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## Remarks

Commemorating 2022 Women Entrepreneurship Day  
and

in honor of Pooja Chandra Pama  
Four Seasons Hotel Madrid, Spain  
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I give my hearty thanks to ACE Health Foundation and Goldman Sachs for having us here today in Madrid. What a lovely gesture to honor my friend and colleague, Ms. Pooja Chandra Pama, and celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day.

I've met and known many extremely impressive women, but I must say that Pooja is right up there at the top of the list of superlatives. She is a real powerhouse.

Not only is she a well-known businesswoman, she is also a noted humanitarian and philanthropist.

Her reputation extends far and wide. She has her hands in many endeavors and gives incredible energy, creativity, and invaluable support to them all.

For example, Pooja is not only appreciated in the business world, she is appreciated in the cultural and diplomatic sphere.

She gets kudos from me for her leadership at the Dacor Bacon Foundation, which advances U.S. diplomacy.

I am proud to say that I am in Madrid to give Pooja and 41 other international women business owners awards from the International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) Foundation for their outstanding achievements.

We are celebrating IWEC's 15th anniversary. Our purpose is to help empower women business owners by creating an international network through which these high achievers can assist each other internationally.

We are also working to create a level playing field for women in the international business world.

Over the course of 15 years, at our annual conferences, we have honored more than 500 women in every sector that comes to mind. We have created an IWEC family that spans the globe and has enjoyed much success connecting women and advancing their interests.

We are happy to welcome Pooja into the IWEC family and feel all the richer for her joining us.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of Goldman Sachs, ACE Health Foundation, and its other Global Empowerment Partners, and all of you for the interest that you continue to show in the empowerment of women. The world is richer for your efforts.

---Ambassador Ruth A. Davis (Ret.)