

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR, MR. JOSEPH SANTELLI

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who exemplifies a successful small businessperson in our country, Joseph Santelli, who was recently honored, by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The week of May 16–20, 2011 was the 48th Annual National Small Business Week. This is a time when the President of the United States and the country as a whole recognizes and honors the contribution that small businesses are making to our nation. Small businesses are the engines of growth and innovation, and Mr. Santelli, who was honored by the Small Business Administration of Western Pennsylvania, is truly moving his small businesses towards greatness. Mr. Santelli took the honor of being the 2011 local and state Small Business Person of the Year in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joseph Santelli is the President of Santelli Tempered Glass, located in Monessen, PA. He was involved in the glass and window industry for many years prior to selling tempered glass himself. For fifteen years prior he sold tempering furnaces to companies so they could make the glass. With an ambition to grow his business and some help from outside investors, Mr. Santelli ventured into the manufacturing of tempered glass.

With his investment in the business, Mr. Santelli set up the first tempered glass outfit of its kind east of the Mississippi River. As his business became more successful, Mr. Santelli was able to buy out his business partner and expand his operation to factories in the states of Indiana and Florida.

Through his exploration of tempered glass, he has helped change the lives of residents throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. This type of tempered glass won't shatter if it is broken and greatly reduces injury in case of an accident. Recognizing that success bears responsibility, he has given back to the community by donating tempered glass for Habitat for Humanity projects and to ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

In this tough economic time, small businesses are creating jobs, innovative products, and services people need. They are the engine of economic growth. Mr. Santelli epitomizes intuitive and responsible business practices in this country. Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to honor Mr. Santelli for his extraordinary work and commitment as a small business owner.

AUGUSTINE ABEYTA TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augustine Abeyta for his service and heroism defending the United States of America. The Colorado native is a decorated

veteran who helped defend our country and our values during one of its most trying periods.

Mr. Abeyta enlisted shortly after the outbreak of World War II, in 1944. As an infantryman, he fought in two campaigns in Germany and Ardennes. His bravery in both arenas was quickly recognized and earned him two Bronze Campaign Ribbons. Almost a year after his enlistment, he was wounded in Germany by an enemy combatant on Christmas Day, 1944. He was given the Purple Heart for the injuries he suffered protecting his country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to a man who served the United States with such valor. His sacrifices are an inspiration and I am truly grateful for his service.

HONORING MR. KENNETH
AHLSTROM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Kenneth Ahlstrom of Dunkirk, New York.

Mr. Ahlstrom was a proud, patriotic American. He served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the USS Phoenix in the southwest Pacific. During his service, Mr. Ahlstrom participated in 25 landings in New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, and Borneo.

Professionally, Mr. Ahlstrom worked for many years as a salesman with Eber Brothers Wine and Liquor Corporation. Throughout his life, Mr. Ahlstrom demonstrated a deep commitment and devotion to his local community. For more than 50 years, Mr. Ahlstrom has remained active in the American Legion Post 62, serving as treasurer, post commander, an officer of the board of directors and county vice commander. Concurrent with his service at Post 62, he also belonged to the VFW, Dunkirk Exempt Firemen, Dunkirk Lakeside Club, First Ward Falcon Club and the Buffalo Bills Booster Club. Mr. Ahlstrom had served on the Boys State Committee and the American Legion Baseball Scholarship Committee and was a past president and member of the Dunkirk High School Marauder Booster Club. He also had served as secretary-treasurer at Willowbrook Park Cemetery.

Of the many significant accomplishments of his life, Mr. Ahlstrom took the greatest pride in his family. Married to Nancy Ahlstrom for more than 63 years, Mr. Ahlstrom was patriarch of a great Western New York family that includes 8 children, 17 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. His is a wonderful legacy that each family member may cherish for years to come.

It is with great pride that I rise today, only a few days after our Memorial Day holiday, to honor and commemorate that service of Kenneth Ahlstrom. I hope that you will join with me, Mr. Speaker, and the entirety of our membership in the House in expressing the condolences of the House to the Ahlstrom family.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II
VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Joseph F. Bialek, Stephen N. Bobic, George Bosy, Norman N. Breyer, Ralph W. Brockman, Peter G. Broustis, Simon Bult, Joseph W. Burke Jr., Joseph J. Buzinski, Ingemar C. Carlson, John E. Carlson, James E. Carson, John F. Casper Jr., George P. Charnas, Lehman L. Cheshier, William C. Corrigan, Raymond E. Craig, John S. DeHesus, Arthur J. DeLorenzo, Cyril E. Diskin, James V. Doheny, Raymond J. Donovan, William J. Doyle, John T. Dryja, Eileen L. DuPont, Willard E. Duvall, Irving Ellis, Robert L. Elmer, Robert E. Engdahl, Charles L. Ettner, Guy R. Franzese, Julian L. Friedman, William Froelke, Alfred E. Galuszka, Olaf E. Gjovik, Norman Goone, Lester F. Guenther, Gilbert V. Hancock, Robert J. Heinzen, Vernon W. Hill, Donald M. Hintz, Andrew A. Hitzelberger, Rick J. Jimenez, James H. Kinnard, Fred W. Klooster, Alfred R. Koszyk, Guenther C. Krieger, Walter M. Krulac, Andrew F. Kwinn, Lloyd L. Lage, Seymour Laurie, John E. Lavelle Sr., Thomas W. Leo, Irving Lerner, James T. Letarte, Marcel L. Levesque, C. Russell Lockwood, Joseph Mann, John C. Marias, Richard W. Martial Sr., Marvin P. McGreal, Marion M. Mitchell, Edward J. Moran, William J. Nicholson, John Oberholz, Louis J. Olmetti Sr., David Perlman, Richard A. Pevitts, John J. Plisky, Joseph J. Pratl, Emil D. Pribula, George B. Renner, Arthur O. Reynnders, William G. Rieker, Robert H. Riplow, Frank J. Rock, James A. Rossi Sr., Edward T. Ryan, Charles John Sauer, Donald P. Schoo, Robert F. Shields, Edward C. Siessmann, Paul Sternfeld, Howard W. Surret Sr., Anthony J. Thomas, Robert Tinucci, John G. Torhan, Eugene Tronvig, Howard Vander Meer, Robert W. Vehlow, Dorothy Vesely, Lawrence Wallach, Frank Washburn, Albert J. Wiener, Elmer F. Wilhelm, Robert L. Winscott, Theodore Woytowicz, Joseph F. Zajac, Richard S. Zidek