

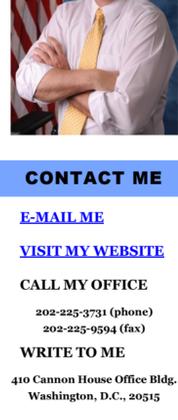
Tom Marino

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District residents share historic moment

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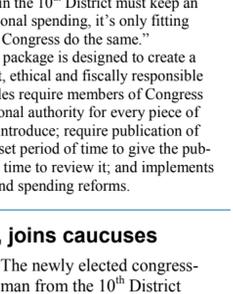
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LOOKING AHEAD

- **Monday, Jan. 17**
Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day
(Federal Holiday)
- **Wednesday, Jan 19**
Vote on the repeal of last year's health-care reform bill



Rep. Marino is interviewed by a television reporter on Jan. 5 in his D.D. office.

Jan. 5 was a historic day for the nation, as well as for Congressman Marino and his family. One of the brightest spots – and there were many – was the outpouring of support from the residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania. “I am so grateful and humbled by the all of the 10th District residents who made the trip to Washington, D.C., and who shared in this landmark day for me,” Rep. Marino said. “I am inspired by all of you who wrote to me, called and e-mailed and most of all, remembered me in your prayers.” Though the first day was a celebratory one, the quiet in the office the next day was a reminder of the seriousness of the work that lies ahead, Rep. Marino said. “There is so much hard work to be done. We have to do it in a just and fair-minded manner with the knowledge that the good people of this nation sent us here to make a difference. It’s not an easy task but it’s one I welcome.”

Tragedy strikes, our nation mourns

Three days after the 112th Congress was sworn into office and just two days after the historic reading of the U.S. Constitution on the House floor, tragedy struck.

While doing what a representative is supposed to be doing – meeting with her constituents in person – Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was shot outside a Tucson supermarket.

Rep. Giffords was one of 14 wounded in the senseless attack. Six others, including 9-year-old Christina Green, Federal Judge John Roll and congressional aide Gabe Zimmerman, were killed.

“We continue to pray for a full recovery of the victims and extend our sympathy to the families of those who died especially the parents and relatives of little Christina who showed so much promise,” Congressman Marino said.

Rep. Marino submitted a state-

ment into the Congressional Record on Jan. 12, 2011, honoring the victims of the shooting, and recognizing the heroic actions of the individuals who put their lives on the line to bring down the gunman before he had the opportunity to reload his weapon.

He also recognized the emergency responders, nurses, doctors and all medical personnel who have worked tirelessly through these difficult times and whose efforts undoubtedly saved lives.

The incident brought a wave of questions regarding security for members of Congress, their staffs and constituents.

“Our D.C. and district offices will work with the Capitol Police, district law-enforcement officials and the House Sergeant-At-Arms to develop a plan of action and protocol that ensures the safety of all at events we hold within the 10th District and in the nation’s capital,” Rep. Marino said.



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Marino: ‘It’s only fair that we scale back our spending too’

Congressman Marino is proud to say that among the first votes he cast as your congressman was one that cuts the size of his own office budget.

This 5-percent cut in office budgets for all members of Congress and leadership offices, will save the taxpayers \$35.2 million.

“It’s only fair that we scale back at a time when many Americans are suffering,” Rep. Marino said. “Unemployment remains at a high rate and many families are struggling to get by while businesses hesitate to invest more money. “That’s still our No. 1 priority: to repair the U.S. economy.”

Congressman Marino supported the new House rules package that makes it more difficult to spend federal tax dollars.

“American taxpayers work hard for every dollar they earn,” the congressman said. “Since the hard-working people in the 10th District must keep an eye on their personal spending, it’s only fitting that members of Congress do the same.”

The House rules package is designed to create a more transparent, ethical and fiscally responsible process. New rules require members of Congress to cite constitutional authority for every piece of legislation they introduce; require publication of legislation for a set period of time to give the public and members time to review it; and implements several budget and spending reforms.

Congressman assigned to 3 key committees, joins caucuses

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He will serve on the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Foreign Affairs committees.

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ror his experience.

“I don’t think there is anything more important than to serve on a committee that is dedicated to protecting our people and our land,” Rep. Marino said of the Homeland Security assignment.

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We are a strong people. Our resolve will enable us to come back even stronger from this terrible

tragedy.

"I remain committed to traveling throughout the 10th, meeting with my constituents – it's the part of the job that I most look forward to," the congressman said. "We will just be more diligent and cautious."

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He also has joined three caucuses: 1) Congressional Sportsman Caucus; (2) Immigration Reform Caucus; and (3) Congressional Coal Caucus.

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"My 18 years of experience will help me with this committee that writes criminal law, protects the law of the land and strives to keep our children safe," the congressman said. "This committee is often referred to as the guardian of the Constitution and I cannot think of a more noble mission."

Priorities for the Committee on Homeland Security include: stopping the Obama administration's plans to transfer Guantanamo detainees and try them in civilian courts; holding hearings on the plans to close Guantanamo; holding hearings on the attack at Fort Hood; and enacting additional border security legislation to curb illegal immigration.

The Foreign Affairs Committee is involved with the oversight and legislation relating to foreign assistance, national security developments affecting foreign policy, strategic planning and agreements, war powers, treaties, arms control and the deployment and use of the U.S. Armed Forces. The panel also deals with international law-enforcement issues including narcotics control programs and activities.

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"My work as a U.S. Attorney involved not only domestic work but international relations with other countries and I'm sure that will help with this committee assignment," Marino said. "I'm glad to be able to play a role to help the United States establish a peaceful relationship with other nations."

Marino said he was honored to be asked to sit on a third committee – which he says is unique for a freshman congressman.

"There is a lot of work to do as far as foreign relations go, with the Middle East and Korea," Marino said. "There are some pressing issues and I look forward to helping to work with my colleagues to help solve them."

