

## 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 Tuloso-Midway 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 Heseled, the oldest synagogue in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Temple Heseled'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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