

in the United States and around the world. As a Surface Warfare Officer, a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a Joint Qualified Officer, Captain Jackson dedicated his life to ensuring the men and women of the United States Navy had well-functioning and state-of-the-art systems, accommodations, and equipment.

His superior service did not go unnoticed. Over the years, Captain Jackson has received numerous unit and service awards, among them the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Married to the former Sonja Huff of Camdenton, MO, Captain and Mrs. Jackson are the proud parents of three young adults: Ryan, Kirsten, and Evan.

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Captain Jackson has shown uncommon commitment to service and dedication to country. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing him well as he prepares to close a chapter in his life and begins to write another.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHEN YUN
PERFORMING ARTS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural impact of Shen Yun Performing Arts, a dance and music company that promotes traditional Chinese heritage throughout the United States and the world. The group will be coming to New Jersey in coordination with the New Jersey Falun Dafa Association, and I would like to thank them for sharing their art with my home state.

Shen Yun's performances are marked by their beauty and grace and the dancers' ornate costumes. Each dancer adheres to a strict training regimen that requires a thorough knowledge of Chinese dance and customs. The production showcases 5,000 years of Chinese history while bringing the audience a thrilling experience. Their show combines the energy of dance and music with the wisdom of famous Chinese legends in a manner that both educates and entertains its spectators.

Shen Yun Performing Arts has made incredible strides in its short existence. In 2009 alone, they performed in front of over 800,000 people, four times more than in their first year, in almost 100 cities worldwide. They have been featured in such esteemed venues as Radio City Music Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Le Palais de Congress in Paris, France.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Shen Yun Performing Arts for their contribution to the advancement of the arts and their tireless promotion of Chinese culture. Their efforts have breathed new life into Chinese traditions and provided thousands with an in-depth look into their heritage.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

The person I interviewed was Mr. Vance Miller, a past Captain of the United States Air Force. This person accomplished everything. Once he got back from service, he became a better person and a better leader. Mr. Miller gets respect and the care he needs for what he does every day as a businessman for his company. Once I walked into his office, everyone gave him respect and spoke to him with such care that could not be described. What I gained from this interview is to look at life as more than what you see right at first sight. When I spoke with Mr. Miller, he really made me think of what it is like to give your life up for your country and for the people you serve. Once I was finished he made me think about life a lot more. Life is more than just what is inside the box, it is about what you make of it and how much you put into it. Finally, I admire Mr. Miller tremendously for what he has done for this

great nation and the people in it.—Elliott Polanchyck

RECOGNIZING SHANA GUZMAN PANGELINAN FOR THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shana Guzman Pangelinan for her entrepreneurial spirit in growing her family-owned business on Guam and her dedication to our community. Ms. Pangelinan is the President of International Distributors, Inc. (IDI) and has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010.

A native daughter of Guam, Shana is the second oldest of five children of Frank C. and Annie P. Guzman. Shana graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School and attended the University of San Francisco in California as a Business Management major. She returned home to Guam in 1993 and worked with her father, Frank, who established IDI, and learned from him the best practices which allowed Shana to take over management when he passed away in 2000. Under Shana's direction and leadership, IDI continues to thrive.

With the same passion and conviction Shana demonstrates for her business, she dedicates her time and talents to her three children and their school activities. She has served as the Finance Committee Co-Chair for Mercy Heights Nursery School and contributes to the community as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Department of Chamorro Affairs and through organizations such as Hurao, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to perpetuate the Chamorro language and culture. To assist & promote Hurao, Shana has developed her own Chamorro immersion program. With her leadership, IDI continues to support our community by donating produce to various charitable organizations, including Catholic Social Services, Guma' San Jose, Alee Shelter, Department of Youth Affairs, and the Tamuning Senior Citizens Center. Shana also continues her father's legacy by ensuring IDI remains an active member & supporter of the Micronesian Chefs' Association, an organization of which her late father was a founding member, supporting the education and talents of young local chefs.

It is on the occasion of her recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam in acknowledging her service and outstanding leadership in our business community.