

organizations speaks to the devotion of one committed to service.

In addition to his leadership in the business and philanthropic community, Joe was a loving husband of more than 50 years to Jackie, father to Jeremy and Jo Leigh, and a proud grandfather. He was a dear friend and mentor to many in both Texas and well beyond our borders.

While we mourn Joe Williams' passing, his presence was a blessing for all who knew him. The positive and lasting impacts he had on the lives of others will remain forever in our hearts.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2163, THE COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this important legislation. As our country faces a public health and economic crisis, we are in desperate need of the talents of black men and boys to address these unprecedented challenges.

Our country's history of institutional racism has caused tremendous inequality. This legislation confronts the educational and economic disparities experienced by black men and boys for far too long.

This nation will rise when all of us are able to rise together.

I thank my friends, Congresswomen FREDERICA WILSON and LUCY MCBATH, for their inspiring leadership.

HONORING ROBERT BENDORF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Bendorf and his incredible 31-year career devoted to the people of Yuba County. As Mr. Bendorf retires from his position at the helm of Yuba County, he offers a prime example of the beneficial impact that a single person can have to his or her community.

Mr. Bendorf began his career with the Yuba County Sheriffs department in 1986 and joined the County Administrator's office in 2000. He has been appointed to serve on numerous state and local committees and commissions including AB 109, Court Transfers, County—Court Mediations, CSAC—League of Cities Task Force on Homelessness, the Governor Brown's No Place Like Home Advisory Committee and the CSAC Finance Corporation. He is President of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. Mr. Bendorf has been serving as the County Administrator in Yuba County for the past 15 years.

Along with his duties as County Administrator, Mr. Bendorf also serves as the Director of Emergency Services. Along with a Deputy OES Director and two additional full-time staff, Yuba County has developed a state-of-the-art

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and alternate sites ready at the "flip of a switch." Supplemented by national, state and locally trained section chiefs, EOC equipment is always ready and designed to rapidly be relocated to different locations. In recent years Yuba's EOC has had to activate, along with our partners, for two high water events, the Oroville Dam Incident, CASCADE Fire, CAMP Fire and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Bendorf's career in Yuba County has been truly noteworthy over the years through his active involvement and work for the betterment of the community. While his presence on the board will surely be missed, the 15 years that he dedicated to serving the residents of Yuba County has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many more years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, please accept my sincere gratitude for your dedicated service and best wishes upon your retirement and future endeavors and accomplishments.

TONI AND LARRY WINKLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toni and Larry Winkler for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

Toni and Larry Winkler employ over 100 people across their three local businesses—WL Contractors, Steel Affairs and the Lamar Street Center. They continuously give back to the community by offering non-profit, military and political discounts, and hosting and supporting events such as the 9Health Fair, which provides free and low-cost health services to the community.

In addition, the Winklers generously donate goods and services to local non-profits such as Food for Thought, Community Table, Ralston House, Police K9 Association, Morgan Adams Foundation and the Jefferson County Business Education Alliance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Toni and Larry Winkler for this well-deserved award and appreciate their contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on July 27, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

CHILD CARE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT AND THE CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation that is before the House to ensure access to child care, a critical work support for tens of millions of Americans.

Childcare is a necessary work enabler. Conversely, lack of access to childcare hinders the ability of many, including women and marginalized persons, to enter, re-enter, or stay in the workforce. High quality and affordable childcare is a necessity, not a luxury so I am glad that these two excellent bills are being debated today.

Even with recent increases in federal appropriations for programs like the Child Care and Development Block Grant, only about 1 in 6 eligible children received federal childcare assistance prior to the pandemic, fewer children than were helped in 2006.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated prior childcare shortages, making it difficult for essential workers to find care during their work hours—even for those who had reliable childcare before the pandemic. In the meantime, childcare providers have been hit hard, laying off employees and closing permanently or facing the threat of permanent closure. During this pandemic, childcare facilities that want to stay open or reopen are generally serving far fewer children. A recent survey found that the majority (65 percent of those childcare facilities that remain open report operating at less than 25 percent capacity, so that even while open they continue to lose money.

Yet as great as the need was before this pandemic, it may get worse.

One estimate by the Center for American Progress found that nearly 4.5 million existing childcare slots are at risk of being lost permanently.

Without access to childcare, many Americans cannot go back to work. Without support from the federal government, quite frankly, I am concerned that the loss of childcare slots will continue to hinder our communities even long after we hit public health milestones needed to safely reopen.

With the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act (H.R. 7327) and the Child Care is Essential Act (H.R. 7027), House Democrats are again leading the way in helping ensure we meet the real needs facing Americans hard hit by this pandemic. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in both chambers to join us.

Among other provisions, H.R. 7327 would make the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit refundable, allowing many low- and middle-income families to claim the credit for the first time. To help childcare providers, the bill would create a 50 percent refundable payroll tax credit for mortgage obligations, rent obligations, and utility payments incurred by childcare facilities that have been affected by COVID-19.

H.R. 7327 would also increase mandatory federal funding through the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) program for the first time in over decade, raising the amount to \$10 billion per year. The bill also supplies an additional pot of funds—some \$850 million—to help essential workers find childcare.