

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained this week and unable to vote on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted for this critical legislation. Earlier this year I met with small business leaders in the Hudson Valley and they told me that some of their top concerns were access to credit and the cost of doing business. They also strongly advocated for an extension of bonus depreciation to allow a quicker write-off of capital expenditures, and a larger start-up deduction. After these meetings, I introduced the Helping Small Businesses Start and Grow Act, which included a bonus depreciation extension, increased start-up deduction and a measure to help free up credit for small businesses. Similar provisions were included in the bill that passed the House this Wednesday. I was proud to vote for the Small Business Lending Fund Act when it was first considered in the House, and I appreciate the efforts of my colleagues to continue to advance these vital programs.

RENEWING AUTHORITY FOR STATE CHILD WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer my strong support for H.R. 6156, the Renewing Authority for State Child Welfare Demonstration Programs. This bill would permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow up to 10 demonstration projects a year to test innovative approaches to improving the child welfare system.

I am an ardent supporter of the waiver program. My home State of Illinois has been a leader in developing and demonstrating the effectiveness of pioneering child welfare reforms using these waivers. Most notably, Illinois's subsidized guardian waiver was critical to documenting the success of this permanency option in preserving families, improving child well-being, and reducing the number of children in care. I am proud that the Illinois waiver helped lay the ground work for the statutory change in 2008 via The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act that allowed states to use Federal funds to support family caregivers raising relatives who were in the foster care system.

More recently, Illinois has received a waiver to provide innovative services for caregivers with substance use disorders. Illinois's demonstration project showed positive outcomes children and families as well as substantial cost savings—approximately \$6.6 million over the lifetime of the waiver. Further, the research related to the program reveals important information for improving these programs, especially related to the complexity of problems faced by families experiencing substance abuse and the types of interventions needed to improve reunification and reduce out-of-home placements.

Although waivers are helpful in strengthening our child welfare policy, policymakers must work to implement comprehensive changes to the child welfare system—especially with regard to financing and emphasizing prevention. I am glad that this legislation includes some improvements to the waiver program, including increased reporting on the nature of funding used for a demonstration project and prioritizing early intervention and crisis intervention to safely reduce the number of children removed from their homes. I promise to continue to work actively with my colleagues to push for comprehensive reform for the child welfare system so that we can improve the well-being of children and families.

HONORING LATINA LEADER AWARD RECIPIENT BETTY JEAN LONGORIA, NUECES COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work, dedication and leadership of Nueces County Commissioner, Betty Jean Longoria, who will receive this evening the Latina Leader Award at the Washington Court Hotel.

Commissioner Longoria was first elected to the Nueces County Commissioner's Court in November 2002. On January 1, 2003, Betty Jean Longoria took her oath of office to become the first elected Hispanic woman to serve as a Commissioner since the Commissioner's Court was established. She represents Agua Dulce, Petronila, Banquete, Bishop and the western part of Corpus Christi.

Prior to being elected to the Commissioner's Court, Commissioner Longoria served on the Corpus Christi City Council for 10 years and was a school board trustee with the Tulosomidway Independent School District for 6 years. Throughout her political career, she has been a strong advocate of education. She has served as a student mentor at Crossley Special Emphasis, Lamar Elementary, Blanche Moore Elementary, South Park Middle School and Solomon Coles Elementary.

Commissioner Longoria serves on the board of directors for the Corpus Christi Botanical

Gardens, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas, Friends of the Corpus Christi Public Libraries and board of trustees for the South Texas Institute for the Arts. Previously, she has served on the boards of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Goodwill Industries of Corpus Christi, Nueces County Community Action Agency, Westside Business Association, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Women's Network.

Her record of service, leadership and advocacy of business and community development, has led her to receive numerous recognitions and awards from various civic organizations, including the Westside Business Association; the Hispanic Women's Network; the National Conference for Community and Justice; Leadership Corpus Christi; and the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Longoria was born and raised in Corpus Christi and graduated from Roy Miller High School. Commissioner Longoria and her husband, Alfredo Longoria, Jr., have been married for 49 years and have four sons and eight grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating Commissioner Longoria for her work and dedication to the people of Nueces County and her well deserved award as a Latina Leader.

HONORING THE 150-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE HESED SYNAGOGUE IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the 150th anniversary of Temple Hesed, the oldest synagogue in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Temple Hesed's roots were founded during the mid-19th Century when small groups of worshipers would travel back and forth between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to attend High Holy Day Services.

The group, made up mostly of German immigrants, was originally known in the 1840s as "Chevra Rodef Shalom," meaning, "Brotherhood of the Pursuer of Peace."

On August 20, 1860, the group was renamed "Kehilat Anshe Chesed," meaning the "Congregation of the People of Loving-Kindness."

By 1862, its membership had increased to 27 and was granted a charter.

The congregation's first synagogue was located in the 100 block of Linden Street in Scranton. They purchased the land in 1867 from the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, and worshiped in the original synagogue through 1902.

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During this time, the congregation joined the American Reform Movement, an organization founded by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, who was present to dedicate the original synagogue in Scranton in April of 1867.

In 1902, the congregation moved from its original synagogue to a new building on Madison Avenue in Scranton. Over the next few decades, the synagogue was renovated and expanded to accommodate the group's growing membership, and in the 1960s its name was changed to "The Madison Avenue Temple."

The congregation moved into its current synagogue off of Lake Scranton Road in 1974, and its name was changed one last time to "Temple Hesed," meaning the "Temple of Loving Kindness," and reflecting the congregation's 19th Century roots.

Currently, Temple Hesed remains a member of the American Reform Movement, today known as the Union of Reform Judaism, which now has over 900 member congregations throughout the country.

The synagogue promotes a "welcoming" environment, and offers traditional worship services along with youth and adult education opportunities to its congregation, which now includes about 180 member families of all lifestyles and backgrounds.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this remarkable anniversary. Over the past 150 years, Temple Hesed has evolved from a small group of worshipers to a prominent Jewish community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER STOUT

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to SSG Christopher Stout, from Worthville, Kentucky. He lost his life on July 13, 2010, after receiving wounds during an insurgent attack on his unit in Kandahar City, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Staff Sergeant Stout is survived by his parents Billy and Sharon Neuner of Worthville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Stout was a dedicated husband to his wife, Misty Stout as well as a devoted father to his three daughters, Jacqueline, Audreanna, and Kristin.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Staff Sergeant Stout's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to SSG Christopher Stout for his service and his sacrifice.

CELEBRATING THE CAVE SPRINGS
CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of Cave Springs, Arkansas.

At the turn of the century Cave Springs was a busy town that centered on commerce and tourism. The town cave and therapeutic waters attracted people who would travel up to two days by horse and carriage just to visit.

Commerce was booming. The town had two hotels, a lumber yard, three churches, a bank, a doctor and dentist's office as well as several other services. Commerce has changed through the years and now revolves mostly around agriculture, but community leaders are just as committed to making it a vibrant area where people want to spend time.

Today Cave Springs is known as the "Gateway to the Future." Those on the way to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport pass through this small community that still maintains its friendly rural charm where people still say hi to their neighbors.

Mayor Mark Reeves said that's what attracted him to the town in 1982. Since then the population of the community has grown as it is uniquely situated between rural beauty and busy cities that offer a lot of activities.

Congratulations to Cave Springs for 100 amazing years and best of luck on the next 100.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR
AUTISM IMPROVEMENTS NA-
TIONWIDE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer my strong support for the Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act—a bill that promotes much-needed training and research advancements related to Autism. This bill expands federal support for understanding and treating the Autism Spectrum Disorders which affect as many as 1 in 110 children born in the United States.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that is typically diagnosed around the age of 3 years old and lasts throughout a person's lifetime. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified Autism as one of the nation's leading public health crises. An Autism-related diagnosis is more common than the diagnosis of pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. Autism-related disorders occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups at similar rates; however, they are four times more common in boys than they are in girls. Recently, scientists have made advances in understanding Autistic symptomatology; yet there remains limited understanding about its causes and course. These disorders have a tremendous affect on the lives of the children and families who experience them, including challenges with edu-

cation, communication, and employment possible.

The Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act will improve federal support for research and treatment related to Autism disorders. The bill establishes Centers of Excellence to train and provide services to children and families affected by Autism. I am well aware of the benefits of such comprehensive, targeted Centers of Excellence. I am proud that Chicago is home to the Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research run by the Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago. This Center is a national leader in providing care and advancing research related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Within one site, state-of-the-art education, research, training, early intervention, school-to-work transition training, and independent living training occur. It is a true resource to the children and families in Illinois and the nation. This Center reflects a strong public-private partnership in which the State of Illinois, the city of Chicago, the University of Illinois, and multiple for-profit and non-profit businesses came together to make this Center a reality. The success of this Center demonstrates the need and potential benefits of creating additional national Centers of Excellence, as authorized by this bill.

In Chicago and across the country, it is clear that Autism significantly affects the lives of children and families. Additional federal efforts are needed to advance our understanding and response to Autism Spectrum Disorders. I strongly urge my colleagues to support the Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act.

HONORING STANLEY MOSKAL AS
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2010
PULASKI DAY PARADE

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garfield Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal for his selection as grand marshal of the 2010 Pulaski Day Parade. The parade, which will be held on October 3, 2010, in New York City, is the 73rd annual celebration of Polish heritage and General Casimir Pulaski's heroic military contributions during the American Revolutionary War.

A lifelong resident of Garfield, New Jersey, located within my Congressional District, the Honorable Stanley Moskal was elected to the Garfield Council in 2004. In 2008, he was re-elected to the council as Deputy Mayor. Mr. Moskal is an active community leader in the City of Garfield, serving on the Board of Directors of both the Garfield YMCA and the Garfield Vistula Soccer Club. He is Vice President of the Pulaski Parade Association of Garfield and has served as a commissioner to Garfield's Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Moskal is a member of Garfield's Community Response Team, having been one of the first councilmen in New Jersey to complete this program.

Deputy Mayor Moskal is an active parishioner of Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Roman Catholic Church, where he has served as an usher for their Sunday Mass since the age of 15. In 2004, he was selected to be Marshal of the Garfield Contingent in the Pulaski Day Parade, making him the youngest ever individual