

will promote and protect our clean and safe drinking water supplies.

The Democratic budget provides tax relief for the middle class families that need it most. The Democratic budget will continue the tax cuts for the middle class, while also preventing 20 million families from being subject to the alternative minimum tax.

Finally, earlier this year, I wrote a letter to Chairman SPRATT requesting that he keep in mind the plight of the millions of Iraqi refugees and internally displaced persons when preparing the budget priorities for this year. I am happy that he was able to include language in the Committee Report accompanying the budget document recognizing this humanitarian crisis.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to say that not only have we received the last budget proposal from this Administration, but it is also the last budget of empty promises. I look forward to passing the Democratic budget resolution proving Congress's commitment to our American families. More importantly, I look forward to working next year with my colleagues and the next Administration to develop a fiscally responsible budget that will finally put the needs of our country first.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JUANITA
SERRANO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Juanita Serrano, who dedicated her life to serving as a community organizer on behalf of Women's Rights and social justice.

Juanita Serrano was born in Cayey, Puerto Rico in 1930 and moved to Cleveland in the 1960's. A single mother of seven sons, she dedicated her life to advocating on behalf of women and the poor. Her commitment to the welfare of others manifested itself in various ways. She participated in many marches and demonstrations in Washington, D.C. and served as the President of the Cleveland chapter of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Juanita was also one of the founding Board members of the May Dugan Multi-Service Center and served on the steering committee which helped create the Thomas F. McCafferty Health Center in Cleveland.

A tireless advocate for women and the poor, Juanita also dedicated her time to improving the life of Cleveland's Spanish speaking community. She served as a board member of the Spanish American Committee and was instrumental in the founding of Cleveland's first Hispanic Catholic Church, San Juan Bautista. Recognized for her life of serving the community, she was the recipient of Cleveland State University's Cervantes Award and was honored as the Grand Marshall of Puerto Rican Friendly Day Parade in 1993. For years Juanita volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister for terminally ill patients at MetroHealth and in 1995, was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Cleveland Mediation Center.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Juanita Serrano, who committed her life to serving her church, her community and her family.

WOMEN IN THE TEXAS PETRO-
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: KATH-
LEEN JACKSON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to pay tribute to Kathleen Jackson, Public Affairs Manager of ExxonMobil Corporation, who is in the elite club of women in the male dominated petrochemical industry.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, Ms. Jackson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and Pulp and Paper Science & Technology. She attended college on a Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship, and became their first woman graduate in 1975. She was a North Carolina Leadership Institute Fellow and recipient of the W.E. Caldwell Fellowship for Chemical Engineering studies.

For more than 30 years, Ms. Jackson has held various positions at the ExxonMobil Beaumont, Texas Refinery in engineering, operations, and environmental departments—including Operations Supervisor of the refinery's natural gas liquids processing facility.

Kathleen has been responsible for the refinery's Capital Budget Planning Program, Environmental Audit Program, and Water Quality issues. She is currently responsible for managing Public Affairs and Community Relations for Exxon Mobil Corporation's Refining & Supply, Chemical, and Lubricants & Petroleum Specialties business in Beaumont, Texas. She is a Texas Registered Professional Engineer and past Chairman of the Southeast Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Kathleen serves on the Lower Neches Basin Water Quality Assessment Program; the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee; the Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board; and is the past Chairwoman of the Southeast Texas Industry Public Relations Association, chartered by the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum.

In 1994, Ms. Jackson received Mobil Oil Corporation's prestigious Chairman's Award and Team Venture Award. She is also a recipient of ExxonMobil Chemical's Responsible Care Award, and the American Institute of Chemical Engineer's Outstanding Presentation Award. Kathleen is active in numerous community activities including Lamar Institute of Technology's Foundation Board of Directors; Beaumont Independent School District's Educational Improvement Committee; Young Audiences of Southeast Texas Board of Directors; Junior League of Beaumont; Rotary Club of Beaumont; JASON Alliance of Southeast Texas' Board of Directors; and is past President of the American Cancer Society.

Kathleen was appointed to the Governor's Focus on Reading Task Force by former Texas Governor George W. Bush in 1997. She currently serves as an appointee of Texas Governor Rick Perry as President of the Board of Directors for the Lower Neches Valley Authority.

Madam Speaker, Kathleen Jackson is a pioneer in the male dominated petrochemical industry, and I am proud to celebrate her accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO POCA VALLEY BANK

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Poca Valley Bank as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

Poca Valley Bank's first branch opened in 1908 in Walton, West Virginia, situated along the Pocatalico River in Roane County. Since then, it has expanded its banking services to Clendenin, Elkview, and Sissonville in Kanawha County and Winfield and Poca in Putnam County and opened its latest branch location in Spencer located in Roane County in 2005.

Poca Valley Bank gets its namesake from the Pocatalico River that originates in Roane County. Many of the branch locations are located along the Pocatalico River that flows through Kanawha and Putnam Counties.

The bank has found its success in catering to West Virginia's rural communities with a strong foundation built upon personal attention and customer service. With its modest roots in serving small towns and its rural outlying communities, Poca Valley Bank has grown into one of West Virginia's larger banking institutions.

It is an honor to pay tribute to Poca Valley Bank, a financial institution that represents the best of America's small town banks. I wish congratulations to Poca Valley Bank as it celebrates one century of banking in the Mountain State.

CONGRATULATING GARY K. SUNG
AS THE 2008 YOUNG ENTRE-
PRENEUR CHAMPION OF THE
YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary K. Sung on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration 2008 Small Business Young Entrepreneur Champion of the Year for Guam.

Gary Sung is the sole proprietor of Ideal Advertising. With his knowledge of technology and web development, combined with his determination and business sense, Gary transformed Ideal Advertising from a home-based business to a successful advertising agency with nine full-time employees.

Gary was also named Regional Young Entrepreneur Champion of the Year in 2007 from a pool of young business owners from California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii.

I congratulate Gary K. Sung on his business success, and I join our island in celebrating his regional and national recognition as the U.S. Small Business Administration 2008 Small Business Young Entrepreneur Champion of the Year for Guam.