

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