

**The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski**  
**U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (1985–2011)**

**Segregated City**

Representative Kanjorski shares his memories of segregation in the South while he was a Page.  
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When I came to Washington, I couldn't share a hotel with, with a Black person, I couldn't go to a restaurant where a Black person lived. There weren't any Blacks in our class. I mean it was really a segregated city and that was shocking, to me it was shocking. When we crossed the Mason-Dixon Line from Pennsylvania, through into Maryland, to get to Washington, I'll never forget the first—my father had to stop at a gas station to get fueled up. And I couldn't understand what the gas station attendant was saying to me, he had such a deep southern accent, and that was a really a first impression because again at that time, people don't realize, but the South was still an extremely—even border states, were extremely isolated in the United States.