

employee who is a member of the National Guard or Reserve. This nomination process reflects how highly regarded the VA Medical Hospital is by its many employees. Wilmington's VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital that provides veterans with health care options, readjustment counseling, as well as a nursing home care unit. With its high end technology and 60-bed, well-organized facility, the VA Medical hospital provides care for veterans on multiple levels.

I join Delawareans in thanking the Wilmington VA Medical Hospital for its continued support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. I commend the hospital for 61 years of practice and thank them for their tireless dedication to the veterans, as well as to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GISELE A. MARCUS FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT OF "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVES WITH MBA DEGREES" BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Gisele A. Marcus from Harlem who was awarded the distinction of being "Top 50 Under 50 Corporate Executives with MBA Degrees" by Diversity MBA Magazine. I appreciate the effort of Diversity MBA Magazine for recognizing the achievements of young minority corporate executives.

Ms. Marcus was born and raised in my hometown, Harlem, NY. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and her master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. Ms. Marcus is currently the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business and manages a portfolio of more than \$15 million. She leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to her impressive career achievements, Ms. Marcus has also contributed to civic leadership which shows her commitment to the community. She is a board member of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, the Gateway Foundation, a 2007 leadership fellow at the Leadership Greater Chicago, a lifetime member of the National Black MBA Association, and is the recipient of the "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

I am very proud of Ms. Marcus for all her achievements and look forward to hearing more about her in the future. I wish her well in all her future endeavors.

HARLEM'S OWN SELECTED BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE AS "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVE"

NEW YORK, NY.—Johnson Controls executive and Syracuse alumnus, Gisele A. Marcus, was selected by Diversity MBA Magazine for the publication's "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees".

Marcus is the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experi-

ence, building efficiency and power solutions that's creating a more comfortable, safe and sustainable world. Managing a portfolio of more than \$15 million, Marcus leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada. She directs Johnson Controls' facilities management business for Ericsson, the world leading supplier of telecommunications, coordinating their project, leasing, and space planning requirements.

Marcus, who was born and raised in Harlem, N.Y., has an undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard University. Along with her professional accomplishments, Marcus has an extensive list of civic leadership and involvement that demonstrates her commitment to the community, including: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, board member; Gateway Foundation, board member; Leadership Greater Chicago, 2007 leadership fellow; National Black MBA Association, life member (prior vice president, Chicago chapter), and Women of Color in Technology "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

"To be recognized by such a significant publication is a tremendous honor," Marcus said. "I am fortunate to work for a global company that sees the value of providing a diverse workplace environment and promotes excellence, leadership and teamwork. I hope the magazine's recognition for the entire group of 50 can be an inspiration to women and people of color."

This is the third year that Diversity MBA Magazine has identified the "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees". Awardees must hold a management position within a for-profit or non-profit organization, must currently serve on a board or be an active member of a volunteer organization for at least two years, and be responsible for a minimum budget of \$1 million. In addition, each honoree must have profit and loss responsibilities and/or hold a position critical to growing the bottom line. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experience, building efficiency and power solutions. The company provides innovative automotive interiors that help make driving more comfortable, safe and enjoyable. For buildings, it offers products and services that optimize energy use and improve comfort and security. Johnson Controls also provides batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles, along with systems engineering and service expertise. Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI), founded in 1885, is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HONORING TANIMURA & ANTLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two great American families and the company that they have created. That company, Tanimura & Antle, turns 25 years old this fall. In that time, T&A has grown into the Nation's largest privately held lettuce company, shipping over 150,000 cartons of fresh produce daily. While you may have never heard the name, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown and shipped by T&A. I know I speak for the whole House in expressing our congratulations to the company's employees and partners for their past and continued success.

Of course the story of any company is the story of the people behind it. And in the case

of Tanimura & Antle that story is of the two families who have given their names, not to mention their expertise, creativity, passion, dedication, and time to build the company that we know today.

The Tanimuras first immigrated to California's Central Coast in the late 19th century and settled in San Juan Bautista. By the 1920s the second generation of Tanimuras had started farming lettuce in the Salinas Valley and began raising a large third generation family of 12 children. During WWII, the U.S. government interred the family in Arizona while one of the sons, Charlie Tanimura, served in the U.S. Army in Europe. Following the war and their release from internment, several of the Tanimura brothers reestablished themselves in the Salinas Valley lettuce business and began selling crops to local lettuce brokers. One of those brokers, Bud Antle, so trusted the quality of the Tanimuras' product that he entered into an exclusive contract with them. Older brother George Tanimura and Bud Antle became trusted friends, and that legacy has passed on through the generations.

Bud Antle followed his father Lester into the lettuce business in the 1930s. They started their own packing and shipping operation in the early 1940s. Based on their relationships with growers such as the Tanimura's, the Antle's operation grew throughout the 1940s. In the 1950s, Bud Antle led the produce industry to shift from railcars to refrigerated trucks to ship produce to market. That meant lettuce and other crops arrived fresher and lasted longer, helping to further expand consumption. In the 1970s, Bud's son Bob took over the enterprise.

During the 1970s, the personal and professional relationships between the Tanimura's and the Antles grew. Finally, in 1982, seven Tanimuras—brothers George, Bobby, Charlie, Johnny and Tommy, and their nephews, Gary and Keith, partnered with Bob, and his sons Rick and Mike Antle to form T&A. This amounted to a perfect marriage between world-class farmers and world-class shippers. It is a marriage that over the last 25 years, has enriched the Salinas Valley and California as a whole in so many ways, economically, culturally, socially. For example, the T&A company has been a leader in raising wage and working conditions for their workforce and setting the standard for the produce industry generally. The families themselves have become great patrons of one of California's newest universities, California State University Monterey Bay, that grew out of the closure of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, the story of the Tanimuras and the Antles is a great American story. It is an example to us all that success comes from cooperation and in that teaches us, in the words of George Tanimura that "many are stronger than one."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 866, on the motion to suspend the rules