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Dear Charles:

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CHARLES WESLEY FORTNER

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I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations for being named as the national "1998 Young Entrepreneur of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. This is a well-deserved honor that recognizes your hard work, dedication, and initiative in opening and expanding your company.

You exemplify the ideal of entrepreneurship – establishing your business locations, field-testing your equipment and even hand-carrying your equipment to the top of a remote mountain by yourself. With the marketing savvy that you exhibited by creating the "Captain Beep Beep" radio campaign, it is not surprising that your sales jumped 370 percent in 1996 to surpass the \$1 million mark.

I also want to thank you for creating 18 new jobs while you have expanded from just one location to three locations in less than four years. Small business is the backbone of our economy, and Hawaii depends on entrepreneurs like you.

Best wishes for continued success!

Very truly yours,

PATSY T. MINK Member of Congress