

clothing closet, lunch program, tutoring and many other services of its ministries, the church carries on the mission of faith, uplifting all those who seek solace and assistance.

Madam Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church continues to serve as a place of worship and inspiration and its dedicated service to its congregants and the greater Asbury Park community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
JOE COLAIZZI

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Joseph Colaizzi's thirty-five years of dedicated service to the Kansas City Rescue Mission (KCRM). As the U.S. Representative for Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, it brings me great joy to honor a lifelong community advocate and the indelible mark he has left on the community.

Rev. Joe Colaizzi was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He later moved to Ohio where he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Cincinnati before joining the production team for the timeless series that captivated the hearts of so many—Mr. Roger's

Neighborhood. Rev. Colaizzi went on to become the Director of Instructional Television at Carnegie Mellon University. While at Carnegie Mellon, Rev. Colaizzi had a life-changing encounter with his faith. Eventually, Rev. Colaizzi found shelter at Lamb's Manhattan Church of the Nazarene, where he subsequently served the homeless for seven years as a ministry team member and eventually Associate Pastor. It was also at Lamb's Manhattan Church of the Nazarene where Rev. Colaizzi met and married his loving wife Marilyn.

In 1983, the Colaizzi family moved to Kansas City and planted roots, allowing Joseph to pursue his Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary while volunteering at the Kansas City Rescue Mission. The seeds Reverend Colaizzi planted for his life began to flourish as he assumed his role as the Executive Director of Kansas City Rescue Mission. For Rev. Colaizzi, success has always been measured by the joy brought to him by selflessly serving others and working tirelessly to build a more equitable, inclusive, and unified community for all.

KCRM was established in 1950 with a mission to serve people in need, opening their doors to the poor, homeless, hungry, and hurting. Focused on serving marginalized communities with dignity, KCRM offers individuals a multitude of services, including case management, recovery programs, job and life skills through educational services, and the opportunity to participate in their social enterprise program. Regardless of an individual's current situation, KCRM empowers clients to overcome their obstacles in their life and gives them hope for a brighter future and the tools to achieve it.

Under Rev. Colaizzi's stewardship, Kansas City Rescue Mission has grown from one employee to sixty, increasing the organization's capacity to broaden their reach and presence in the community. The Kansas City Rescue Mission Men's Center, which once provided only emergency shelter, meals, and chapel services for thirty homeless men a day, now serves up to 140 men daily and provides additional services, including residential addiction recovery, health care, and counseling, just to name a few.

Rev. Colaizzi's passion to serve others is further evidenced by his initiation of the Reaching Up, Moving Forward campaign in 2011 that funded the establishment of the Kansas City Rescue Mission Women's Center. This twenty-bed facility opened July 15, 2013 and provides residential recovery, counseling, therapy, and case management services for single, homeless women, many with co-occurring disorders.

To this day, Reverend Joseph Colaizzi remains an active, integral member of the community and consistently directs his efforts towards the betterment of people's lives in and around Kansas City. Rev. Colaizzi's leadership and advocacy is unparalleled and inspiring.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring thirty-five years of dedicated service to the community by Reverend Joseph Colaizzi through his ministry and direction at the Kansas City Rescue Mission. Let us honor the profound legacy of Rev. Colaizzi and the impact he has made through his benevolent spirit and passion to serve.