

in the direction of stricter enforcement of laws against illegal immigration.”

While the Obama administration sues to stop Arizona’s immigration enforcement law, a CBS poll shows that 73 percent of Americans now say the law is just right or doesn’t go far enough.

Across the country, candidates are running on pro-enforcement, no amnesty platforms. While the Obama administration is moving in one direction, the American people are moving in the other.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DAVID MANGARERO SABLAN

(Mr. SABLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David Mangarero Sablan, who has served the Northern Mariana Islands with honor and distinction as a business leader, a community leader, and in numerous appointed positions for both the Commonwealth and the Federal Government.

Mr. Sablan is of the generation born during Japanese times. But it was the coming of the Americans that coincided with his rise to leadership. At the age of 13, he was already chief telephone operator for the American military government, and by 30 in charge of Atkins Kroll company expansions throughout Micronesia, selling automobiles, insurance, and shipping services.

In government service, David Sablan was designated by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws and by governors of our Commonwealth as head of the Planning and Budget Office.

His commitment to the community is evidenced in his work with the Chamber, the Rotary, Make-a-Wish, and Boy Scouts of America.

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The son of Elias Parong and Carmen Mangarero Sablan, David was born in Garapan, Saipan on April 2, 1932, during the Japanese occupation of the Northern Mariana Islands. He attended the Japanese public elementary school from 1937 to 1944, when his life was disrupted by the invasion of American forces. David’s family, along with much of the native Chamorro and Carolinian population of Saipan, fled to caves in the hills for protection from artillery bombardment and the battles being waged across the island. The family lived packed in a cave with 50 other civilians for three weeks with only sugarcane to eat.

Once the fighting ended in September 1944, the twelve-year-old David was hired to be a messenger for the Supply Department of the

United States Naval Civil Affairs. Barely a year later the teenager became chief telephone operator for the military government. And the young David got back to school, attending the Navy Dependent School on Saipan until it closed in 1951, then moving to Guam to complete his education at George Washington High School.

David’s first private-sector employment was with the Atkins Kroll group in Guam, where he was hired as a traffic clerk in the steamship department in 1952. He subsequently worked in the company’s merchandising department and automotive department, rising to be sales manager. In 1961, David was hired by Bank of Hawaii as a loan administrator and was eventually appointed assistant branch manager of the bank’s Guam office.

In 1965, Atkins Kroll offered David a challenge that would lead to his return home: establish an Atkins Kroll operations base in Saipan with jurisdictional responsibilities for the Micronesian market. David successfully established the company’s Saipan office, later branded as Microl Corporation in Saipan, and led the company’s growth through the acquisition of exclusive Toyota distribution rights for Saipan, Guam, and Micronesia, and the further diversification of the company’s business to include insurance and shipping.

David remained with Atkins Kroll/Microl Corporation until 1979, when he accepted a job as an economic consultant to the Commonwealth legislature. In 1982, the Commonwealth governor appointed him Special Assistant for Planning and Budget. Later that year, David was tapped once again to return to Microl Corporation, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer until 1986, when he retired after a total of 31 years of service. Also in 1986, David was designated by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws.

After leaving Atkins Kroll/Microl, David moved to Modesto, California and established his own trading company to serve the Micronesian market. In 1990, the newly-elected governor of the Commonwealth appointed David to head the Planning and Budget Office, where he served until 1993, when he was hired to run a subsidiary of Tan Holdings Corporation, one of the largest privately-owned companies in the Asia-Pacific Region. David continues to represent Tan Holdings as the president of Century Insurance Company, Century Tours, and Century Travel; the vice-president of CTSI Logistics, Asia-Pacific Airlines, and Cosmos Distributing; and the vice-chairman of the board of Asia Pacific Hotels.

Since 1968, David has also been a leader of the Commonwealth’s tourism industry. He was a founder, president, and part owner of Pacific Micronesia Corporation, which owned the Saipan Beach Inter-Continental Hotel; a founder, president, and part owner of Tasi Tours and Transportation; a board member of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, and a long-time board member of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

David’s commitment to the development of the regional economies and business communities is similarly extensive. He was a long-time member and director of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; a long-time member, three-time president, and current board member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; and a long-time member of the Commonwealth’s

Strategic Economic Development Council. David is also a former member of the Rotary Club of Guam, a former president of the Guam Chapter of the Navy League of the United States, a founder and current member of the Rotary Club of Saipan, a director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, state chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America.

His deep commitment to the Commonwealth and Guam communities has been recognized repeatedly over the years. Mr. Sablan has been named the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year, the Guam Business Executive of the Year, and the Rotary Club of Saipan Citizen of the Year.

David and his wife of 27 years, Rita C. Sablan, are the parents of five children: David Jr., Victoria, Patricia, Stephen, and Deanna.

#### PASS THE DREAM ACT

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I heard quite the contrary from my good friend on the other side of the aisle. In fact, I listened to a very eloquent comment being made in the other body as they discussed the DREAM Act. And many Americans understand and appreciate the value of legislation that would allow young people who have lived here and graduated with honors and high marks to be able to go to college even if they came with their parents undocumented, to allow them to access citizenship, to pay back their dues to the American people, to give of their talents to make this economic engine run and to serve their country.

There was an amazing story recounted of a young man who tried over and over again to be able to join the United States military and was rejected over and over again because of his undocumented status. By some manner he managed to go on to school and enter into law school. Now, even as a person that is still seeking the appropriate status, he still wants to join the Marine Corps.

The DREAM Act is the right kind of comprehensive immigration reform, or part of it. It is time to move forward.

#### RECOGNIZING 10TH ANNUAL FOOTY’S BUBBLES AND BONES GALA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am so proud to rise tonight to recognize South Florida’s own Joseph “Pepe” Badia, the president of Badia’s Spices, who will be honored on October 8 for his many contributions to our community at the 10th annual Bubbles & Bones gala.

Pepe’s life is the classic story of a refugee in the United States, the land