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**COMMENDING RICHARD RYAN OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEING  
NAMED 2011 TRUCK DEALER OF THE YEAR**

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SPEECH OF  
**HON. JOE WILSON**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**Mr. WILSON** of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to acknowledge a constituent of mine, Mr. Richard "Dick" Ryan was recently named the 2011 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, division of the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Phoenix, Arizona. This award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service.

Mr. Ryan is President and Chief Executive Officer of Carolina International Trucks based in Columbia, South Carolina. The dealership sells medium and heavy-duty International Trucks, IC Buses and Mitsubishi Fuso medium-duty trucks.

Since his purchase in the early 1990s, Carolina International Trucks has grown to eight locations including four in South Carolina--Columbia, Greenville, Florence and Charleston--and is one of South Carolina's leading truck dealers. Under his leadership, the dealership's sales grew from \$25 million to \$100 million and its leasing business has doubled over the past 10 years. Every year since he became President/CEO, the dealership has been profitable.

Mr. Ryan has assisted his fellow dealers by working on the International Truck Dealer Council and Dealer Advisory Board. He also served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Idealease Board of Directors, leading the organization through an executive management transition and reshaping its strategic direction.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Richard Ryan and his employees at Carolina International and ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his customers, his fellow business owners and all South Carolinians.