

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Victor Marx is a man dedicated to spreading the great truth that even in the face of hate and violence, the love of God can heal even the most wounded among us. Victor's full life story has been chronicled in the book, *The Victor Marx Story*, and in a film by the same name.

Victor's animating, faith-motivated, moral imperative to help the suffering has fueled the mission of All Things Possible to free children from abuse and the effects of its trauma.

Therefore, I rise today to recognize and commend Victor Marx and All Things Possible Ministries for the work they do to reach out and embrace traumatized individuals across the world.

In 2015, All Things Possible launched high-risk missions to bring hope to those suffering abuse at the hands of evil in the Middle East. Victor and his team, including Dave Eubank of Free the Oppressed (FTO), visited Iraq to help over 300 young women and children who were previously held captive or traumatized by the violence of ISIS.

In an effort to provide children with tangible comfort, ATP launched the Lions and Lambs project. More than 11,000 boys and girls have received stuffed animals that play cultural songs and prayers in a language native to their region. These signs of "huggable hope" remind them they are not forgotten by the outside world.

In 2016, Victor and his team initiated efforts to find persecuted Christian families in Northern Iraq and move them to safe havens in neighboring countries. To date, ATP has relocated more than forty individuals specifically targeted by ISIS for elimination, giving them hope for a safer, better life and restoring their faith in the human spirit.

Last year, ATP launched The Third Option with the goal of offering concrete alternatives to those vulnerable to ISIS recruitment. ATP unites with moderate leaders of the Islamic faith to pursue this goal. Recognizing Victor as a "man of the book," a key leader of the Sunni Endowment is now working with ATP to craft a common narrative designed to prevent men of military age from being assimilated into ISIS.

Mr. Speaker, the prophet Isaiah said, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.”

Victor Marx and All Things Possible Ministries have brought this powerful imagery to life in a very touching way. It should encourage us all to relentlessly pursue that day when the light of hope will fall across all the lonely faces of God's children all over the world and future generations (of those whom Jesus called the least of these our brothers and sisters), will be able to walk in the sunlight of liberty for as long as mankind inhabits the earth.