

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING KELSEY TEMPLE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelsey Temple on achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award. Receiving the Gold Award is a testament to Miss Temple's leadership, citizenship, and service to her community.

For her Gold Award project, Kelsey Temple educated elementary aged children about bicycle safety. Miss Temple stressed the importance of wearing a helmet, learning and obeying traffic rules regarding cyclists, and bicycle maintenance.

The Girl Scouts of America promotes a positive influence for young women of today. I am honored to represent Kelsey Temple in earning the highest award bestowed in Girl Scouts. I commend her commitment and dedication for the betterment of her life, her community, and her country.

KAILEY FORD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kailey Ford who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kailey Ford is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kailey Ford is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kailey Ford for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HAZEL BUCKLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hazel Buckley, of Tarkio, Missouri. On April 8, 2008, after 20 years of service, Hazel retired as the Tarkio City Collector.

Hazel began her city collector position when the city had just started doing taxes on the computer instead of on paper. Through the 20 years that Hazel has been the city collector, she has worked under four mayors. Hazel is also the treasurer of the Tarkio Business and Professional Women, and is a member of the Atchison County Health Board and the Tarkio Community Garden Club.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Hazel Buckley, whose service to the Tarkio community has been truly exceptional. I wish Hazel the best in her retirement and it is an honor to serve her in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO DAN LONG

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Long of Boise, Idaho. Dan will be representing Idaho in the 2008 National Small Businessman of the Year competition.

The Small Business person of the Year Award is given annually by the United States Small Business Administration, SBA. Any individual who owns and operates or who bears principal responsibility for operating a small business may be nominated. A winner from each State has been selected and they will gather in Washington, DC, this week for the announcement of National Small Business Person of the Year. This event coincides with National Small Business Week.

Criteria for selecting the Small Business Persons of the Year include substantiated history as an established business, growth in the number of employees, increase in sales and response to adversity, among other factors.

Dan is an ideal candidate to represent Idaho for this award. He started A-1 Plumbing Service, Inc., in 1984 with one truck and one employee, himself. Dan had a vision of adding one truck per year for the first 10 years and using them to deliver exceptional service.

Dan's vision has become reality. A-1 Plumbing has grown from one truck and one employee to offices in Boise and Nampa, 25 trucks and 36 employees. In addition, the company has enjoyed a booming rate in sales and profits of 10 to 20 percent annually since its inception. Particularly impressive is the repeat customer percentage of 87 percent.

I also commend Dan for his practice of donating a minimum of one percent of revenues to local charities. His actions are exemplary. He is much deserving of the title National Small Businessman of the Year.

Thank you, Dan, for your quality work. It is my honor to recognize you today.

HONORING YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to honor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, who served as a Representative of California's 37th Congressional District from 1973 to 1979, and is retiring at the end of this year, after an impressive five-decade career as a public servant in the State of California.

On the occasion of Mrs. Burke's retirement from public office, we wish to extend to her, sincere congratulations for the decades of dedicated service that she has given to her Nation, her State, and her county, most recently as chair of the county of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the largest county in the Nation with a population of over 10 million. For the past 15 years, she has served with distinction as the supervisor of the second district, representing nearly 2.5 million residents.

During her tenure, Mrs. Burke has focused on improving the lives of children, encouraging economic development, and improving transportation throughout Los Angeles, as well as promoting public social services, health care for the uninsured, and affirmative action for women and the economically disadvantaged.

While Mrs. Burke has innumerable accomplishments over the past 15 years, these are some significant highlights of her service in the Second Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County:

Currently chairs the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council that is regarded as the most influential forum for advocating reform of children's service systems in a major metropolitan area.

Helped to establish the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services "Family to Family" program, which advocates the placement of foster children in homes near their original communities.

Established the Second District Education and Policy Foundation that awards scholarships to deserving local students.

Encouraged private businesses and organizations to make computer laboratories available in areas such as public housing, and encouraged constituents to make use of computer research facilities in the county library system.

Promoted the establishment of businesses in areas of the county that have been underserved, providing on-going services to small businesses and establishing the county's website that lists available contracts for small businesses.

Pushed for the establishment of a multi-modal public transportation system, as a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board, and continues to labor for the development of the Crenshaw Corridor and for a light and heavy rail system.

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