

Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with my colleague, Congressman EARL HILLIARD, will introduce legislation in the House of Representatives that will designate the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field, Alabama, as a unit of the National Park Service. Ultimately, this legislation will allow the Park Service to tell the American people the complete story of the brave men at Tuskegee who overcame racism and intolerance in their own nation so that they could fight racism and intolerance in Europe.

Mr. Speaker, we should neither discount nor forget the impact of the Tuskegee Airmen on the "American Experience." The Tuskegee Airmen, in my view, should be immortalized, honored and thanked for their courageous and selfless efforts to preserve and protect the freedom that every American enjoys. We can do that by passing this measure.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASON BELL

### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 1998*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, oftentimes, we read in the newspapers or hear on television, all the problems faced by our youth in today's society. I want to share with you the story of a young man who overcame adversities, set goals for himself, and achieved those goals: Jason Bell.

Jason Bell has resided in Rockmart, Georgia his entire life. I first met Jason when he entered the Seventh District Congressional Art Competition in 1997. He wasn't awarded first place that year but he didn't quit. This Spring, Jason was the winner of the Congressional Art Competition for the Seventh District of Georgia.

Jason's art teacher, Mrs. Christine Parker, teaches at both the elementary, middle, and the high school levels in Rockmart. She watched as Jason developed an interest in painting and pottery while in middle school. His skills continued to improve. Mr. Terry Lindsey, an executive with Engineered Fabrics, a prominent company headquartered in Rockmart, befriended Jason, through a Mentor Program, and watched with pride as Jason continued to achieve excellence in his studies and in his artworks.

During his four years of high school, Jason received numerous honors which included Governor's Honors, Boys State Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Beta Club, and others. After graduation this summer, Jason received The Shorter College Presidential Scholarship, which will pay all expenses for a four-year degree. Other academic scholarships awarded to Jason were the Rome Elk Club Scholarship, Rockmart Rotary Club Scholarship, the Temple Inland Foundation Scholarship, and an additional academic scholarship from Shorter College as a result of his being selected the winner in the Congressional Art Competition.

Jason will attend Shorter College in Rome, beginning this fall, to study chemical engineering. His family, teachers, friends, his community, and his Congressman, are very proud of Jason Bell, and are fully confident he will not only succeed at achieving his goals, but will far exceed them.

HONORING COLONEL RANDY  
HAGLUND

### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 1998*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join friends and family in honoring the distinguished service of Colonel Randall R. Haglund, commander of the Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) in Battle Creek, Michigan. Since 1995, Colonel Haglund has directed DLIS to help ensure our nation's military readiness. I am honored to wish him well on his retirement.

Throughout his tenure as commander, Randy Haglund distinguished himself as a superior leader who successfully guided DLIS through some difficult times. I know that I valued his knowledge and advice as I promoted the work of this facility in Congress. Due in no small part to his efforts, DLIS not only remained in Battle Creek, but was expanded and modernized.

Among his many achievements was his leadership role in the integration of the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) with existing systems. This innovation will provide better and more accurate information to military operations worldwide. Randy also was able to re-engineer several major processes by incorporating new programs such as the Logistics Information Network (LINK) and the Electronic Catalog (E-Cat). I'm no expert on these programs, but I know very well that Randy's efforts proved once again the important role DLIS plays in our nation's defense.

In addition to his other duties, the Under Secretary of Defense asked Colonel Haglund to lead an independent review of the DoD Cataloging Centralization and Consolidation program, a major reengineering effort. Through his leadership, the team successfully completed the initial centralization and consolidation plan.

Colonel Haglund's greatest legacy surely is the improved efficiency of the Defense Logistics Information Service and Department of Defense. His hard work saves the taxpayers nearly \$150 million a year. This is an accomplishment that we can all appreciate.

Randy has received many military honors, including the Meritorious Service award with gold star, the Navy Commendation, the National Defense Medal and the Defense Superior Service Medal. As a veteran, I have great respect for those who have earned a leadership role in our armed forces and I value very highly the contributions people such as Randall Haglund have made to safeguard our nation in an unpredictable world.

Time and time again Colonel Haglund has proven to be an exceptional man and leader. For these reasons, Bonnie and I wish the Colonel, his wife, Barbara, and their three sons the very best in all of their future endeavors. We in Battle Creek shall miss him.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL LIN  
AS GUAM'S SMALL BUSINESS  
PERSON OF THE YEAR

### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 1998*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the Guam Chamber of Commerce annually selects the "Small Business Person of the Year" from a pool of individuals or business partners owning and operating or bear principal responsibility for small business establishments on Guam. The chamber takes into account staying power, sales growth, growth in payroll, innovativeness in product or service, response to adversity, and civic contributions. This year the honor was bestowed upon Michael Shih Lin, the president of Hornet International Inc.

In 1973, Michael Lin was on a business trip to Brazil as a Chemical Engineer and Manager for Taiwan Cyanamid Company, a subsidiary of its American counterpart. On his way back, his flight stopped over on Guam and upon recognizing the potential, he returned in 1973 and opened a retail store selling bicycles and skateboards.

Through the years, this business, now known as Hornet International, Inc., has grown steadily. The company's decision to expand from a skateboard and bicycle store to a full sporting goods store is a clear turning point. Starting with only one employee in 1974, Hornet, at one time, employed thirty-nine full-time employees at four locations.

Over the last two decades Michael's company has survived major typhoons, a disastrous fire, and intense competition from off-island retailers. In the face of adversity, Hornet has taken steps to expand its sales base. Since 1997, the company has imported bicycle parts from China and Taiwan for resale to retailers and importers. Their goal of importing bicycle parts and assembling them for resale in the United States is coming to fruition with the establishment of the company's California operations. Hornet's success is undoubtedly due to Michael's business acumen and innovations.

Taking time out of his business ventures, Michael also devotes his personal time and resources to civic activities. He has served on the board of the American Red Cross, Guam Chapter. During his tenure as president, the Rotary Club of Northern Guam was named the "Most Outstanding Club in District 2750". He was instrumental in the establishment of the Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise in 1997 and he currently serves as Vice Chairman for the Friendship Committee for District 2750 which includes Rotary Clubs from Japan. Michael was also the chapter president of the Chinese Merchants Association during its inception in 1993 and served through Chinese New Year of 1997. In addition, Michael also serves as a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, as a Board Member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the University of Guam Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network, and the Navy League of the U.S. Guam Council.

For over two decades, Guam's small business community has benefited from Michael Lin's efforts and dedication. I join the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the people of Guam in celebrating Michael's contributions