

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 16, 2023*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Engineering Education at California State University, Fresno. Since its founding, the Lyles College of Engineering at Fresno State has prepared the Central Valley's engineering workforce by providing a quality education for college students.

The origin of Fresno State's engineering programs dates back to the 1922–1923 academic year, when Professor Herbert Wheaton was hired as the university's first civil engineering instructor with 35 students enrolled in the program. In the decades to come, the College of Engineering would only continue to expand with the emergence of the civil engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering programs. Fresno State launched its geomatics engineering program in 1979, which became the first accredited professional geomatics program in the United States to prepare students for careers in surveying and engineering related to the earth's surface. Today, the Lyles College of Engineering offers a comprehensive set of seven undergraduate degree programs, including architectural studies, civil engineering, computer engineering, construction management, electrical engineering, geomatics engineering, and mechanical engineering, as well as five graduate degree programs.

Over the past 100 years, Fresno State has educated tens of thousands of engineering students and has contributed to the development of a highly skilled engineering workforce for California and the nation. Fresno State graduates have made great strides in the Central Valley, the United States, and around the world. Today, over 60 percent of its students are the first to attend college in their families.

Lyles College has produced presidents and CEOs of large corporations, astronauts, entrepreneurs, designers, construction managers, engineers, and innovators who have served in both public and private sectors. Notable alumni include: Sam Iacobellis, an icon of the aerospace industry who led the manufacturing of the B–1 bomber during the Cold War; James Kardach, a tech innovator who contributed greatly towards the development of the Bluetooth standard; and Colonel Rick Husband, astronaut and commander of the U.S. Space Shuttle *Columbia*. A total of 26 alumni from Lyles College have been honored with Fresno State's distinguished Top Dog Alumni.

Today, Lyles College is an essential part of educating the future workforce and preparing students with the technological skills required to succeed. In addition to its impact on the students it serves, the Lyles College of Engi-

neering has strong partnerships with local and regional industry groups and government agencies, and it is a catalyst for regional economic development.

Lyles College has contributed valuable research in areas such as transportation, structural engineering, water technologies, deep space networks, and agricultural technologies. At the dawn of its second century, Lyles College is well positioned for growth in innovation, research, and academic programs, and it will continue its leadership and impact in the greater San Joaquin Valley of California and beyond.

On behalf of the 20th Congressional District of California, I would like to congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and leadership at the Lyles College of Engineering for 100 successful years of engineering education at California State University, Fresno, and know that Fresno State will continue to be integral in graduating the next century of innovators of our Valley, State and Nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUROR PAY PARITY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 16, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Juror Pay Parity Act, which would require D.C.'s local trial court, the Superior Court, to pay jurors the same amount federal courts pay jurors. Currently, the Superior Court pays jurors the same amount as federal jurors, but the Superior Court has sometimes paid less.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, Congress assumed responsibility for funding the local D.C. courts. The local D.C. courts, however, have always been under the direct control of Congress, even when they were funded by D.C. The D.C. Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law with respect to any provision of Title 11 of the D.C. Code. Under Title 11, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court sets juror pay.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF JEFF GREGORY'S SERVICE TO THE PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JOHN S. DUARTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 16, 2023*

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Jeff Gregory for his dedicated service to the Patterson Fire Department and, at this moment, celebrate his thoroughly earned retirement.

Chief Gregory was raised in the Modesto area and has lived in Patterson since 1979. He is married and has two daughters. His involvement in the fire service began as a firefighter with the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department in June of 1986. Chief Gregory worked his way up through the Volunteer Fire Service ranks and became a Volunteer Captain on September 1, 2001. In December, he was promoted again to Volunteer Battalion Chief. On May 1, 2003, his full-time fire service career began when he was hired by the City of Patterson Fire Department, in a partnership with the West Stanislaus Fire Protection District, as the Division Chief. In this new role, Chief Gregory's duties included training coordination, facilities maintenance, and overseeing the purchasing, maintenance, and repair of the fire apparatus and emergency equipment.

Chief Gregory was ultimately appointed as the permanent Fire Chief on September 21, 2016. Throughout his tenure as Fire Chief, he has had numerous accomplishments and achievements that have improved the delivery of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Western Stanislaus County. One of his successes includes improving and expanding the Patterson Fire Department's Advanced Life Support Program to ensure that both city fire stations and assigned apparatus have advanced life support equipment available to on-duty Fire Paramedics. Chief Gregory has also been instrumental in modernizing the fire fleet and emergency equipment for the City of Patterson and West Stanislaus Fire Agencies. Chief Gregory's vision for the fire service has significantly improved the force and has also had a positive impact on his community.

During the Covid–19 Pandemic, Chief Gregory would often work or remain on-call for over 100 hours per week to ensure that everyone in the City of Patterson or the West Stanislaus Fire District would receive help when they called 911 for assistance.

Chief Gregory's commitment to public service, spanning 37 years, is truly commendable. Every day, he tirelessly strived to serve the people of his community—sometimes at the expense of his own personal time and comfort. His service will be greatly missed by his community and everyone who worked alongside him.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF GARY CARPENTER

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 16, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Gary Carpenter for the excellent professional and dedicated service he has rendered as the Congressional Liaison for the United States Air Force Academy for the past 18 years.

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He previously served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1982 to 2004, as an active-duty enlisted Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Northern Command/NORAD and the Uniformed Services University. The productive and collaborative relationships he has fostered between the USAFA Directorate of Admissions and congressional offices across the nation will be greatly missed. I have no doubt Mr. Carpenter will leave USAFA in good hands. His accomplishments attest to his integrity, quality of character and his dedication to the institution and country which he has served with such honor.

It has been the privilege of my staff to work with him and his office throughout the years on behalf of potential Air Force Academy candidates from Texas. As he moves on to new challenges, Mr. Carpenter has had a tremendous and positive impact on the futures of thousands of students and military leaders.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I extend my warmest regards to Gary Carpenter on a job well done and wish him all the very best in the future. He has our thanks and gratitude.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### OCTOBER 18

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine military to civilian transition, focusing on success after service.

SD-G50

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine achieving health care efficiency, focusing on improving care and lowering costs.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, each to be a Federal

Trade Commissioner, Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, and Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the implications of *Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* for Clean Water Act of wetlands and streams.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine Medicare Advantage annual enrollment, focusing on cracking down on deceptive practices and improving senior experiences.

SH-216

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Space and Science

To hold hearings to examine promoting safety, innovation, and competitiveness in U.S. commercial human space activities.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nation's immigration courts, focusing on preserving due process and the rule of law.

SD-226

#### OCTOBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold open and closed hearings to examine the findings of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tanya F. Otsuka, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Jennifer L. Fain, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, and William Brodsky, of Illinois, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's due diligence process for awarding competitive grants and loans funded through the Inflation Reduction Act and the bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Department's overall innovation investment strategy.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, and Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, all of the Department of State, David E. White, Jr., of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, John A. Kazen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Shanlyn A.S. Park, and Micah W.J. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Jamel Semper, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Israel and Ukraine against terror.

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#### OCTOBER 25

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the

State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, an original bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, an original bill to establish a policy regarding ap-

praisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, an original bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", and H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029.

SD-366

OCTOBER 26

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Environment and Public Works  
 Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight  
 To hold hearings to examine evaluating alternative materials for single-use plastics.

SD-406

NOVEMBER 7

2:30 p.m.  
 Committee on Environment and Public Works  
 Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
 To hold hearings to examine causes of roadway safety challenges and possible interventions.

SD-406

POSTPONEMENTS

OCTOBER 18

2:30 p.m.  
 Select Committee on Intelligence  
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219