

Singapore Technologies designs, develops, manufactures and markets a range of engineering opportunities for both the military and commercial uses. Mr. Boon has been with the company since 1979, beginning as a marine engineer.

His vision to take this global enterprise to the next level was not hot air; he did it the old-fashioned way, from the ground up, taking care of the assorted details along the way. Market capitalization grew by \$6 billion in roughly five years and he raised disclosure standards.

He has two philosophies for running a successful company. One, he got the best people by recruiting, retaining and retraining. He found smart, talented people; he enticed them to stay and he offered them continual professional development.

The other philosophy is enshrined in the company motto: "A bowstring which is always kept taut will soon become over-stretched, lose its elasticity and cease to be of use. So it is with human beings, who must alternate work with relaxation."

To that end, this high-level executive lives on the edge by indulging in deep sea diving and skydiving. Between these activities he is an avid jogger.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending my friend, Boon Swann Foo, for winning the prestigious Business Award.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING  
SEAS TO COMMANDER LAURELL  
A. BRAULT

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding naval officer, Commander Laurell A. Brault, who served with distinction and dedication for over two years for the Secretary of the Navy and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as a Navy Appropriations Liaison Officer. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements and commend her for the superb service she has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

On a professional level, Commander Brault has supported members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs, providing critical information on Department of the Navy plans, programs and budget decisions since January 2000. Her valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of our great nation. As a Member of the Subcommittee representing the San Diego naval community, I have worked extensively with Laurell, and have come to greatly admire her.

Although she is a quiet and very humble person, no one should mistake those qualities as weaknesses in the rough and tumble world of Washington. Laurell is a very strong, talented and reliable professional, who has worked her system to be more responsive to

our needs on Capitol Hill. More than serving as a conduit of information between the legislative and executive branches, Laurell has reached out to her colleagues and taken the time to get to know us on a personal level.

Nowhere is that personal touch and caring more evident than in her life outside the Pentagon. Despite the long and demanding hours she keeps as a Navy liaison, she continues to devote considerable time to her faith and community. She dedicates considerable time each week for a host of volunteer programs at her church and to an ever expanding group of "adopted" family that she has come to know through those efforts. I am certain that everyone who has had the opportunity to get to know Laurell and work with her is the better for it, and I am pleased to be among that fortunate group.

Mr. Speaker, Laurell Brault and her husband Jim have made many sacrifices during her Navy career, and her distinguished and unselfish service has exemplified the best our nation has to offer. As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Navy adventure in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success, and the traditional Navy "fair winds and following seas."

REMEMBERING ALFRED P.  
HOLMES, JR., OF MOBILE, ALA-  
BAMA

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in remembrance of my fellow Alabamian, Alfred P. Holmes, Jr., who was laid to rest earlier today in his hometown of Mobile. He was 71, and filled those years with family, friends, and service to his country and community, and I believe Congress should take note of his exceptional life.

Mr. Holmes believed in public service. He believed that people should use their talents to help their fellow man. After earning a bachelor's degree and juris doctor degree from the University of Alabama, he began a distinguished legal career built upon those noble ideals.

Mr. Holmes served his Nation as an officer in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General Corps and as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. He was a member of the local, State and Federal bar associations and past president of the Mobile Area Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Holmes retired in 1990 as chief of the legal division in Mobile's district of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. While serving nearly three decades in that capacity, he helped guide the Corps' much-needed activities through complicated litigation, and paved the way for many of the monumental engineering and transportation projects that continue to benefit his fellow Alabamians.

While at the Corps, Mr. Holmes was presented with the U.S. Corps of Engineers Exemplary Service Award and was inducted into the District Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Mr. Holmes was a graduate of Murphy High School and had lived in Mobile since child-

hood. He was a member of Ashland Place United Methodist Church and was chairman of its board of trustees at the time of his death.

Alfred Holmes was a fine man who lived a fine life. He was loved and cherished by his wife, Angie, honored and respected by his sons, Parker and Brock, and adored by his grandson, Michael.

They will miss a husband, a father, and a grandfather, and the entire city of Mobile will miss a dear friend and loyal citizen.

We in Congress salute the life of Alfred Holmes.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR R.  
KONDRUP

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the YMCA of Western Monmouth County's 2002 Community Service Honoree, Mr. Arthur R. Kondrup, president of the Western Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce and his significant contributions to central New Jersey.

For more than three decades, Mr. Kondrup has given selflessly of his time, treasure, and talents through his commitment to community, church, and family. With a reputation that precedes him, Arthur's legacy of hard work and dedication to worthwhile endeavors makes him well known throughout Central New Jersey.

Over the years, Arthur has served his State honorably in numerous public service positions. As an elected official, he served on the governing body in Freehold Township for 14 years, including five terms as mayor. At the State level, Mr. Kondrup was appointed by Governor Kean as the first chairman of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. As chairman, he took on the difficult task of implementing the New Jersey Fair Housing Act.

A keystone of Arthur's life has been his involvement with church and his commitment to his faith. Among his varying accomplishments, he has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years and has served as a lector at Sunday mass for over 30 years.

Additionally, it is appropriate to note that this September 13th, Arthur and his wife Patricia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Arthur and Patricia are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of nine.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate, honor and commend this outstanding New Jerseyan. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Arthur Kondrup's invaluable contributions to our community and to central New Jersey.

RARITAN'S 2002 WOMEN OF DIS-  
TINCTION AND GIRL SCOUTS OF  
DISTINCTION HONOREES

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the Girl Scouts of Delaware-

Raritan's 2002 Women of Distinction and Girl Scouts of Distinction honorees and their significant contributions to Central New Jersey.

Through its efforts, the Girls Scouts of Delaware-Raritan serve over 12,000 young women across Central New Jersey. Tonight's honorees exhibit and exude the altruistic ideals that our Nation needs now, more than ever. These ideals, no doubt grew from their involvement in Girl Scouts and the grounding principals of the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law which read as follows:

THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

I will do my best to be  
Honest and fair,  
Friendly and helpful,  
Considerate and caring,  
Courageous and strong, and  
Responsible for what I say and do,  
And to  
Respect myself and others,  
Respect authority,  
Use resources wisely,  
Make the world a better place, and  
Be a sister to every Girl Scout.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we honor each of these recipients for their hard work and dedication and we celebrate the legacy they have created for women and women's history in Central New Jersey.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION/GIRL SCOUTS OF DISTINCTION

World of Corporate Leadership, Ms. J. Andrea Alstrup, Johnson & Johnson and Ms. Erin McKinley, Senior Troop 1099, Princeton.

World of the Arts, Ms. Deborah Ford, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and Ms. Megan Copenhaver, Senior Troop 1703, West Windsor/Plainsboro.

World of Education, Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein, Ph.D., The College of New Jersey and Ms. Melissa Shulman, Senior Troop 523, Old Bridge.

World of Industry, Ms. Margaret Guillianio, Inland Paperboard & Packaging, Inc. and Ms. Amirah Patterson, Senior Troop 308, Somerset.

World Citizen, Ms. Katherine M. Kish, Market Entry, Inc. and Ms. Maryanna Vicente, Independent Senior, Mojasphe.

World of Science, Dr. Elaine Leventhal, M.D., Ph.D., UMDNJ-RWJ Medical School and Ms. Victoria Rollins, Senior Troop 3038, Piscataway.

World of the Environment, Ms. Mary T. Shell, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection and Ms. Kristen Schechter, Senior Troop 399, Somerset.

World of Women, Ms. Melanie Willoughby, NJ Retail Merchants Association and Ms. Sweta Patel, Senior Troop 308, East Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate, honor and commend these outstanding New Jerseyans. I have personally observed the effective work of some of these honorees and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their invaluable contributions to our community and to New Jersey.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, it has been six months since the September 11th attacks. During that time, millions of working people in the United States have lost their jobs. Even before the attacks, our economy was slowing down and unemployment was on the rise. House leaders responded to the economic downturn with calls for deeper tax cuts for the wealthy and tax breaks for businesses. Congress even enacted a measure to bail out the airline industry. However, it continued to ignore the very individuals who need the assistance the most: the unemployed. With the consideration of H.R. 3090, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act, I am pleased that the House is finally voting on a bill that will truly help workers.

The 13-week extension of unemployment benefits provided in this legislation will bring much needed relief to the many displaced workers across the country whose benefits are near exhaustion. It will be particularly helpful in my district, where unemployment in some cities is well above the national rate of 5.5%. In South El Monte alone, for example, the unemployment rate is 10.3%. It is time that we help people in this city and others across the country as they struggle to make ends meet during these difficult times. It is the very least that we can do for them.

While I support this measure, I am disappointed that it does not include additional benefits for unemployed individuals. Compensation for unemployed part-time and low-wage workers and health insurance for displaced workers are among the benefits that should have been included in this economic stimulus bill. Also, my proposal to provide an immediate one-time payroll tax rebate up to \$300 to lower income working individuals should have been included. Working families need all the help they can get and unemployment benefits are sometimes insufficient to meet the day-to-day necessities. Inclusion of the above proposals would have strengthened the economic security of millions of unemployed workers until they found jobs. As the House continues to monitor the economy and its impact on working families, I urge it to consider these important proposals.

Although this legislation does not reach its full potential as a true worker assistance measure, it is a step in the right direction and will be enormously helpful to many hard working individuals and their families. In this regard, I support it and urge its passage.

IN HONOR OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S PLACEMENT ON THE AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES LIST

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Eastern Illinois University in

Charleston, Illinois, of my district. This Fall, Eastern Illinois University moved from the second tier to the first tier of the Midwestern Regional Universities in US News and World Report's 2002 annual guide to America's Best Colleges, placing it among the top public universities in the Midwest.

Eastern Illinois University is the only public university in the State of Illinois listed in the first tier of four tiers of 145 institutions in the "Best Universities—Masters (Regional Midwest)" ranking category—universities that offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs, but few, if any doctoral programs. In addition, the magazine also rated Eastern fifth among all public Midwestern universities with master's programs, compared to seventh place of last year. The rankings are based on schools academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources, and alumni giving.

One of the most impressive statistics regarding Eastern Illinois University is that they have an average graduation rate of 67 percent. This rate reflects their strong commitment to the students that attend Eastern, and the effective leadership provided by interim president, Louis V. Hencken. Mr. Speaker, these graduates leave Eastern Illinois University with a quality education that makes them desired candidates for jobs within my district and the entire State of Illinois.

It is an honor to represent the city of Charleston, Illinois, and I offer my congratulations to the entire faculty and staff of Eastern Illinois University and commend them on this tremendous achievement.

HONORING EARLENE HILL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Earlene Hill as she retires after 29 years as a Registered Nurse with General Motors. During her career she has provided outstanding patient services to the employees of General Motors. Mrs. Hill will be honored at a celebration on March 14th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

As a certified Occupational Health Nurse, Earlene has been on the front lines of health care in the workplace. As a member and past president of the Flint Association of Occupational Health Nurses she always abided by the high criteria imposed by that organization. The times I have met with her, I was impressed with Earlene's commitment to cultivating professional standards and her compassion for the workers in her care. As an Occupational Health Nurse she was charged with the awesome responsibility of assessing work environments for potential health or safety problems. Earlene has been an excellent advocate for safeguarding workers at Fisher Body Number 1, Flint Metal Fabrication, the Buick City Complex and the GM Regional Medical Complex.

Earlene's efforts on behalf of the workers under her protection resulted in her promotion to Manager of Health Service Administration at General Motors. This enabled the entire GM Health Service staff to draw on her expertise. Her retirement will leave a gap in the accumulated wisdom of the Health Service Administration. Her concern for others extends beyond