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Representative Snyder Applauds Task Force Membership

 $Rep.\ Snyder\ commends\ Task\ Force\ membership,\ congratulates\ Wausau\ members\ on\ appointment$

Madison... Representative Pat Snyder (R- Schofield) made the following statement regarding the announcement of the members of the Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities:

"I am extremely pleased to see that several members of the Wausau Community that I recommended have been appointed to the Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities. Pastor Yauo Yang and Tony Gonzalez will be thoughtful, engaged members of the Task Force that will serve as important voices for our communities."

The Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities was formed in late August. It will be co-chaired by Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) and Representative Sheila Stubbs (R-Madison) and has been assigned with studying racial disparities, educational opportunities, public safety, and police policies and standards. Membership of the Task Force was <u>announced</u> by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos today. There are four legislative members and 28 community members, including 2 from Wausau.

Pastor Yauo Yang is the pastor of The Cross of Wausau and the leader of the Wausau Joseph Project, which seeks to help individuals obtain jobs through providing life and job skills training, and connecting those individuals with employers looking to hire.

Tony Gonzalez is the Founder and Co-Chair of Toward One Wausau, an organization that seeks to make the Wausau community welcoming to diverse people through community conversation on culture, diversity and collaboration.

"It has been an honor to work with and get to know Tony and Pastor Yang." Rep. Snyder added. "I look forward to seeing the ways in which they contribute meaningfully to this important, statewide discussion."

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The 85th Assembly District includes the Cities of Wausau and Schofield; the Villages of Rothschild, Elderon, and Hatley; and the Towns of Ringle, Norrie, Weston, Bevent, Easton, Reid and Franzen.