

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR JAMES R. BANKS, II

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church, a beacon of devotion and service in Buffalo, New York. As we honor this momentous occasion, may we reflect on the church's incredible history, its unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel, and the transformative impact it has had in the lives of countless individuals over seven decades.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1955 by Pastor Roscoe Marion Mitchell and Deacon Dwight Smallwood, Sr. In 1981, Pastor James R. Banks, II took on the leadership of the church, and under his dedicated guidance, it has grown and prospered. Pastor Banks' steadfast commitment to his congregation has played a pivotal role in the church's continued success.

Pastor Banks, who is married to Mrs. Judy Shaw-Banks, a devoted partner in ministry, has three daughters and six grandchildren. As a distinguished educator, consultant, and preacher, he has faithfully served as the church's leader for more than forty years, making him the longest-serving pastor in Buffalo.

Additionally, Pastor Banks has initiated several transformative programs, including the Mitchell-Coefield Scholarship Fund to assist youth in pursuing higher education and the Tithe Ministry, which supports local community organizations with financial aid. The church's vibrant ministries, such as the choirs, usher boards, Nurses Guild, and Trustee Ministry, continue to reflect its deep and enduring mission.

Mr. Speaker, today as we celebrate seven decades of ministry, let us honor the countless lives who have walked into Faith Missionary Baptist Church and have been touched by Pastor Banks' teachings. I congratulate Pastor James R. Banks, II and the entire congregation on this significant milestone, his unwavering dedication to Faith Missionary Baptist Church is a blessing, and we look forward to many more years of his inspired leadership.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 33, UNITED STATES-TAIWAN EXPEDITED DOUBLE-TAX RELIEF ACT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I wish to reiterate my strong support for normal-

izing our tax treatment of Taiwan and for legislation which passed this House last week on January 15, 2025, H.R. 33, the United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act, introduced by my good friend and colleague JASON SMITH of Missouri.

As this legislation notes, Taiwan's international status is "unique," and for far too long this bastion of democracy, constitutionalism and freedom on the front line facing Communist China has been disadvantaged by its irregular juridical status.

It makes no sense to penalize Taiwanese investors while privileging investors from Communist China, especially when Taiwanese companies such as TSMC and Global Wafers are investing money so we can securely manufacture microchips and silicon wafers in the United States.

This is not simply a fairness issue, but also a national security issue. Agents from Communist China are buying farmland near strategically-sensitive locations, and coopting our universities into becoming research arms of the People's Liberation Army. Meanwhile, Taiwan is investing tens of billions of dollars to build semiconductor factories in America at our invitation so we can help insulate ourselves from mainland Chinese pressure. The U.S. should be disincentivizing investment from Communist China while encouraging investment from democratic Taiwan—not the other way around—and this legislation goes a long way to balancing the scales.

I also note that our American Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan strongly supports this legislation. This legislation will also strengthen bilateral investments between the United States and Taiwan.

I thank Mr. SMITH (of Missouri) and Speaker JOHNSON for making this legislation a priority so early this Congress. I call on the Senate to swiftly pass this important legislation.

CELEBRATING THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN DR. JOHN B. LONG

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Dr. John B. Long, a distinguished World War II veteran, who has been a pillar of the Buffalo, New York community for decades. Dr. Long's life is a testament to courage, commitment, and service that spans both military and civilian spheres, and it is with great honor that we celebrate his story today.

Born on January 18, 1927, Dr. Long's path of service in the military began in June 1945, just after completing high school, when he was drafted into the United States Army. After undergoing basic training at Camp Wheeler in Macon, Georgia, Dr. Long prepared for the anticipated invasion of Japan. However, with Ja-

pan's surrender, his infantry division was redirected to Germany as part of the Army of Occupation, a critical mission during the post-war era.

After fulfilling his military duties with honor, Dr. Long returned home and pursued higher education, ultimately earning his Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine degree, which allowed him to establish a successful chiropractic practice in Buffalo. For decades, Dr. Long dedicated himself to the well-being of his patients, offering care with compassion, integrity, and professionalism.

Dr. Long holds life memberships in several veterans' organizations and has earned numerous accolades throughout his life. Among his many honors, he was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2017, a testament to his exceptional service. Additionally, his contributions were recognized at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, further reflecting his enduring legacy of patriotism, dedication, and commitment to his community and fellow veterans. The "Staff Sergeant John B. Long Tactical Operations Center" is located on the second floor of the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park Museum.

Today, we celebrate Dr. John B. Long's 98th birthday. Dr. Long's life is a testament to resilience, unwavering devotion, and exceptional service to both his country and his community. His lifelong dedication has set a remarkable standard for all of us, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations. Please join me in thanking Dr. Long for his long and meritorious service to our Nation and community and wishing him a very happy birthday with many more to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICIALS RESIDENCY EQUALITY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Federal Judicial Officials Residency Equality Act, which would require the federal district court judges, federal circuit court judges, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshals and federal court clerk appointed to serve D.C. to reside in D.C. In nearly every other jurisdiction in the United States, such officials are required by federal law to reside in the jurisdiction they have been appointed to serve. The only exceptions are the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal for the Northern Mariana Islands who at the same time are serving in the same capacity in another jurisdiction, and officials appointed to the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York, which are the only districts in different parts of the same city.

The requirement that these federal officials reside in the jurisdiction they serve is related

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to knowledge of the community and to the effect of decisions. As stated in the official commentary to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, "a judge should not become isolated from the society in which the judge lives." The same holds true for other federal officials. This bill recognizes that D.C. deserves federal officials with the same understanding of and links to the community as Congress has seen fit to require for federal officials in other jurisdictions.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### CELEBRATING THE EXPANSION OF ASCEND PHYSICAL THERAPY

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Ascend Physical Therapy, a leader in outpatient physical therapy since its founding as Southshore Physical Therapy in 1981. It is with great enthusiasm that I highlight the opening of their newest location in North Tonawanda, New York. This expansion continues the practice's four decade tradition of providing exceptional, one-on-one manual therapy services to communities across Western New York.

Founded with a commitment to patient-centered care, the practice rebranded as Ascend Physical Therapy in 2007, reflecting its dedication to progressive, evidence-based treatments. The new office will bring Ascend's renowned hands-on therapeutic approach to the City of North Tonawanda, New York.

Dr. Bernard J. Ryan, owner of Ascend Physical Therapy and a distinguished alumnus of D'Youville University, brings over twenty years of experience and a history of proven success. His dedication is a reflection of the organization's commitment to providing personalized, effective care for every patient.

Dr. Ryan is joined by Dr. Ryan Conti, a skilled physical therapist and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, who has been an integral member of the Ascend team for over a decade. Together, Dr. Ryan and Dr. Conti have combined their expertise to guide individuals in achieving their health and wellness goal, ensuring the continuation of Ascend's commitment to exceptional care.

Today, we celebrate the ongoing success and growth of Ascend Physical Therapy and

their steadfast commitment to empowering patients across Western New York. With the increasing need for quality physical therapy services, Ascend remains at the forefront of innovation and expansion, continually adapting to meet the needs of our community. I congratulate Ascend Physical Therapy as they continue to provide exceptional care and contribute to the well-being of our region.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JANUARY 22

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.

SR-253

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be

Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

##### JANUARY 23

9 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider Amendment of Rule 6(b) of the Committee Rules to establish the reporting quorum, an original resolution to provide for the funding of the Committee for the 119th Congress, and the nominations of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior, and Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

SD-106

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider committee rules and procedures, subcommittee organization and jurisdiction for the 119th Congress, and the nomination of Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-538

##### JANUARY 28

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the VA's Community Care Program.

SR-418