

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HY-CAPACITY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Hy-Capacity, a remanufacturer of agricultural equipment in Humboldt, Iowa. This company was recently selected by the Small Business Commerce Association (SBCA) to receive the 2010 Best of Business Award.

The SBCA is a private sector organization that seeks to provide guidance and assistance to small businesses as they try to navigate their way through day-to-day business issues. The SBCA gives out the Best of Business Award annually to those local businesses who have demonstrated quality service to their customers and their communities, and in doing so, create or enhance a positive image of small businesses everywhere. Winners of this award are selected by a committee using a combination of statistical research, surveys, consumer rankings, and consumer reports. The award is given to the top five percent of small businesses across the country every year.

Hy-Capacity was established in 1978 and remanufactures a variety of parts for agricultural equipment, including water pumps, radiators, air conditioners, engine overhaul kits, and much more. Although headquartered in Humboldt, Hy-Capacity has 24 regional warehouses and 40 distributors throughout North America. In the words of the company's president Steve Olson, "This award solidifies that our employees are best-in-class professionals, taking pride in taking care of our customers."

I commend Hy-Capacity for their dedication to quality service and their accomplishments as a small business. Small businesses are crucial to the success of the American economy and are a lifeline for many Americans living in rural areas.

I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating Hy-Capacity for being selected to receive this award. I wish the company and its employees luck and success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD ANNI- VERSARY OF TAIWANESE PRESI- DENT MA YING-JEOU'S INAUGURATION

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the third anniversary of the inauguration of Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou on May 20, 2011. His efforts to improve the relationship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China are most admirable.

Taiwan has become a stable beacon of democracy and is an important U.S. trade partner. We should seek to encourage and strengthen the U.S.-Taiwanese strategic relationship and recognize the importance of preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait as a vital U.S. interest.

I would like to acknowledge President Ma's efforts and wish him all the best on the third anniversary of his inauguration.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou. May 20, 2011 marks the third anniversary of President Ma's inauguration as The Republic of China's (Taiwan) leader.

Not only should we congratulate President Ma, but we should also thank him for his great efforts at maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits.

Before President Ma took office, there was a great amount of tension between Mainland China and Taiwan. Then candidate Ma ran on a platform of easing tension with China and therefore allowing both nations to live in harmony with one another.

President Ma made good on his campaign promises and has created a better environment between the two countries than has ever been seen before.

The reason we should thank President Ma for reducing military conflict in the Western Pacific is because the United States does not need to engage in any more military fronts right now. We already have military hotspots in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

We appreciate all of President Ma's hard work and look forward to working with him for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2011 RECIPI- ENTS OF THE MCGOWAN COUR- AGE AWARD

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive stories about young people in my congressional district who overcome adversity. Today, I am pleased to share the stories of six such individuals.

Ashley Martin, Clear Fork High School. Ashley refuses to allow achondroplasia and diabetes to get in the way of working toward her goals to her fullest potential. She is very active in school and community activities—including

4-H, through which she has shown animals at the county fair and competed for Fair Queen. A National Honor Society member, she excels academically even while holding a part-time job. Ashley plans to attend Ohio Northern University and pursue her dream of becoming a pharmacist.

Benjamin Studer, Crestview High School. Ben has endured many surgeries and countless physical therapy sessions since his premature birth. He has triumphed over every challenge and setback through the years and lives independently in a group home. Ben is very active athletically, enjoying horseback riding, swimming, and riding his four-wheeler. In addition, he has worked for Richland Newhope Industries in the summer. His strength, determination, and compassion toward others are an inspiration to all who know him.

Keaton Fuller, Lexington High School. Keaton has earned an A/B average throughout his high school career despite needing some extra help in English and math courses. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and passion for learning have earned the respect of his teachers and peers. Even while maintaining this outstanding academic record and participating in the boys' track team, he works part-time at a car wash and runs his own lawn-mowing business. Keaton plans to attend North Central State College and one day become a physical therapy assistant.

Ian Pashelich, Madison Comprehensive High School. Ian has worked through many autism-related difficulties throughout his life. He maintains a positive attitude as he deals with this disease and with the side effects of the medications he must take daily. He has earned the admiration of his teachers and fellow students for his perseverance and his high grade point average. Outside the classroom, Ian enjoys attending school sporting events, has starred in a number of school plays, and likes to engage in debates on politics, history, and literature.

Lauren Short, Mansfield Senior High School. Lauren has shown immense strength and courage in dealing with the tragic deaths of her mother, stepfather, brother, and sister in a fire last year. Earlier this year, she lost her grandmother and great-grandfather as well. Despite these heartbreaking events, she has remained focused on her short- and long-term goals. Lauren, who has already taken her state board exams in cosmetology, plans to continue her education and become a certified massage therapist.

Luke Armstrong, Ontario High School. Despite the many challenges presented by cerebral palsy with spastic quadriplegia, Luke's attitude reflects his tremendous inner strength. He refuses to accept failure as an option, dedicating himself to his studies and his love of sports. His family and friends appreciate his outstanding sense of humor, independent spirit, and optimism—even in the face of the extensive physical therapy sessions he has undergone throughout his life. Luke plans to attend Wright State University upon graduation.

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