He remained in Mauthausen until May 5, 1945 when the camp was liberated by the American army.

In 1947 Mr. Wiesenthal opened the Jewish Historical Documentation Center for the purpose of collecting evidence for trials against Nazi war criminals. Mr. Wiesenthal worked diligently for the rest of his life in the pursuit of any and all Nazis responsible for Holocaust atrocities. Mr. Wiesenthal is credited with aiding in the capture of over 1,100 Nazi war criminals. Most notable amongst these arrests are Adolf Eichmann, an architect and implementer of Hitler's "Final Solution," and Franz Stangl, the commandant at Treblinka where an estimated 800,000 Jews died.

Mr. Wiesenthal received many honors including: decorations from the Austrian and French resistance movements, the Austrian Cross of Honor of the Sciences and Arts, the Dutch Freedom Medal, honorary knighthood from the United Kingdom, the United Nations League for the Help of Refugees Award, the Luxembourg Freedom Medal, the French Legion of Honor, and the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Simon Wiesenthal, whose dedication to the pursuit of justice has ensured that the atrocities of the Holocaust will never be forgotten. I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Simon Wiesenthal, members and employees of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and the community of Holocaust survivors. Mr. Wiesenthal will surely be remembered in history for his tireless dedication to justice and his commitment to fighting prejudice and honoring those who lost their lives to the horrors of the Holocaust.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to vote on final passage of H.R. 250. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on final passage of H.R. 250, The Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005 (Rollcall Vote 485).

RECOGNIZING JASON ROBERT STEN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jason Robert Sten, son of Kathy Holmquist and Patrick Sten of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jason is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Jason will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Jason has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 8 years Jason has been involved with Scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Jason has served his troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Troop Guide. Jason holds the rank of Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and earned the Mile Swim Award. During his years in the scouts, Jason spent 8 years at Camp Geiger and was a member of the Junior Leader Training Staff.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jason Robert Sten for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MARSHALL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, September 24th, marks the 250th anniversary of Chief Justice John Marshall's birth. The principal founder of American constitutional law and one of Virginia's finest sons, Marshall's 34 years of leadership brought the United States Supreme Court great prominence.

His education, experiences, and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia enabled him to serve this country as Supreme Court Justice. Chief Justice Marshall presided over numerous landmark cases and authored many of the Supreme Court's most influential opinions.