Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Joseph J. Tarantino, recipient of this year’s Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, for his numerous years of service to our community.

Joseph J. Tarantino is the President of Continental Realty Company Incorporated, based in East Norriton, Pennsylvania. He oversees fifty employees and agents and all seven of Continental Realty’s divisions, which include professional services in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, insurance, re-location, appraisals, new construction, property management and advertising & marketing.

In addition to his official capacity at Continental Realty, Mr. Tarantino has served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Real Estate Commission, President of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Board of Realtors, and Federal District Coordinator of the National Association of Realtors. He has also maintained several community affiliations such as Chairman of the Borough of Bridgeport Revitalization Committee, President of the National Italian Political Action Committee, Chairman of the Central Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Director of the American Heart Association and Director of the Pathaway Schools.

Joseph Tarantino has been recognized on several occasions by his business peers as well as those in the community. He has been a recipient of the Realtors Active in Politics Award, the Central Montgomery County Board of Realtors Realtor of the Year Award and the Americans of Italian Heritage of Montgomery County Outstanding Citizen Award. All of the honors and awards he has received, as well as the position of leadership Mr. Tarantino has held are a true testament to the hard work and dedication he has shown toward his profession and community. Joseph J. Tarantino is an exemplary citizen for which Montgomery County can be truly proud and I can not think of a more deserving individual to receive the Chamber of Commerce’s Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in recognizing and honoring Joseph J. Tarantino, for all that he has done over the years to make Montgomery County, Pennsylvania a better place to live.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Johnny J. Butler, Esquire, recipient of the 2003 Laborers’ Local Union 332 Outstanding Community Leader Award. It is a privilege to recognize a person whose commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals.

Mr. Butler is an attorney with the law firm of Booth & Tucker, LLP of Philadelphia where he focuses on government relations, management consulting, and employment law. He is active in the many aspects of the community including the Prince Hall Masons & Shriners and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Mr. Butler sits on the Board of Trustees for both the Mother Bethel Foundation and the Drexel University College of Medicine, and is cochairman of the Scotland School for Veterans Children capital campaign.

In the past, Mr. Butler was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Under his leadership, there was a statewide enhancement of workforce development programs and policies, a reform of the state’s workers compensation system, and establishment of PennSafe, a workforce safety initiative. Mr. Butler also served as the acting General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Assistant Counsel with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and has taught both law and management courses at Howard University and Temple University, respectively.

Mr. Speaker, Johnny Butler is a model citizen. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Butler for his lifetime of service and dedication to labor and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, Patricia A. Lee has made significant contributions to her community through her entrepreneurial and volunteer activities. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

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