

before the House on this occasion to honor the Council of Women Farmers of Ukraine and its contribution to Ukraine's agricultural and democratic development. During one of my visits to Ukraine, I was fortunate to visit leaders of this extraordinary organization to learn firsthand their remarkable unity and drive for success within Ukraine's expanding free market.

This organization began as a small group of women farmers in Ukraine who were willing to take on a male-dominated culture and industry. The challenges of an unstable economy, and, an agricultural sector in complete disarray only inspired and energized these enterprising farmers. Although this council developed with international aid, its origin represents a spontaneous indigenous grassroots quest for democracy.

As the council provided every level of assistance necessary for women farmers to succeed, it grew into a nationwide assistance network improving the status of rural Ukrainian women, raising their quality of life, and cultivating their managerial and entrepreneurial skills. Responding to the rapid growth of women in the industry, the council has opened several branch offices throughout the country, serving as information centers in 14 of the 24 oblasts throughout Ukraine and the autonomous Republic of Crimea in Ukraine.

The Council of Women Farmers of Ukraine provides assistance on a variety of issues, including legislation, financial management of farms, accounting, marketing, human resources management, business planning and business ethics, as well as scientific and specialized training. The council has also built an

information and telecommunications network between its branch office information centers, training its members in the use of computers, email and the Internet. This assistance and training has enabled Ukraine's women farmers to build private enterprises, thereby empowering rural women to effectively influence the governmental processes.

In recognition of the Council's tremendous success thus far, I urge my colleagues to support similar programs with the intention of empowering rural women throughout the world, and in doing so, promote education, democratic development and financial and social stability.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Council of Women Farmers of Ukraine on its success, I commend it for its courage and perseverance on this important commemorative day. Furthermore, I urge our friends in the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada to recognize October 15th as Women Farmers of Ukraine on World Rural Women's Day.

TRIBUTE TO REY MOTORS

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a family business that has become an integral part of the West Glenwood, Colorado community. Through their commitment to friendly service

and exceptional quality, Rey Motors, owned by Jeanne Rey and her son Allyn Rey, has evolved with the community into a successful and proud business. It is my privilege to honor them today before this body of Congress and this nation for the hard work that has gone into building a successful dealership.

Originally established under other owners in the 1950s, Rey Motors now celebrates 25 years within the Rey family. Jeanne's late husband, Ernie, was a part of the business almost from the very start, working his way up under the different owners until finally buying the company in 1977. When Vail was still only a pasture, Ernie was taking cars out for farmers and ranchers to test drive at their homes.

The same commitment to Colorado values that Ernie incorporated into the Rey Motors lives on in the second generation of the Rey family. The tradition of molding the business to fit the community lives on as Jeanne and Allyn offer daily specials, as well as a casual sales floor atmosphere. Allyn has been a local volunteer fireman as well as a ski patrol volunteer at nearby Sunlight Mountain Resort. He and his wife of 20 years, Barbara, are raising a third generation of Reys through their children, Chris and Rachel.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to Rey Motors and all the men and women who have made it a success. The Rey family, with the help of their knowledgeable employees and traditional friendly service, illustrate the values that keep our communities strong. I wish the entire crew at Rey Motors many more years of success.