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WE ARE ALL A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

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Unless your ancestors were Native Americans, we are all descended from a nation of immigrants. Whether your ancestors came on the Mayflower, in steerage while escaping the potato famine, a slave trader's ship, by way of the Rio Grande River, or in first class on the Concorde, we all came from someplace else.

At Miller Clapperton we are blessed to have many enthusiastic employees who are either first or second generation newcomers to the United States. Our company has been made better for the desire that these employees have to make a better life for their families. In fact, we have people from twenty-seven (27) countries.

One of the strengths of the United States is how, for over 240 years, we have been able to mold the strengths of the multitude of cultures from all over the world into something new and better and make it the combined culture of the United States. This is no small accomplishment.

Our country was founded in the heat of disagreement over who would control our actions, an absentee royal force or the people. We endured the bitter emotions of the War Between the States, where literally brother fought against brother. We have fought and won two world wars and saved the world from a maniacal dictator intent on enslaving most of the world. We have suffered through the humiliation of not being able to impose our will in land wars in Asia. We are currently fighting two wars simultaneously in an attempt to keep terrorists at bay, far from our shores.

Through all of this, we are still the place where immigrants can come to “live the dream”.

With our nation’s Independence Day ahead of us next month, let us remember, we are a blessed people. Our ancestors have come from all over the world to make this a great country. Let us also remember to extend a helping hand to the newcomers.

Notice I said a helping hand. The majority of the newcomers will make this country better because they are producers. They want to make a better life for their families. For those of us who have been here for many generations; if we keep the spirit of recent immigrants to work hard, be innovative and keep the rule of law, we will all prosper.

That is it for today. Post your comments on the Blog and let us stimulate the discussion.

Thanks,
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