

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 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 Michigan City, Indiana, as the congregation joins together in celebration of the church's 100th anniversary. The parishioners along with Mount Zion's pastor, Reverend Dr. Stanley Mason and leadership, will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a celebratory banquet on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

In 1919, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was established in Michigan City by the church's founding members, Reverend and Mrs. John McGee, Mr. John Gibbons, Mother Emma Wilkies, Mother Lola Bolden, and Sister Willie Lee Thomas. After many years of holding church services in member's homes and store fronts, the congregation and leadership purchased a church building in 1923. Mount Zion has been through numerous changes in leadership, membership, and location throughout the past century, but the foundation of giving back to the community has been a steadfast and important mission, and it continues to this day.

Throughout the years, the members of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church have been dedicated to charitable efforts within the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond. Some of the church's important public service projects include providing Christmas baskets for those in need, visitation for the sick, and Sunday school programs.

Under the leadership of the current pastor, Reverend Dr. Stanley Mason, new educational ministries have been established, and charity work has continued and expanded. In addition, the church building has undergone numerous improvements, and the membership has increased. Reverend Mason 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 Michigan City, 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.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHN R. FLINT

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the distinguished career of John R. Flint, City Manager of my hometown of Weston, Florida.

Mr. Flint is one of Broward County's long-serving public servants. Appointed as the City of Weston's first City Manager in July 1997, Mr. Flint is the Chief Executive Officer of the nation's premier municipal corporation. Incorporated in 1996 by an overwhelming percentage of its voters, Weston quickly gained international attention for being one of the country's largest master-planned communities and for the progressive form of contractual municipal management which Mr. Flint has instituted. He currently oversees services to the City's 67,000 residents, over an area of 27 square miles.

Mr. Flint has served in local government management capacities in the cities of Hollywood and Cooper City where he was responsible for the design, construction and management of municipal infrastructure. He has received both gubernatorial and legislative appointments furthering his community service.

John is a consummate professional whom I am proud to call my friend. I wish him well on his retirement and thank him for the thoughtful and committed work he has done to enrich and safeguard the residents of Weston.

FAFSA TRANSLATION ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention to the need to have the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form available in multiple foreign languages. Currently, FAFSA forms are available only in English and Spanish.

That is why I am introducing the FAFSA Translation Act, which would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 by requiring the Secretary of Education to translate FAFSA into no fewer than 11 foreign languages and make them available in paper and electronic formats.

Madam Speaker, the cost of higher education continues to skyrocket, and all students and families in the United States—regardless of how proficient they are in English—are entitled to seek the same financial aid they need to help pay for college. Those who face significant language barriers should not be forced to rely on for-profit companies that charge hundreds of dollars to translate this free applica-

tion. Translating FAFSA into various languages will help make the financial aid process less complicated for many families across the country. Ultimately, this would allow more students to access higher education—which is critical for the economic health of the nation. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR'S COMMUNITY-LED SOLAR INSTALLATION PROJECT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Ann Arbor's community-led solar installation project. The city's efforts to increase its use of renewable energy are worthy of commendation.

The Ann Arbor City Council passed the Climate Action Plan in December of 2012 to help combat the effects of climate change by reducing the city's emissions. In the years since, the city has striven to discover new ways to implement clean and renewable energy alternatives within the city's daily operations, exploring possibilities with sun, wind, landfill gas, and hydro energy sources. Having an average of 4 to 6 hours of sun exposure every day, sun in Southeast Michigan can satisfy a significant portion of the Ann Arbor community's needs. Thus, the city is increasingly investing in solar energy opportunities and seeking new ways to incorporate its use.

The City of Ann Arbor's solar installation project exemplifies the community's continued commitment to climate action, environmental protection, and public safety. Through the hard work of dozens of community volunteers from all walks of life, the project will lead to the installation of solar panels on the roof of Ann Arbor Fire Station 6, thereby lowering the station's harmful emissions. The solar installation project has a real and meaningful impact on Ann Arbor, as it brings our community together not only to decrease the city's carbon footprint, but to enhance the ability to guard against future, unpredictable disruptions to the city's public safety services like the fire department.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the City of Ann Arbor's community-led solar installation project. I am proud to be part of a community that is so dedicated to protecting our climate and environment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 19, 2019

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