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## *House of Representatives*

*IN HONOR OF DARREN PEARSON*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Darren Pearson in recognition of his community service as well as his successful real estate businesses in Brooklyn and Queens, NY.

Mr. Pearson's businesses include a full-service real estate firm, apartment building management, and construction and maintenance. Before becoming involved in real estate, Darren worked as an account executive for Amergold Corp. He also worked for Vanguard Oil as a fuel salesman in the commercial and barge departments. His duties included fuel sales to Con Edison, PSE&G, and LILCO. He was subsequently promoted to director of public relations for Vanguard and was responsible for the home oil transfer program, which provided oil to needy families at either a discount or no cost. His success in that position led to his promotion to vice president of procurement and industrial sales for Vanco Oil Co., a subsidiary of Vanguard.

Darren is active in the Brooklyn and Manhattan communities. He is the chairman of the Men's Caucus for Congressman Towns, a member of 100 Black Men, Inc., and New York State Senator David Patterson's Progressive Professional Network. As a young businessman, Darren hires and trains college-bound students as trainees in real estate management and office administration.

Mr. Speaker, Darren Pearson is a young entrepreneur committed to working with his community and promoting opportunities for others. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable man.