

BOHME FOUNDERS—SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR IN UTAH 2019

**HON. BEN McADAMS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, two sisters who immigrated from Argentina to Utah as children turned hard work and a dream into a remarkable business success story in just 12 years.

In 2007, Vivien and Fernanda Bohme first opened in a temporary space in Fashion Place Mall, to sell their clothing during the approaching holiday season. Their fashion hit turned out to be what they dubbed “sexy, modest” denims and tees. After a strong start, they opened a permanent store in Orem’s University Mall, just ahead of what became the Great Recession. Like many small businesses, they struggled, but they persevered.

Next, they started a location in Salt Lake City’s Gateway Mall, which they remodeled themselves to save money. Vivien stopped work one night to go to the hospital and deliver her baby, but soon returned to finish the space. Profits were used to pay off debt and expand into new areas. “Bootstrap was our middle name,” Vivien told a local news reporter.

Their entrepreneurial success earned them a mention in Inc. magazine’s list of 5,000 fastest-growing companies. They now operate 16 stores in five states and are known for making themselves available to their 225 employees at all levels.

Every Bohme employee is given three paid days off to volunteer at a charity of their choice. In 2018, the company experienced record profits and revenue growth.

Last May, during National Small Business Week the U.S. Small Business Administration honored Vivien and Fernanda jointly as “Utah Small Business Person of the Year.” Their inspiring story is one example of how Utah’s economy and our communities thrive thanks to the drive, determination and dedication shown by diverse individuals willing to chase their dreams here in America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HAZEL JACOBS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hazel Jacobs, a resident of Pocasset, Massachusetts, who turned 100 years young on July 27, 2019.

Hazel was born in Sulphur, Louisiana. In her early twenties she was inspired to join the war effort during World War II, becoming a member of the Woman’s Army Corps. Hazel continued her service in the Pentagon, coding and deciphering transcontinental messages in the Classified Message Center. It was during her time at the Pentagon that Hazel attended a dinner party with a friend—a dinner party that turned out to be a setup. Hazel’s friend introduced her to a soldier named Sal David “Jake” Jacobs. The two hit it off that evening,

but they both were soon discharged and went their separate ways.

After some years apart, Hazel went to visit a friend in Boston, and none other than Sal Jacobs was waiting for her on the platform. Together again, Hazel and Sal married, lived in Boston, and had two sons, Allen and Robert. When Sal sadly passed away in 1966, Hazel returned to her life in public service. She worked for the City of Boston for several years, continuing her devotion to her family and community.

Today, Hazel lives in Pocasset, where she enjoys her lifelong artistic hobby of needlepoint and spending cherished time with Allen, Robert, and their families.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Hazel Jacobs on this joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

MARK DALLAS—AMERICAN POLICE HALL OF FAME OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and good friend, Officer Mark Dallas, for being named the National Officer of the Year by the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum.

On the morning of Wednesday, May 16, 2018, a student open fired inside Dixon High School. Without hesitation, Officer Dallas chased down the gunman and returned fire. He disarmed the shooter and took him into custody. Officer Dallas’ selflessness and professionalism saved the lives of hundreds of students and staff, including his own son.

On August 11, 2019, Officer Dallas will receive this award given to those who protect the thin blue line. Congratulations to Officer Mark Dallas on receiving this momentous award and being enshrined with the other men and women who have devoted their lives to protect the people of the United States. It is my great honor to once again recognize his actions in the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF BASF TO THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize BASF for receiving Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Corporate and Small Business Community Leader Award. BASF’s commitment to the community and the state of Michigan makes them an excellent recipient of this great honor.

Since its establishment, BASF has striven to create a sustainable future. Their innovative work in chemistry not only rises to meet today’s most pressing challenges, but also simultaneously promotes environmental protection and social responsibility. In 1969, BASF

became a part of the Michigan community, opening a site in Wyandotte, Michigan. The corporation has been a dedicated and charitable member of the community ever since.

BASF continues to pursue a brighter future by investing in the future leaders of Michigan: our children. BASF employees volunteer at the BASF Kid’s Lab, a program that aims to inspire children’s interest in chemistry by bringing hands-on service and demonstrations to classrooms and science centers throughout southeast Michigan. The program is an interactive, fun, and free education program designed to expose young children to the marvels of chemistry through simple and safe experiments. Each demonstration exhibits how chemistry can benefit the environment and lead to a brighter future for all. These generous efforts clearly reflect BASF’s commitment to investing in the next generation and exemplify their tremendous service to Michigan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating BASF for their exceptional work. Their lasting impact on the Michigan community is worthy of commendation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HUGHES MELTON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I pay tribute to Dr. Hughes Melton of Bristol, Virginia, a military veteran, public servant, and compassionate physician who most recently was Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Dr. Melton passed away on August 2, 2019, at the age of 52 following a car wreck.

Dr. Melton was born in Florida but made Virginia his home. After studying at Washington and Lee University and the University of Virginia School of Medicine, he served in the United States Army. Following his time in the service, he opened a practice in Lebanon, Russell County. There, he focused intently on the needs of his rural community and developed a specialty for treating addiction. His medical skill and care for his patients earned him recognition by the American Academy of Family Physicians as the Family Physician of the Year in 2011.

He eventually took on work as an administrator, first as Chief Medical Officer for Mountain States Health Alliance’s Virginia facilities and then as Vice President of Medical Education for its northeast and northwest markets. Among his objectives as an administrator, he recognized the need for more physicians to serve Southwest Virginia. To that end, he helped to start a family medicine residency. During his time at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, he won the Servant’s Heart Award and furthered his education with a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business.

After serving as Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Health Department, he was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in 2018. As Commissioner, Dr. Melton was able to apply his considerable talent and deep empathy to addressing the mental and