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RECOGNIZING HORACE ADELL, Jr. FOR WINNING THE 2010 WNC MINORITY BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

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MR. SHULER. Madame Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Horace Adell, Jr., recipient of the 2010 Western North Carolina Minority Business Person of the Year Award in connection with the Minority Enterprise Development Week. Mr. Adell founded Clean Streak and has been the owner and president since 1999. Mr. Adell worked with the Minority Business Program to learn about available legal and financial opportunities to help him get Clean Streak up and running. Mr. Adell started his business with his Buick, a mop, a bucket, and a broom, and under his direction the business he began as a one man outfit has grown into a diversified and environmentally conscious company operating in Western North Carolina and upstate South Carolina.

Clean Streak services commercial, industrial, and residential spaces including the Buncombe County Government and the Henderson County Foundation. Through hard work and constant adaptation, Mr. Adell has managed to not only keep Clean Streak viable during a tough recession, he has been able to grow his business into a serious presence in the region. Clean Streak is now involved with various business communities in Western North Carolina, including the Fletcher Area Business Association, the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau.

Inspired by an initial request from a customer over six years ago, Mr. Adell decided to make Clean Streak healthier for his customers, employees, and the environment by using completely non-hazardous "green" chemicals. Through the Betco Green Earth Program, Clean Streak has become the only green-certified cleaning company in Western North Carolina, and it is also a member of the Green Business Bureau.

Madame Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Horace Adell, Jr. for winning the 2010 WNC Minority Business Person of the Year Award. His strong work ethic, innovative spirit, and commitment to expanding Clean Streak in Western North Carolina are an inspiration to business leaders throughout the region.