

served as director for other organizations, including: Broadview Co-op Gin, Cal-Cot Ltd., Land Preservation Association, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Association, Silver Creek Drainage Association, and Valley Seed Growers. Mike has also held office at Cal-West Seeds.

His work and community service were essential aspects of Mike's life; however, family was most important to him. Words cannot adequately describe how much he loved his wife, Ann; his children, Michael, and Marvin, and his beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Mike Perez. He will be remembered as a man who never took anything for granted and had a full appreciation and love for life.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA B. SALAS ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ms. Patricia B. Salas on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Financial Services Champion Award for Guam. Ms. Patricia B. Salas is the Vice President, Business Development Manager for Bank of Guam.

Ms. Salas started her banking career in 1989 as a Personal Banking Officer with the Wells Fargo Bank in San Diego, California. She was later promoted to the San Francisco branch on Market Street as the Business Banking Officer of Wells Fargo's Business Banking Group, where she managed a commercial portfolio with more than \$150 million on deposit.

Ms. Salas was born and raised on Guam and is the daughter of Ricardo P. Benito and Carmen Martinez Benito. She graduated from Academy of Our Lady of Guam in May 1983.

In 1998, Patricia moved back home to Guam and worked in a commercial loan officer position with a community bank on Guam. Within a year Patricia was promoted to Assistant Vice President and Relationship Manager responsible for developing strategies and managing a \$30 million commercial loan portfolio. In 2010, she joined Bank of Guam as a Vice President and Business Development Manager.

In addition to her professional career, Ms. Salas is an active member of our local community. She is involved in community outreach and financial literacy programs and is a member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, where she has served in various leadership positions. Additionally, she is a board member and treasurer of the Guam Business Partners for Recycling.

Ms. Salas is married to Edwin "Bob" Salas and they have two daughters, Taylor and Chloe. She earned a bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of San Diego in May of 1987.

I congratulate Ms. Patricia B. Salas on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Admin-

istration's Financial Services Champion Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island and people.

HONORING MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Mount Vernon High School girls basketball team in Fortville, Indiana.

The Mt. Vernon girls varsity basketball team recently made school history by capturing the team's first state championship in their third title game appearance. The Marauders won the Indiana Class 3A State Basketball Championship 61-47 over Hamilton Heights.

Mt. Vernon was led in scoring in the title game by freshman Sydney Shelton with 29 points and in rebounds by junior Erica Moore with 15, setting a Class 3A record for title game rebounds. In addition, senior Rachel Houck was named the winner of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award for Class 3A Girls Basketball for her demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability. The team finished the championship season with a record of 23-4.

I want to congratulate this team for showing great resolve and teamwork throughout the state tournament and in the title game. I also want to commend the team for representing themselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations go to starters Sydney Shelton, Shaely Duff, Rachel Houck, Erica Moore, and Ellie Balbach, along with teammates Taylor Riggs, Morgan Stricker, Jessica Grubb, Ariana Sandefur, Sadie Baugh, Maddie Walrod, Krista Shockley, Hannah Jones, and Olivia Coleman. For the leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the head coach, Julie Shelton, and assistant coaches, Tom Kirby, Ashley Greulich, and Jeff Phares.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Mount Vernon High School girls varsity basketball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

ERICA SIMPSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erica Simpson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Erica Simpson is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erica Simpson is exemplary of the type of achievement

that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Erica Simpson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARK TOOL

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Park Tool in Oakdale, Minnesota, on the occasion of the company's 50th anniversary. Park Tool is a Minnesota success story, growing from a small family owned company to the world's leading manufacturer of bicycle tools exporting American made products around the globe.

Necessity breeds invention, and the need for good and reliable bicycle repair tools forged the beginnings of Park Tool. In 1963, two bike shop owners, Howard Hawkins and Art Engstrom, lacked adequate equipment to make repairs in their shop so they started inventing their own tools. Their creativity and innovation produced the tools that helped to transform the bicycle repair industry. One of their first inventions was a stand to allow easier access to complete repairs, which was awarded a patent in 1976. Park Tool quickly expanded, and many patents later, began building wheel truing stands, repair stands and consumer tools. By the early 1980's the retail shops that started the company were sold to concentrate on manufacturing tools. Park Tool continues to help define the industry and its success has led to the opening of its new factory and headquarters, which is opening this month in Oakdale, Minnesota.

It is fitting that Minnesota is home of Park Tool, because it is one of the most bike friendly states in the nation. The American Trails organization named Minnesota the "Best Trails State," because of our state's leadership in development of a major system of bike trails, paths and commuter routes on roads—not to mention our abundance of beautiful lakes, rivers and parks. As more Minnesotans and more Americans rely on bikes for transportation to work and for enjoyment, many in our community and across our state and country depend on Park Tool to produce the high quality tools that keep their bikes in top shape.

Park Tool is a company that shares its success by giving back to people and communities. The company has supported "Ride 2 Recovery" which helps veterans with cycling based rehabilitation programs, as well as with programs that promote safe and fun cycling around the United States. The "Earn-A-Bike" program and "Bike Shop at School" teaches students the mechanical fundamentals of bicycle assembly and repair while fostering environmental stewardship and healthy living. The company has also partnered with "Trips for Kids" which helps at-risk youth by organizing mountain bike rides in their 80 chapter communities around the United States, Canada, and Israel.