

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORT FOR ABILITY ONE PROGRAM

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the outstanding work of the AbilityOne Program, which empowers Americans with disabilities and helps bring them into the workforce. The AbilityOne Program promotes exemplary public-private partnerships to employ Americans with significant disabilities, including veterans and the blind. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for Americans with disabilities is more than double the rate for those without disabilities. To address this disparity, the AbilityOne Program creates high-quality employment opportunities for disabled Americans and empowers them to fully participate in the workforce and their communities. AbilityOne helps employ more than 45,000 disabled Americans, helping them develop the skills and work experience they need to access public and private sector jobs, achieve greater independence, and lead productive, fulfilling lives. And the program helps the federal government support these individuals and employ them through employment.

Last March, I had the opportunity to see the success of AbilityOne Program firsthand in my district when I visited TRI Industries in Vernon Hills, Illinois. TRI is a non-profit that remanufactures ink and toner cartridges for the federal government. TRI provides education, training, and jobs to individuals with disabilities in my district. Touring their facility and speaking with the staff, I saw the great opportunities AbilityOne provides and the impact this program can have on the lives of Americans with disabilities.

On behalf of my constituents with disabilities, I rise to salute the significant contributions of the AbilityOne Program, and I support all persons committed to developing and advancing employment opportunities for the blind and Americans with other significant disabilities.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to congratulate Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, as the congregation joins together in celebration of the church's 100th anniversary. The parishioners along with Mount Zion's pastor, Reverend William R. Collins, will be commemo-

rating this momentous occasion with a celebratory banquet on Friday, August 2, 2019, at the Chateau Banquet Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

In 1919, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church became the first African American Baptist church to be established in the city of Hammond. Throughout the years, numerous remarkable pastors helped to build the church's leadership and expand its congregation, along with the services and programs offered to the community. In 1945, Reverend A.R. Burns became pastor of Mount Zion, a position he held for an astonishing fifty-three years. Pastor Burns accomplished many great things during his tenure at Mount Zion, and he was determined and passionate about his service. Under Pastor Burns' leadership, in 1949, the current church structure was completed at 1047 Kenwood Street, and it became known as "The Friendly Place of Worship." Pastor Burns worked to secure safe housing for the elderly and was able to accomplish the construction of the Reverend A.R. Burns Mount Zion Pleasant View Plaza, with the first tenants moving in by 1983. In addition, Pastor Burns marched for civil rights with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he supported the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Pastor Burns passed away in 1999, but he will be forever remembered for his faithfulness to his congregation.

In 1998, Reverend William R. Collins became the leader of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Under Pastor Collins' outstanding direction, Mount Zion has become a cornerstone of the community, providing a food pantry and outreach program, offering vacation bible school, summer camp ministry, and various religious retreats, and being heavily involved in the Interfaith Federation. Under Pastor Collins' leadership, the church has also undergone numerous cosmetic improvements, and the membership has increased exponentially. Reverend Collins and the congregation of Mount Zion have been a true blessing to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana, on its 100th anniversary. The members and church leaders have dedicated themselves to serving others, especially to those most in need, and they are an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR OF HENRY RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Henry Rodriguez Martinez, Sr. of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Martinez was a father, veteran and a local civil rights leader that was committed to bettering our community through his public service. Born on June 15, 1928 in Eagle Ford, Texas. Martinez was a pillar of strength and perseverance for our community.

He was raised in the Ledbetter Eagle Ford area of Dallas and attended Crozier Technical High School prior to serving in the Army where he earned the rank of Private First Class. He was also a proud father and husband. Martinez married Eufemia Paredes Martinez in 1955 and the couple had eight children. For over fifteen years, Martinez served the Dallas Fort Worth-area through his work for the Martinez Courier Service and Dallas Power and Light.

Martinez was also an active member of the West Dallas community. Throughout his life and through his service as the president of Ledbetter Neighborhood Association, Martinez improved local transit across the community and the quality of life for those that lived there.

Martinez spent his life making sure that communities of color had a seat at the table and a voice in the room—his most notable accomplishment being that he was a staunch advocate in the fight to guarantee better representation for people of color in the Dallas City council.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to Mr. Martinez's family and community. West Dallas is losing a fighter and advocate for their community. His spirit and accomplishments will never be able to be replaced.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to emphasize the need to weave the narrative of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities into the greater American story.

There is no doubt that Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in the United States, and our community is becoming an increasingly powerful and visible force in all aspects of American life. From entertainment to medicine; from academia to entrepreneurship; from social justice to innovation—our community has made immeasurable contributions to every facet of our nation. But, too often, our community is excluded or forgotten in history.

That is why today, I am introducing the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act". With the rise of recent exclusionary rhetoric and policies, it is crucial to remember our collective past now more than ever. The past shapes who we are, and it also strengthens how we move forward.

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From the Chinese Exclusion Act to the Japanese American internment camps; from the racially motivated murder of Vincent Chin to the first wave of Southeast Asian refugees on our shores—these historical events have affected the way we deal with policies today. Nevertheless, these stories are often left out of history books. A commission to study the potential creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American history is the first step in elevating the AAPI profile and ensuring that Americans of all ethnicities and generations can learn about the impact our community has had in our nation's values, traditions, culture, and history.

Madam Speaker, I firmly believe the story of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is sorely misunderstood and creating a national museum would ensure that our experiences—both good and bad—are recognized by all Americans. Museums are gateways for Americans and the world to see the United States' rich history, challenges it overcame, and potential for greatness. Establishing this commission is the first step toward the creation of a national AAPI museum. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

**LOREN KANNENBERG
RETIREMENT**

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate the career of my friend and longtime District Chief of Staff, Loren Kannenberg. Loren was with me from the beginning, helping set up my district operation in 1997 during my first term in office. Last month Loren retired after serving the people of Wisconsin's Third Congressional District for over 22 years.

Loren was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin. After attending college at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Loren was a science and math teacher at St. Patrick's School in Onalaska. He went on to receive a Masters in Educational Administration from Winona State University and later served as principal at St. Patrick's School until 1997 when he joined my team.

Loren has always been a leader in the La Crosse community and active in local politics, at one point serving as the chair of the La Crosse County Democratic Party. He was also a longtime member of the La Crosse County Health and Human Services Board where he looked out for his neighbors and the less fortunate in our community. Additionally, he served on the Redevelopment Authority with the City of La Crosse, helping guide many projects such as the new bus depot in downtown La Crosse and the Riverside North Project which is now under development.

An avid golfer, Loren has been a trusted playing partner over the years and has a great appreciation for the green landscapes we are blessed with in Wisconsin. Loren is also a talented musician and a member of the La Crosse Chamber Chorale. Above all, Loren is highly regarded by all those who know him as a family man and friend.

Loren has always been a steady hand in overseeing my district staff's casework and

outreach activities with the goal of providing the best possible services to my constituents. Loren was at my side as we traveled across Wisconsin and visited communities from Platteville to Menomonie and everywhere in between. Public service was in his blood—his father, John Kannenberg, served 24 years as the mayor of Wausau, Wisconsin and 10 years on the Wausau City Council. Loren made an enduring impact on his colleagues and the constituents of Wisconsin's Third Congressional District. I thank Loren for all his hard work and dedication to public service, and I wish him all the best on a long and happy retirement.

BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I support the Bipartisan Budget Caps and Debt Limit Deal as an important step to protect Americans and our economy. This agreement secures an additional \$100 billion for crucial services to promote the well-being of our residents while rejecting the offsets proposed by the current Administration. This agreement permanently ends the harmful cuts to non-defense programs that support the health, housing, education, child care, and security of Americans via the discretionary sequester. It allows continued investment in veterans, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, environmental sustainability, the National Institutes of Health, and the fight against drug addiction sweeping the nation, including my state of Illinois. This agreement also protects the full-faith and credit of our government by raising the country's debt limit.

As we know, the debt limit was reinstated to \$22 Trillion on March 2, 2019, imposing a legal limitation on the government's ability to issue debt and pay many federal obligations that directly impact the American people. A suspension of the debt limit until July 31, 2020 is a critical win for the Democratic Leadership that protects our national economy.

The sequester and restrictive appropriations under Republicans have eroded federal support for programs that help children and families in this nation and internationally, cutting domestic and international programs by 4.6 percent between FY2010 to FY2019 after inflation. Constituents in my District have felt these cuts, and this deal helps rebuild these important services. In my district with a population of approximately 703,000 residents, 30.8 percent of children live in poverty and 15 percent live in extreme poverty, 25 percent of taxfilers are low-income working parents, and 18.7 percent of adults in my District over 18 have income below the poverty level. These Chicagoans rely on an array of programs to work and care for their families. According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, in 2016, my district alone had a veteran population of over 41,978 people. These returning heroes and public servants deserve a government that serves them and assists with resources so that they can live the American dream.

This is not a perfect agreement, but it moves our country forward in very important

ways. I promise to work to end the mandatory sequester. The mandatory sequester cuts federal dollars from vital programs including Medicare, home visiting, the Social Services Block Grant, and Safe and Stable families—programs that provide health care for the elderly, services for the disabled, and child abuse prevention—to name a few.

Former National Security Advisor Colin Powell once said "Leadership is about solving problems." I rise today to commend and support Speaker PELOSI on her leadership and problem solving skills to rebuild our investment in children and families via this budget agreement. I support this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

**HONORING KENNEDY'S ANGEL
GOWNS**

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kennedy Milan Wilson. Although she never took a breath of air outside her mother's womb, her memory now brings hope and healing to so many families. On August 17, 2019, we honor her, as we do every day. Kennedy would have been 10 years old this year. However, her legacy lives on and she continues to change lives.

The "Kennedy's Angel Gowns" organization helps bereaved families who have suffered the loss of a child before, during, or shortly after birth. Beautifully handcrafted burial garments made from donated wedding gowns are provided along with other resources at no cost. In addition, the organization provides Cuddle Cots and Caring Cradles to local hospitals in the area.

Kennedy's Angel Gowns continues to raise awareness of infertility, miscarriage, early neonatal loss, stillborn, and infant loss. Many people who experience this loss feel very alone and isolated. The organization's mission is to break the silence and offer help.

This year, Hampton Roads will have its first-ever "Butterfly Suite," which will officially open at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital the week of her 10th Birthday. This dedicated grieving room will be equipped with a Cuddle Cot or Caring Cradle, allowing the family to spend more time with their infant.

I commend Kennedy's parents for channeling their grief to help others through the healing process by creating this resource.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOEL
STEPHEN FASS**

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life of Joel Stephen Fass, a brilliant legal mind, community advocate, and my dear friend.

Mr. Fass, along with his law partner Michael Colodny, formed the firm Colodny Fass in Broward County, Florida in 1974. Mr. Fass