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Speaker of the House.

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Secretary of State.

SALUTING THE NOMINEES OF THE 2009 TECH TITANS FINALISTS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the finalists for the 2009 Tech Titans Award presented by Metroplex Technology Business Council, the largest technology trade association in Texas. On August 28th, the winners will be announced in categories designed to showcase the most cutting-edge technologies and the brightest talent emerging from the North Texas region at the 2009 Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech gala. The event will also reveal the rankings of the 2009 Titan Fast Tech, which lists the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last year and the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last five years.

The Tech Titans gala also raises funds to support a scholarship program for students at local universities who are pursuing degrees in math, science, engineering and technology, as well as high school teachers who teach in these disciplines. Founded in 1994, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC) is a non-profit organization composed of approximately 300 members that include technology businesses and providers from across the DFW Metroplex. The MTBC produces numerous events, including the Management in High-Tech Luncheon Series, the Technical Luncheon Series, Tech Week in Austin and the Tech Titans and Fast Tech Awards.

Recently, the Economist, a reputable international magazine, featured a special in-depth section showcasing the wonders of Texas for business. The MTBC is a shining example of the face of the future for Texas. Make no mistake, the MTBC is making great things happen for the Lone Star State—and the world.

"The Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech provide the premier recognition of fast-growing, highly innovative companies that contribute to the vibrancy of the North Texas economy and make our region an exciting place to live and work," said Cindi Keith, partner/technology marketing industry leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and co-chair of the MTBC's Tech Titans steering committee. "We look forward to showcasing the true leaders in our industry and celebrating their hard work and creativity."

Besides the MTBC, other supporters of the Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech event are PricewaterhouseCoopers, TechAmerica (formerly American Electronics Association), Deloitte, Dallas Business Journal, KBA Group LLP, Time Warner Cable Business Class, GSCS Inc., Farstar Inc., and AVMG.

Congratulations one and all. I salute you. The 2009 Tech Titan Finalist names and the categories follow:

CORPORATE CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Bruce Ballengee, CEO and Co-Founder, Pariveda Solutions, Inc.

Timothy Gallagher, CEO, Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Dale Sohn, President, Samsung Telecommunications America

Charlie Vogt, President and CEO, GENBAND

EMERGING COMPANY CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Steve Steinheimer, CEO, SSG Ltd
Nina Vaca, CEO, Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc.

Paul VanMeter, President and CEO, Colo4Dallas

Alastair Westgarth, President and CEO, Tango Networks, Inc.

CORPORATE HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Entrust

Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Nokia Siemens Networks

EMERGING COMPANY HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Airwalk Communications, Inc.

OnAsset Intelligence, Inc.

Sipera Systems

Tango Networks, Inc.

TECH INNOVATOR AWARD CATEGORY

Austin Crowder, CEO and Founder, Alpha Med-Surge, Inc., dba L.I.T. Surgical

Dr. Harold "Skip" Garner, PO'B Montgomery Distinguished Chair, Professor of Biochemistry and Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Bruce Li, President and CTO, 21-Century Silicon, Inc.

Dr. Frank Lu, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Director of the Aerodynamics Research Center, University of Texas at Arlington

TECH ADVOCATE AWARD CATEGORY

Rep. Dan Branch, Texas State House of Representatives

North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology, Larry Calton

North Texas Regional Center for Innovation & Commercialization, Mike Lockerd

TECH Fort Worth, Darlene Ryan

TECH ADOPTER AWARD CATEGORY

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

North Texas Tollway Authority

Smart Hospital at the University of Texas at Arlington

Travelocity Business

COMMUNITY HERO AWARD CATEGORY

Corey Kirkendoll, Solutions Architect, 2009 National Society of Black Engineers Alumni, Extension Pre-College Initiative for Region V, Cisco Systems

Paul Klocek, General Manager, ELCAN Optical Technologies

Jo-ann Olsovsky, Vice President, Technology Services and CIO, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Gurvendra Suri,

CEO, Optimal Solutions Integration, Inc.

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Challenging Algorithmics and Mathematics in Problem Solving (CHAMPS) The University of Texas at Dallas—Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Military Programs of the Dallas TeleCollege Dallas County Community College District

UTeach Dallas, The University of Texas at Dallas

Venture Innovation Partnership, The University of Texas at Arlington

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Daniel Brown, Hillcrest High School, Dallas Independent School District

Dr. George J. Hademenos, Richardson High School,

Richardson Independent School District Wesley Kirpach, Plano West Senior High School, Plano Independent School District

Jacqueline Lewis, Williams High School, Plano Independent School District

TechAmerica

TEXAS LEGEND AWARD, Jim Von Ehr, President and Founder, Zyvex Corporation.

HONORING BRUCE G. MCATTEE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce G. McAttee as he retires from his position as CAP Coordinator for UAW Region 1C. A retirement party is planned for August 28th in Lansing Michigan.

Bruce McAttee began his career working for General Motors in August 1976. In 1982 he completed his Electrician Apprenticeship and ran for Committeeman in November of that year. He was elected and held the position until 1990. He was elected Financial Secretary Treasurer of UAW Local 652 in June 1990. During this time he also was elected Vice Chair of Region 1C Skilled Trades Council and Chairman in 1986. This made him the youngest person to ever serve on the UAW International Skilled Trades Advisory Committee. In 1994 he accepted a position on the UAW International Staff and was assigned to UAW Region 1C as CAP Coordinator one year later.

Bruce's interest in politics was sparked at the age of 13 when he worked on his first political campaign. He went to Wolverine Boys State during his high school years and he served as an intern with the Michigan House of Representatives. Since that time he has worked on numerous campaigns including the campaigns for every Democratic Presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter ran for office in 1976. He has served on the Michigan Democratic Party's State Central Committee for the past 14 years. He has served as delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000 and 2004. In 2004 he served as a Presidential Elector for the 8th District casting his ballot for JOHN KERRY. The Clinton County Democratic Party honored him with their 2009 Phil Hart Award.

In addition to his work with the UAW and the Democratic Party, Bruce is active with Cancer Society, the Martin Luther King Holiday Commission and the Red Cross Great