

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2024 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress (House and Senate) and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and engage in discussion regarding mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, June 28–Sunday, July 7, 2024. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, September 14–Sunday, September 22, 2024. They will attend similar meetings in Washington organized by the members of the U.S. delegation.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation shall consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that there is a significant time commitment aspect for those selected for the program. In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. Please submit the application and any questions to interparliamentary.affairs@mail.house.gov.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING ELSIE MCPHERSON-BROWN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the groundbreaking service of a Livingston County woman who never even planned to live in the area, much less to make history there. Fortunately, life had its own plans for Elsie McPherson-Brown, and the community is so much better for it.

Livingston County sits at the crossroads of several major highways, and when Elsie McPherson-Brown, was driving one of them to visit friends, she took a wrong turn and ended up in the northern community of Hartland. Elsie liked what she saw on that unexpected outing, and after further investigation, including meeting with the superintendent and school principals, she convinced her husband to relocate to Hartland from Detroit with their two elementary school-aged boys.

It's worth noting that Livingston County was, and remains to this day, an overwhelmingly white community, but Elsie and her family were undeterred. From the beginning of their time in Hartland, Elsie dove into community service, volunteering in her kids' classrooms, organizing fundraisers, chairing Teacher Appreciation Day events, and serving on the PTO. In 2003, Elsie took her service to a new and historic level, when she successfully ran for the Board of Education of Hartland Consolidated Schools, becoming the first African-American woman and only the second African-American in modern history to be elected to public office in Livingston County.

Her story is not without its challenges, particularly when it comes to race relations. She often shares how a grocery store manager insisted her personal check was fraudulent because he refused to believe that a Black woman lived in Livingston County as the address stated. Or the local police officers who questioned her younger son and refused to believe he was simply heading home for the same reason. But Elsie chose to rise above, and set her focus and her intentions on the things she loved about the community and the commonalities she shared with her friends and neighbors.

Supported by the voters, Elsie served ten years on the school board and fulfilled her goal of having a voice in shaping the edu-

cation of the next generation. She was known for her calm demeanor, her colorful outfits, and the many hats she wore about town, perhaps representative of the different hats she wore in life: wife, mother, advocate, and trailblazer. While she has stepped down from public office, today she continues her life of quiet service to the community in her work with the Livingston County Sheriffs Office.

Elsie McPherson-Brown may have stumbled upon Hartland accidentally, but it's no accident that she changed the course of Hartland's history. Her story deserves to be told, uplifted, and forever preserved.

IMPEACHING ALEJANDRO NICHOLAS MAYORKAS, SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, this extreme MAGA Republican stunt to impeach Secretary Mayorkas is baseless. The Democratic staff of the Committee on Homeland Security thoroughly documented the many failures of fact and law in the articles of impeachment contained in H. Res. 863. I include in the Record the key findings and introduction of the Democratic staff report. The full report can be found online at <https://democratshomeland.house.gov/download/homelanddemimpeachmentreportfinal>.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
MINORITY STAFF REPORT,
January 29, 2024.

KEY FINDINGS

Republicans are abusing Congress' impeachment power. Impeachment is an extraordinary remedy under the United States Constitution. It is not a tool for policy or political differences, and constitutional scholars and even some Republicans agree. The Framers never intended for the legislative branch to wield its impeachment power to extort policy changes from the executive branch, and they certainly did not intend for the impeachment power to be used to placate extreme factions of Congress.

The Republicans' impeachment scheme is a sham. Republicans' baseless investigation into Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is a politically motivated sham to appease extreme MAGA Members and partisan special interest groups. This impeachment has never been about Secretary Mayorkas' record, as the effort began not long after he was confirmed. In their rush to reach a predetermined outcome, House Republicans have failed to provide the most basic due process considerations to Secretary Mayorkas.

Secretary Mayorkas is upholding the law and honoring the public trust. Secretary Mayorkas has not violated the law, let alone committed "high Crimes and Misdeemeanors"—the Constitutional standard for

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impeachment. Secretary Mayorkas is carrying out President Biden's policies in good faith within resource constraints. He is following the law and has been responsive to Congress and the American people.

Republicans are sabotaging Secretary Mayorkas' efforts to secure the border. The Biden administration—including Secretary Mayorkas—is working to solve the challenges at our border in an orderly, humane, and lawful way. Secretary Mayorkas has implemented new initiatives to stop dangerous drugs from entering our communities; cracked down on smugglers and cartels; and increased personnel, technology, and infrastructure at our borders. Unfortunately, Republicans are intentionally sabotaging these efforts by voting against necessary funding because they prefer a political wedge issue to policy solutions.

Republicans are perpetuating challenges at the border to help re-elect Donald Trump. Republicans are using Secretary Mayorkas as a scapegoat for the longstanding challenges at our southern border. They are playing the political blame-game to deflect attention from their failure to take meaningful action on border security and immigration legislation and provide necessary border security funding. Republicans should stop this sham effort and instead work with Democrats to enact border and immigration legislation and provide the Department of Homeland Security the funding it needs to carry out its mission.

I. INTRODUCTION

Since its formation in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Committee on Homeland Security (the Committee) has distinguished itself through dedication to serious legislative and oversight work under the leadership of chairmen from both parties. The frantic, partisan rush to consider House Resolution 863, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, represents a betrayal of that hard-earned legacy.

Sadly, in the 118th Congress, the willingness of Republicans to waste their credibility on political stunts comes as no surprise. MAGA Republicans have wasted their opportunity to make progress on immigration and border security policy. The challenges at our borders are real—but Republicans have failed even to engage in a conversation about bipartisan legislation to address them. They have failed to provide necessary funding requested by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). They have failed to provide resources for officers and agents at the border, failed to fund the immigration judges necessary to handle the influx of asylum claims, and failed to condemn the cruel and deceptive acts of State and local Republicans who look to score cheap political points by treating migrants as less than human.

To distract from this abject failure and appease the most extreme elements of the Republican Conference, Republican leadership launched a baseless impeachment investigation into Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. This impeachment is without precedent, without basis in the law, and a total waste of time. Among its many fatal flaws, this wholly partisan impeachment effort:

Fails to articulate any charge that might constitute "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Fails to provide evidence to support the charges, such as they are.

Fails to name the proper target for impeachment in a policy dispute with the executive branch, if indeed a policy dispute is ever grounds for impeachment.

Fails to provide due process to Secretary Mayorkas.

Fails to address any of the real challenges at our Nation's borders.

Perhaps this shoddy effort is what Democrats should have expected months ago, when Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia insisted to her leadership that "[s]omebody needs to be impeached," without specifying any particular target or reason for the impeachment.

REPUBLICAN ABUSE OF POWER

Instead of working to find commonsense, bipartisan solutions to address immigration reform and border security—which are necessarily and inextricably intertwined—Republicans have, from the very earliest days of Secretary Mayorkas' time in office, turned to character assassination. Although their inability and unwillingness to enact new policy is to blame, Republicans are angry that the Biden administration has implemented its own border security and immigration policies to enforce the law commensurate with the resources provided by Congress. Secretary Mayorkas is carrying out those policies, as is his duty.

This report documents the failed basis for this sham impeachment effort and provides the facts behind the Biden administration's efforts to address the challenges at the southern border in an orderly and humane way, consistent with the law.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAMON SALINAS, JR.

HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the admirable life of Ramon Salinas, Jr., who unexpectedly passed away on February 1st of this year.

Mr. Salinas dedicated his life to public service. In total, he served over twenty years in law enforcement—both as a Customs Officer for the Department of Treasury and as a Customs and Border Protection Officer under the Department of Homeland Security. Over the span of his distinguished career, Ramon set himself apart with his outstanding work ethic and will forever serve as a role model for those who follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Salinas was also a beloved member of his community, and his dedication to serving others went far beyond his time in law enforcement. For many years, he was a devoted soccer coach and role model for the youth of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Those who know Ramon Salinas, Jr. can speak to his patriotism, compassion, and devotion to faith. Though he will be dearly missed, Mr. Salinas' legacy will live on for years to come.

He is survived by his wife Francelia, his daughter Evelyn, his son Ramon III, his granddaughter Elena Joy, his siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

My condolences and prayers are with the Salinas family during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR ORBAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as co-founder and co-chair of the Euro-

pean Union Caucus I am grateful for the European Union last week voting to provide an additional \$54 billion in aid to Ukraine. The EU has now provided more aid than any other ally and countries like Bulgaria and Poland have contributed more per capita GDP than even the United States.

I appreciate Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary supporting the funding. This fulfills my lifelong affection for the courageous people of Hungary. As a child I was inspired by Hungarian Freedom Fighters valiantly standing in front of the Soviet Tanks in Budapest. Hungary should always be cherished as the first Soviet satellite to stand up to totalitarian Moscow which was cited by Senator Barry Goldwater in his historic book *Why Not Victory?* for liberation of Central and Eastern Europe. The Goldwater Campaign featured actor Ronald Reagan in his historic speech "A Tune For Choosing" leading to his presidency with Pope John Paul, II, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher achieving Victory.

Viktor Orban is valiantly acting in the tradition of Hungarian Freedom Fighters who defied the Communist Hammer and Sickle symbol of mass-murdering totalitarianism. War criminal Putin has shamefully oppressed the talented people of Russia and has shamefully called for the resurrection of the evil Soviet Empire. I was shocked in June this year, to see the Communist Hammer and Sickle is still cruelly in place over the Russian Embassy in Berlin, Germany. It was so disgusting to see adulation of a symbol that in September 1939 was allied with the Nazi Swastika to conduct mass murder of 70,000 Polish patriots in the partition of Poland.

European Council President Charles Michel is correct "This locks in steadfast, long term, predictable funding for Ukraine." It was encouraging the correlation with Prime Minister Orban with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and French President Emmanuel Macron.

In America there is bi-partisan majority support for Ukraine understanding war criminal Putin will not stop with his invasion of Ukraine with direct threats on NATO Members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. President Donald Trump tried to deter the murderous invasion of Ukraine by providing Javelin missiles to President Volodymyr Zelensky to stop Putin tanks, courageously placing American troops for the first time in Poland and stopping the Nord Stream Two Pipeline financing of war criminal Putin oppressing Russian citizens as Putin contrived Western European dependency on his oil. House Armed Services Committee Chairman MIKE ROGERS, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman MICHAEL MCCAUL, and Intelligence Committee Chairman MIKE TURNER are stalwarts for victory in Ukraine. They are backed up with Democrat Ranking Members ADAM SMITH, GREG MEEKS, and JIM HIMES.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING MIKE GARLAND

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a basketball coaching legend who

helped lead the Michigan State University Spartans men's basketball team to 19 NCAA tournaments, 10 Big Ten Championships, seven Final Fours, and a National Championship. But as impressive as those statistics are, former MSU Assistant Coach Mike Garland quite literally came back from the dead and is now using his second chance at life to pay this incredible gift forward.

As much as Mike Garland loved coaching basketball, and as many great things as his teams accomplished on the court, he was content with his decision to retire from MSU in June of 2022, and looking forward to spending more time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Not long after, however, he went into cardiac arrest while driving his car. Fortunately two good Samaritans were driving by at the time, saw Garland's car go off the road and into a tree, called 911, and performed CPR until paramedics and police arrived. In total, 13 people worked on Garland for an agonizing 18 minutes to restart his heart.

It turned out the electrical failure in Garland's heart was the result of a birth defect, one that required open heart surgery to fix. Three months later, Garland was back up and running—quite literally—on the treadmill. Not long after that he honored all those who helped save his life with an emotional public thank you at MSU's Breslin Center, home to many of his great coaching moments.

Today, the Breslin Center is also home court for his new passion: a foundation he launched called Champions of the Heart. Through this non-profit, Garland works to inform the Spartan community and others on how to save lives during episodes of cardiac arrest.

Attendees at these free trainings learn how to perform CPR, how to recognize sudden cardiac arrest, and how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator.

Mike Garland is a man who has lived two lives, both defined by statistics. In the first, his focus was on wins, losses, and free throw percentages. His second life, however, is summed up in a single stark numerical reality: only one person in ten survives a cardiac arrest. He has done much to defy the odds and change the course of history for himself and others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the first portion of the vote series on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, and the vote series on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, due to an unexpected medical emergency and corresponding recovery time in the hospital. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 36, YEA on Roll Call No. 39, and NAY on Roll Call No. 40.

HONORING INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR JOSE ALIAGA

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Independence Township Supervisor Jose Aliaga. Mr. Aliaga, who embodies the American Dream, is an immigrant from Peru who faced many challenges coming to the United States including the biggest challenges of not knowing anyone or being able to speak English.

After immigrating to the U.S., Jose attended the University of Michigan, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in social science. Moreover, Mr. Aliaga worked tirelessly to achieve a law degree from the Universidad Las Americas in Peru. After his time in school, Mr. Aliaga connected Latin American and U.S. companies and started his own business, Aliaga Development and Consulting, LLC. His work eventually earned him an invitation to the White House and recognition from the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Aliaga is active in business and politics and, from time to time, he is known for engaging at universities in Peru. He has been featured on Fox News and Univision as a TV commentator. Mr. Aliaga treasures his local community where he partakes in local initiatives and committees. He is also a government reform activist, seeking a positive community impact.

Independence Township has seen many positive changes since Mr. Aliaga took office, including refurbishing and revitalizing parks and implementing new standards for township employees. A new pilot program was recently established that extended township hall hours, making it more convenient for residents to pass through outside their standard work hours, yet another welcomed change for the community. Mr. Aliaga is also planning to rebrand the township to attract new businesses and residents to the area.

Mr. Aliaga is an ambitious member of the Independence Township community. He is the Township Supervisor, but also sits on five other committees and boards in the township government. These include the Downtown Development Authority, the Television Video Center Administrative Board, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Advisory Committee, Safety Path Advisory Committee, and the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority.

Mr. Aliaga embodies public service. He works in his community for his community. His motto is "I live to serve." It is an honor to recognize Jose Aliaga and all his accomplishments.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING ORRIN AND LUVINA WILSON

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to two of the most beloved residents to

ever call the St. Johns, Michigan, community home: Orrin and Luvina Wilson. Settling in Clinton County post-Civil War, the Wilsons were a "power couple" before such a term existed, but it was never about seeking power for themselves. Rather, the Wilsons lived their lives in quiet but devoted and groundbreaking service to their nation and to their neighbors, and forever changed the face of St. Johns.

Orrin was just 16 years old in 1864 when he enlisted in Michigan's all-Black regiment, the 102nd United States Colored Infantry. Company K, out of Kalamazoo. He served until the war's end, and returned to Michigan where he met and married his bride. The two would soon settle in St. Johns, where they lived out the next 60 years of their lives.

In addition to his military service, Orrin was a trailblazer in so many ways. First, he took up the trade of barbering and owned his own shop for nearly 50 years, serving a mostly white clientele out of the old Steel Hotel in downtown St. Johns. He was also a founding member of the local chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, a national union of Civil War veterans, and served as its post commander for a time. Not only was he the only Black member of the St. Johns Charles Grisson Post of the GAR, it's believed he was the only Black man in the state to hold such a leadership position outside of the all-Black posts in cities like Detroit.

Luvina was a trailblazer in her own right, serving as president of the local chapter of the Women's Relief Corps, the auxiliary organization to the Grand Army of the Republic. The WRC not only supported the mission to aid Union veterans, but also assisted former Army nurses and promoted patriotism through education. And just like her husband, Luvina is believed to be the only Black woman in the state to have led an all-white post.

Orrin and Luvina raised two sons together: George and Arthur, who continued the family barbering trade. The family was active in the St. Johns United Methodist Church, where Orrin served as a trustee and treasurer for three decades. They were married for 58 years, and linked in their common goal of creating a better, more just community and nation. And united they also were in death, leaving this world just one day apart in late December of 1928. The two were buried together in the veterans' section of Mt. Rest Cemetery, with flags flown at half-mast and a large funeral procession going past the family home on South Clinton Avenue.

May their life story and memory be a blessing and inspiration to all of us.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CLARENCE GREEN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Clarence "Ogden" Green of Runaway Bay, Texas, who peacefully passed away on the morning of January 1, 2024. Mr. Green was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Green was born on December 23, 1929, in Foster, Oklahoma, to Coleman and Florence Green. His family later moved to Fort

Worth, Texas, where he attended Trimble Technical High School. In 1965, Mr. Green graduated from Multnomah University in Portland, Oregon. After graduation, he worked in the construction industry and as a real estate broker until his retirement.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Green was passionate about a variety of sports, fishing, and hunting. He lived an active lifestyle and enjoyed playing football, basketball, baseball, golf, and bowling.

Mr. Green was a devoted man of faith and regularly attended The Bay Church in Runaway Bay. He was a gifted craftsman, skillfully carving beautiful wooden birds by hand, and was also known for his landscaping prowess which helped keep his lawn pristine. He enjoyed spending time with his family, including his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Mr. Green's wonderful and adventurous life. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to be present for votes on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 34, and YEA on Roll Call No. 35.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING THE CANADY FAMILY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a legendary Lansing family that has broken barriers across generations, and continues to make history today.

The story begins in 1927 when the family matriarch, Ms. Hortense Canady was born in Chicago. While she didn't grow up in Michigan, she came to Michigan State University to pursue graduate studies after attending Fisk University, where she met her husband, Clinton. In the Lansing area, Hortense and Clinton, a World War II veteran and member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, settled, put down roots, and left an indelible mark on the community.

Clinton became a well-known and well-loved dentist, while Hortense put her passion for education and civil rights into action, becoming the first African American elected to the Lansing School District Board of Education in 1968. Four years later, she and several other board members were recalled for advocating for desegregation, but Hortense did not let that deter her from working toward her core belief that everyone deserves access to quality education.

She sat on the state's Women's Commission, served as the first executive director of the Lansing Community College Foundation,

and helped found a debutante club in Lansing to fill in a void for young Black women who, at the time, were not permitted to share in this tradition.

Hortense founded the Lansing alumnae chapter of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and served as its national president from 1983 to 1988. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2002 and was named as one of Ebony magazine's Most Influential People. Hortense Canady died in 2010 at age 83.

Not only was Hortense Canady impressive in her own right, but her children have continued to blaze their own trails. Her daughter, Alexa Canady, is the first African American woman in the nation to become a neurosurgeon, and served as chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987 until her retirement in June 2001. She devoted her brilliant mind and her numerous talents to the healing and welfare of thousands of young patients over the course of her career, and, like her mother, is an inductee in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. She was also named a Michigander of the Year by the Detroit News in 2002.

All three of Hortense Canady's sons became attorneys, including the Honorable Judge Clinton Canady III. Before ascending to the bench, Canady practiced law for 37 years. He was a founder of the Lansing Black Lawyers' Association, director of the Ingham County Bar Association, a commissioner for the Lansing Board of Water and Light, a member of the NAACP, and served on the board of the Lansing Symphony Association, Central Michigan Legal Aid, and many other organizations. Elected to the Ingham County Circuit Court in 2010, Judge Canady served through his retirement in 2022, but returned on assignment to help address the backlog of cases from the pandemic.

He and his wife, Rita, have two children who are continuing the Canady tradition of service, one as an administrative law judge in California, and the other with the United States Department of State.

The Canady family is part of the very fabric of the Lansing community, a fabric stitched with their incredible work ethic, commitment to breaking new ground, and to clearing a path for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR GREGORY CHRISTOPHER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Pastor Gregory Christopher and to recognize his decades of service to Tacoma's Shiloh Baptist Church and the greater Pierce County community.

Pastor Christopher was called to the Ministry in 1989 and studied under the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Lonnie Brown at The Body of Christ Christian Church in Tacoma, Washington. He began his tenure with Shiloh Baptist Church in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood in 1993, where he is the Senior Pastor, and will be retiring this February 2024.

In his 23 years on the pulpit, Pastor Christopher has created a legacy that puts him on

hallowed ground. His dedication to his community and his faith places him in the same breath as the legendary Black faith leaders of Tacoma, including the late Rev. Earnest Brazill, who was Pastor Christopher's mentor at Shiloh Baptist Church. In addition to his congregational leadership, Pastor Christopher also serves on the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, and is an At-Large Board Member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Pastor Christopher has been a fierce and tireless leader outside the Church as well. He is a compassionate advocate for folks experiencing homelessness, a champion for racial representation, and a catalyst for policy solutions to improve the lives of African Americans in Tacoma and throughout the greater Puget Sound region. His work has been demonstrated through his service as the President of the Tacoma branch of the NAACP, his membership in the Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective, and his past service on the board of the Tacoma Urban League.

Pastor Christopher has been at the center of efforts to promote racial justice and religious social services for decades, working to boost inclusivity through expanding partnerships with marginalized communities within Pierce County. His leadership and his mission to empower the community have shaped our community for the better.

Mr. Speaker, beyond detailing all his many accomplishments, I'd also like to express my gratitude for the partner that Pastor Christopher has been to my office and to me personally. I'm proud to call Pastor Christopher a friend and have appreciated his sage advice throughout my career. While we will miss him at Shiloh, I am happy that he will have more time with his family, including his wife, Evelyn, who also is a leader in the community, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Pastor Gregory Christopher in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE BERKOSKI FAMILY'S SUCCESS AT THE 108TH PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Debra Martin Berkoski and her husband, Steven Berkoski, for their combined successes at the 108th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The week contains a multitude of meanings for her, including her birthday. Debra began attending the Farm Show at 10 years old, showing sheep. This year, as she turned 57 years old, she and Steven won a combined 89 ribbons out of the 100 competitions they entered, 22 of them being first place prizes.

Most notably, Debra took home first prize in Pennsylvania's Greatest Whoopie Pie contest with her pumpkin whoopie pie. Anyone from our Commonwealth knows that whoopie pies are essential desserts at any Pennsylvanian event.

Throughout the week, the Berkoskis commuted over 500 miles between the Harrisburg Expo Center and their home. In order to

produce all of their entries, they used a total of 360 eggs, 60 pounds of sugar, 55 pounds of flour, and 25 pounds of butter.

Mr. Speaker, it is the dedication of people like the Berkoskis that honor Pennsylvania's rich agricultural traditions. In addition to being active participants in the Farm Show, the Berkoskis operate a 200-year-old family farm in Conestoga.

I want to congratulate the Berkoskis on their success at this year's Farm Show and thank them for their tireless dedication to honoring our community's rich agricultural heritage and sharing their skills and passion with the thousands of individuals who attend the Farm Show each year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING REV. LILLIAN ARCHIBALD

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a woman who defied not only the odds but her own family's wishes to become a pioneer in the pulpit at a landmark Black church in Livingston County, Michigan.

Though her father was a devout Baptist preacher in the early part of the 20th century, Lillian Archibald was taught from a young age that ministry was strictly for men. The fourth of five children, Lillian's father was clear in his message to his daughters: love the Lord, but find another calling for work.

Skeptical but obedient, Lillian attended a business college in her hometown of Memphis and spent time as a missionary before starting a family of her own. Tragically, the youngest of her four children was killed in 1977 in a crash between a car and a train. Despite her profound grief, Lillian took solace in her unshakeable faith, and made the decision that it was time to answer the call that had been placed upon her heart.

Lillian enrolled at Payne Theological Seminary, and entered the ministry at age 50. She spent some time as an itinerant elder before being ordained as a full minister in 1985. And of course, she broke the news to her father, who she says grew quiet before finally giving her his blessing.

She brought that blessing to Michigan, first serving six years assisting the pastor at a church in Jackson, before being assigned to pastor St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brighton—the only African American church in predominantly white Livingston County—in 1990.

With her melodic voice and charismatic style, Reverend Archibald is credited with breathing new life and hope into the congregation, where she stayed for four years. During her tenure, the church grew in size and in spirit, and began reaching out to the community and joining with other churches with a sense of common purpose and passion.

Though her time in Livingston County was brief, her impact was profound. She received numerous recognitions for her commitment to the community, including her work with victims of domestic violence at the Women's Resource Center in Howell, and her efforts to shelter the unhoused through Habitat for Humanity.

Perhaps one of her greatest gifts was the mentorship she offered to other women contemplating the call to ministry. Reverend Archibald is still warmly remembered today by many of them as a compassionate guide and a listening ear. Her courageous ministry and her golden voice still guide the work of St. James AME Church.

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the ongoing challenges that too many families in America face coping with poverty and income inequality. I thank my dear friend, Congressman DESAULNIER, for hosing this Special Order hour, and for his tireless work on these issues.

In the richest country in the world, poverty is a policy choice. In early 2023, the poverty rate in California rose to 13.2 percent, and the child poverty rate to 13.8 percent.

You cannot disentangle poverty and inequality from systemic racism. Latinos remained disproportionately poor. Latinos comprise about half of poor Californians, but only around 40 percent of all Californians. Additionally, about 13.6 percent of African Americans and 11.5 percent of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders lived in poverty in California at the beginning of 2023 compared to 10.2 percent of white residents. That is why I reintroduced legislation calling for the establishment of the first U.S. Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation. This Commission will examine the effects of slavery, institutional racism, and discrimination against people of color, and how our history impacts laws and policies today.

But while poverty has a disproportionate impact on people of color, poverty afflicts millions of people in America of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. That is why I have worked with the Poor People's Campaign to introduce a resolution calling for a Third Reconstruction to fully address poverty from the bottom up. A Third Reconstruction would prioritize the needs and demands of the 140 million people in America who are poor or one emergency away from economic desperation, with policies focused on healthcare, welfare, water, public education, and housing.

Across the country, rents and home prices continue to rise much faster than income, exacerbating housing instability during an affordable housing supply crisis. A staggering 78 percent of extremely low income renters in California are severely cost burdened, meaning they spend more than half of their income on housing and utilities. This is unacceptable when we have the power and tools to eliminate poverty entirely.

Access to safe and affordable housing, regardless of income, is a human right. I am proud to sponsor the DEPOSIT Act, which would provide security deposit assistance to low-income renters.

As Chair of the House Democratic Caucus Poverty Task Force, I won't stop fighting until we pass comprehensive legislation to eradicate poverty, economic inequality, and racial

injustice. There is a strong correlation between U.S. poverty reduction initiatives and declining poverty rates. We must work to ensure that the Child Tax Credit is restored to American Rescue Plan levels, which cut child poverty in half.

We must ensure the House remains focused on combating poverty in all forms and creating economic opportunity for all Americans. Together, we can work to reduce disparities and secure justice for those struggling to put food on the table.

REMEMBERING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S BLACK JANUARY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the 34th anniversary of Azerbaijan's Black January, During this horrific January 1990 event. Soviet troops marched into Baku, Azerbaijan to suppress the freedom and the sovereignty of the Azeri people. This condemnable action by the Soviet Union during Black January contributed to the deaths of 147 civilians and the injuring of 744 more.

The desires of the Azeri people were fair and reasonable, but to Soviet leaders, these desires were unacceptable and had to be crushed. Despite the savage Soviet opposition on Black January, the Azeri people remained steadfast in their strong dedication to freedom and self-determination. This dedication contributed to Azerbaijan ultimately gaining its independence in 1991.

Black January is a striking reminder of communism's horrors. The death and despair caused by the Soviet Union is shocking example of this destructive ideology's violent response to dissent and free thought. Such a reminder is important not only for America, but the whole world. We can never let the odious forces of communism prevail against the honorable ideals of liberty and individualism.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is a key ally of the United States, Azerbaijan's economic and security partnership advances American interests in Eurasia. It is in the best interest of the United States and Azerbaijan to maintain close bilateral ties with each other. Because of this, I hope the friendship between our two countries will flourish for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in somber remembrance of Black January and the lives tragically lost during this saddening event. I also urge my colleagues to join me in strong condemnation of the evils of communism, as well as in recognition of the stalwart friendship between the United States and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING DR. SAMUEL EDWARD HOLLOWAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a man who was a trailblazer in athletics and

education, and used his talents to break barriers and change the lives of generations of young people. Dr. Samuel Edward Holloway lived to serve others: his nation, his community, and his family. It is fitting that as we mark Black History Month, we shine a light on his place in the history of Michigan's 7th District and the many doors he opened for others to pass through.

But before he was Dr. Holloway, he was simply "Sam," a young man who came to Michigan with his father, who had left the deep South as part of the Great Migration. After spending his childhood in various parts of the Midwest, Sam and his family settled in Michigan in the 1940s, where he would eventually join the Ann Arbor High School class of 1951. Sam's athletic abilities were evident from a young age, as he was crowned state champion in his wrestling class during his high school years. Also clear was his desire to use his life for the greater good, as he enlisted in the United States Army upon graduation, and was honorably discharged in 1953.

It was then that Sam began embarking on what would become his life's calling: public education. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, during which time he also began his teaching career. And so it was, at the height of the civil rights movement in 1963, when Samuel Edward Holloway became the first Black faculty member in the history of South Lyon Public Schools. During his tenure there, he is also credited with becoming the first Black person to serve as head wrestling coach for a high school team in the state of Michigan.

Eventually Holloway earned his PhD in education, and went on to serve in numerous districts, including Ypsilanti Public Schools and Romulus Public Schools. In the late 1970s he became a building administrator at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, a full circle moment for the man who had graduated from that very district. He held that post until his retirement in 1990, a retirement that he and his wife Janet enjoyed to the fullest. Still an athlete at heart and in practice, Holloway competed each year in the Arizona Senior Olympics, and rode his motorcycle across the United States and Europe.

Dr. Samuel Edward Holloway passed away in 2022, leaving behind his devoted wife, his four children, a large and loving extended family, and an incredible legacy. Dr. Holloway didn't set out to be a pioneer; he simply wanted to do the things he loved in the service of others. I now ask that the People's House reflect his groundbreaking contributions and the gratitude of the institutions forever changed by his presence.

HONORING MR. HOWARD MAUTNER
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we wish Mr. Howard Alan Mautner a very happy 100th birthday.

Howard was born in Rockford, Illinois, on April 28, 1924. When Howard was eight years

old, his family moved to Madison, Wisconsin. He lived there until he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in October 1942 at age 18.

Howard was inducted into the military at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and went to recruit training at what is now known as Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was then assigned to radio school in what is now Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. He learned Morse code and radio training. After schooling, he served several months at Marshall Army Airfield, adjacent to Fort Riley, Kansas. He then reported into an overseas duty staging area at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina. In September 1943, Howard headed to Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia, where he boarded a Liberty ship for the port of Casablanca (Morocco).

Howard served in Naples, Italy between September 1943 and December 1944 before heading onto Venice, Italy from December 1944 to May 1945. By August 1945, the war was over, but Howard was sent to Vienna, Austria, as part of the occupational force. Howard was especially grateful to have visited Vienna, as that was his father's birthplace in the late 1880s. In December 1945, he was transported back to America aboard the USS *Randolph*, landing at Fort Dix in New Jersey, where he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

For the last several decades, Howard has lived in Ocala, Florida, and has been a treasured member of the Marion County veterans' community. We are honored to wish him a happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his dutiful service to our Nation. Congratulations to Howard on this milestone. We are elated to celebrate with him.

HONORING CINDY MACHADO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cindy Machado upon her retirement from the Marin Humane Society (Marin Humane) after 40 years of extraordinary public service.

A longtime Northern California resident, Cindy has been fighting for the rights and welfare of animals with Marin Humane since 1984. At that time, the animal service officer role was dominated by men, but Cindy's knowledge of animal science, equines and livestock made her an effective enforcer of animal control and cruelty laws. She was quickly promoted to Field Services Sergeant in 1985 and assumed the role of Animal Services Director in 1996, a position she held until her retirement.

Cindy's impeccable leadership was critical to establishing Marin Humane as a highly respected organization locally, and at the regional, national, and international levels. She was instrumental in creating the Animal Law Enforcement Academy, a program hosted by Marin Humane through Santa Rosa Junior College, in partnership with the California Animal Welfare Association (Cal Animals). She also served the Academy as an instructor on issues including animal cruelty investigations, animal hoarding, and inspections, and man-

aged an annual Advanced Academy program for almost two decades.

From pet shops and cock fighting rings to circuses and amusement parks, Cindy has worked tirelessly to end animal cruelty. She has led investigations, testified in court, and participated in many legislative hearings. Her influence has been far reaching as an advocate and educator, leading trainings and workshops on behalf of Marin Humane across the world, including at the Brazilian Animal Welfare Congress in 2000, in Taiwan with the Humane Society of the United States in 2001, and in Mexico with Compassion Without Borders in 2005.

Cindy has also been an animal advocate in preparation and response to natural disasters. She co-founded the Marin Horse Council's Equine Evacuation Committee in 2006, represented Marin Humane with Marin's Emergency Operations Center since 1996, and spearheaded a Marin County Veterinary Medical Association and Marin Humane joint committee to educate the community on impacts on animals. When a disaster hit, Cindy was always quick to act. She deployed to Houston during Hurricane Katrina to assist with animal evacuations, the 2009 Cosco Busan oil spill in San Francisco Bay, and nearly every wildfire in the region.

Among her numerous commitments, Cindy is a member and former chair of the Marin Humane Advocacy Committee, member and trainer of the CalAnimals Training Committee, Advisory Member of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance, and co-founder of the Marin County Hoarding Alliance Taskforce. Cindy was also pivotal in creating a non-lethal predator control model in collaboration with Marin's Agricultural Commission and Project Coyote, which remains in use today.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally witnessed Cindy in action and can attest to her knowledge, skills, and commitment to animal welfare. As Cindy Machado retires after 40 years of service, she leaves an indelible legacy of good deeds for animals in Marin County and the extended region. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Cindy for her generosity of spirit, innumerable achievements and in sending her best wishes on her next endeavors.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024:
HONORING XAVIER DAVIS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to shine a light on the incredible accomplishments of a member of the Michigan State University jazz community: Associate Professor of Jazz Piano, Xavier Davis.

It was 1994 and Xavier Davis, then a college student from Grand Rapids, Michigan, was performing with a small ensemble at a convention in Boston when his tunes caught the ear of the legendary jazz vocalist Betty Carter, a native of Flint. Carter scooped him up and brought him to New York, hiring him to work exclusively as the pianist for her jazz trio.

Davis spent many years in New York, cultivating his talent, learning from and playing with some of the greatest names in jazz, including Carl Allen, James Williams, Billy Hart,

Regina Carter, and Wynton Marsalis. He served as musical director for the Boy's Choir of Harlem during its 1999–2000 season, played keyboard for the television series "Cosby," and has been featured on more than 50 albums, including a Grammy-winning collaboration with Christian McBride in 2012.

We're so fortunate that after six years of teaching at the famed Juilliard School, Davis brought his talents back home and has been teaching jazz piano at Michigan State University since 2014.

In addition to the many students who have benefited from his instruction, Davis has also dedicated himself to uplifting his adopted hometown of Detroit through his music.

Supported by a grant from Michigan State University's Humanities and Arts Research Program, Davis began composing music about Detroit, which eventually became a powerful album titled "Rise Up Detroit." Through his music, Davis focuses on the role Detroit has played on the lives of African-Americans and on the world at large, highlighting the Underground Railroad, the Great Migration, and the boom days of the auto industry.

Professor Davis is a gifted composer, arranger, and producer of music, and widely recognized as one of the most accomplished jazz pianists in the world. He is also a proud Michigander, continually giving back to the community and the state that put the music in his soul.

While he is the recording artist, it is my distinct pleasure to record his accomplishments and convey my gratitude for his contributions here.

HONORING JIM KENNEDY

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jim Kennedy as we celebrate the dedication of the Jim Kennedy Village Green at the Contra Costa Center—Pleasant Hill BART Transit Village.

Jim was born in Montana and grew up in North Dakota before moving to Davis, CA in the 1960s. He received his bachelor's and a master's degree in Economics/Environmental Economics from San Diego State University. Jim served as Contra Costa County's Redevelopment Director for 35 years where he spearheaded efforts to improve traffic congestion and quality of life throughout the region until his retirement in 2011.

Jim has worked tirelessly to implement transit-oriented development at the Pleasant Hill BART Station Area. Jim led efforts to develop office spaces, high density residential spaces, and initiate improvements to greenspaces and trails. This effort supports many quality jobs and features affordable housing units and convenient retail shops along the 680 Corridor. The high-quality housing in proximity to recreation and transit also attracts workers from

San Francisco and other job centers along the BART line. Jim played a vital role in overseeing this project and helping to achieve this goal.

Jim is an active member of the community, having formerly served as President, Executive Director, and Board Member of the California Redevelopment Association. He also served on the board of the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund from 1987 to 2023 and currently serves on the Eden Housing Board of Directors (2013–Present). He is also a founding Co-Executive Director of the Pleasant Hill BART Leasing Authority.

The Village Green—the connection between the Iron Horse Trail and the Town Square/Fare gates of the BART station—will be named the "Jim Kennedy Village Green" in honor of Jim's critical work. This is a fitting tribute to his vision and hard work.

Please join me in recognizing Jim for his many contributions to our community and devoted service to Contra Costa County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on February 5, 2024, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 443—Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 33.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024: HONORING RODNEY WHITAKER

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a member of the Michigan State University faculty who has contributed to the rich artistic landscape of our great state and helped shape the next generation of musical talents, all set to a distinctive jazz beat.

As a young recording artist in Detroit, Rodney Whitaker likely never imagined he would one day build and lead one of the most distinguished jazz degree programs and performing faculties in the world. But the legendary bassist, known for his distinctive "bear-sized" tones, today serves as Director of Jazz Studies at MSU, a program he has transformed into a world class training ground whose students have gone on to perform alongside some of the top jazz artists in the world.

It's a case of those who CAN do, teach, as Whitaker himself spent seven years as bassist with Wynton Marsalis' Septet and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, followed by a quarter-century touring around the world, collaborating and performing with legendary jazz artists from Dizzy Gillespie to Diana Krall. And he

continues to teach master classes at universities around the world, all while serving as artistic director of the Michigan State University Professors of Jazz, the East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, the Dr. Phillips Center Jazz Orchestra in Orlando, Florida, and the Gathering Orchestra in Detroit, to name a few of his many involvements.

He has earned one of the highest distinctions in academia, the title of University Distinguished Professor, and he is proud to serve as a special assistant to the dean's office, directing the College of Music's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging efforts. In 2006, he was nominated for the Juno Award, Canada's equivalent to the Grammy, and in 2011, he received an Emmy nomination. Just last year he was named 2023 Detroit Jazz Hero by the Jazz Journalists Association.

But strip away all the titles, all the awards, and Whitaker is simply a man who understands the power of the gift he has been given, and the necessity to pass it on. In his own words, Dr. Rodney Whitaker said, quote: "That is my truth. I love passing on the knowledge of the history of music, and it's life-changing to see that lightbulb go off in someone. It certainly changed my life."

For all the lives he has enriched, changed, and set to music, I ask that his contributions forever be remembered.

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 Thursday, February 8, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE water infrastructure projects, programs and priorities.

SD-406