

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. MARTY STEIN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

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Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a prominent active citizen, businessman, and well-known philanthropist whose good works have had an impact on every corner of Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Marty Stein passed away on March 2, 2006.

Raised in a modest immigrant Milwaukee household, Mr. Stein's business success vaulted him from humble origins to a major philanthropic career. Having lived out his own version of the American dream, he embraced every opportunity to afford others the same experience.

A true citizen of the world, Mr. Stein contributed to almost every major fundraising effort in the Milwaukee area. He not only took a special interest in issues of poverty and hunger, but he contributed widely and often. Well known are his associations as a patron of the Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Hunger Task Force and the United Way. His support was central to the development of the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. America's Black Holocaust Museum and the Betty Brinn Children's Museum were among his passions. These are but a few of his priority projects; in fact, his generous contributions are too numerous to list.

Mr. Stein also gave of himself, making a tremendous personal commitment of time and energy. He contributed to Big Brothers Big Sisters, but he also participated as a Big Brother, mentoring young children and helping them imagine and live out a better future. He helped refugee and immigrant services organi-

zations stay afloat, but he also met those immigrants at the airport and personally welcomed them to Milwaukee. Mr. Stein was a passionate civic leader with global vision who understood that Milwaukee's fate was inextricably tied to an international community. He assisted with the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel and funded entrepreneurial initiatives for youth in the then Soviet Union. His Jewish identity was the cornerstone of his drive to lead and his commitment to serve, and he traveled to Israel dozens of times as he deepened the spiritual dimensions of his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, in Marty Stein's death, we in the Milwaukee community have experienced a profound loss. Today I gratefully thank him and his family for their immeasurable achievements, I mourn his loss, and I salute his legacy.

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