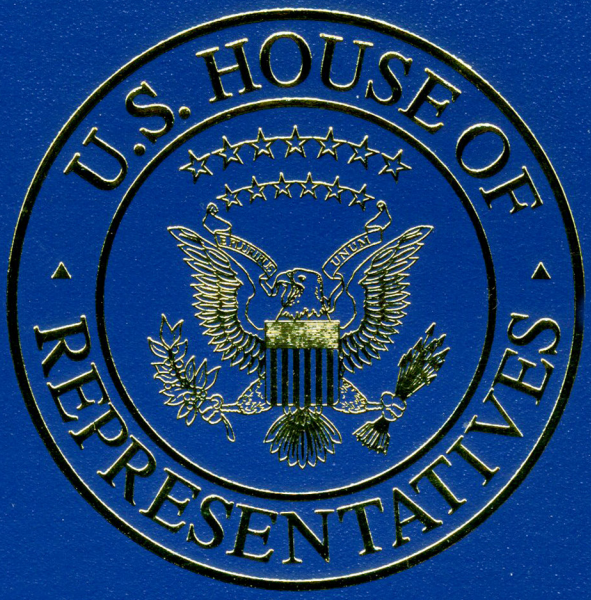
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### IN SUPPORT OF STAN LEE'S RESPECT INITIATIVE

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
BY
**HON. MARK DESAULNIER**
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, Marvel Comics legend, Stan Lee, co-creator of such iconic characters as Spider-Man, the Avengers, and X-Men, with the contribution of his daughter, J.C., seeing the challenges faced in the country launched the RESPECT Initiative symbolized by the ''Hands of Respect'' pin to build bridges in communications, encourage dialogue, and bring together and inspire all community members to respect one another.

With the goal to get ''Hands of Respect'' pins throughout the country, community members of all ages will get involved in this important movement. Through the efforts of Concord, California, resident and RESPECT Initiative Executive Director, Jerry Olivarez, it is acknowledged that the City of Concord, led by Mayor Laura Hoffmeister and Chief Guy Swanger, is the first city in the country where the Mayor and Chief of Police officially support the concept of the RESPECT campaign.

I encourage all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to wear the ''Hands of Respect'' pin to show support for this initiative and encourage their constituents to join the conversation and participate in the campaign by visiting www.handsofrespect.com. Initiatives like ''Hands of Respect'' are important to bringing communities together and I commend the efforts of all who are involved in my Congressional District, the State of California, and the nation.