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## *House of Representatives*

*The Honorable William R. Keating*

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**In Recognition of Rep. Gerlach, Amb. Wittig and the German American Business Council**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman Jim Gerlach, the German American Business Council and German Ambassador Peter Wittig.

For the past two years, Mr. Gerlach has demonstrated remarkable leadership and vision as one of the founding members of the German American Caucus. His dedication alongside that of Ambassador Wittig and the German American Business Council leadership has proven invaluable in strengthening the long-standing political, cultural and economic ties between the United States and Germany. More than 35 million American citizens claim German ancestry, and through their combined efforts, Congressman Gerlach and the German American Business Council have ensured that their contributions continue to grow.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Congressman Gerlach, Ambassador Wittig and the German American Business Council for their extraordinary service. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing all of them.