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Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to the Sacramento Center for International Trade Development and the Los Rios Community College District for being awarded the “E-Star” award from the United States Department of Commerce, which recognizes excellence in export assistance.

The Sacramento Center for International Trade Development is a prominent part of the drive to increase exports from the Sacramento region. The program, which is administered through the Los Rios Community College District, is a longstanding force for global competitiveness in our area.

For more than two decades, the Center has provided export services and programs that serve to enhance the effectiveness and profitability of Northern California businesses. The Center’s relationship with the Department of Commerce provides Sacramento area businesses with a unique edge, helping to contribute to the growing economy in our region. The Center provides critical support to our local businesses, and deserves this important recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Sacramento Center for International Trade Development and the Los Rios Community College District for their work to support Northern California. Please join me in congratulating them on this significant achievement.